

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, August 27, 2013

A Regular Meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 27, 2013, Mayor Pro Tem Edward Gonzalez presiding and with Council Members Helena Brown, Jerry Davis, Ellen R. Cohen, Wanda Adams, Al Hoang, James G. Rodriguez, Mike Laster, Larry V. Green, Stephen C. Costello, Andrew C. Burks, Jr., Melissa Noriega, C. O. "Brad" Bradford and Jack Christie, D. C.; Mr. Harlan Heilman, Legal Department, Division Chief, Claims & Subrogation Division; Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director, and Ms. Stella Ortega, Agenda Office, present. Mayor Annise Parker out of the city on city business. Council Members Dave Martin and Oliver Pennington absent on personal business.

At 1:40 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez called the meeting to order, and recognized Council Member Laster for the first presentation. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Hoang, Rodriguez, Green, Costello and Burks absent.

Council Member Laster asked all the folks affiliated with Pedisteps to please come forward and presented a proclamation to Texas Children's Pedisteps Program, which was a pediatric simulation training for emergency, pre-hospital providers, that it was offered by Texas Children's to members of the Houston Fire Department, that Pedisteps began as a vision of Dr. Jennifer Arnold, Medical Director of the Simulation Center at Texas Children's Hospital and Dr. Paul Sirbaugh, Associate Director of the Emergency Center and Director of Pre Hospital Medicine at Texas Children's Hospital, and Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that on behalf of Mayor Annise Parker, Mayor of the City of Houston, they hereby proclaimed August 27, 2013 as Pedisteps Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Hoang, Rodriguez, Green, Costello and Burks absent.

Dr. Arnold thanked all involved and stated that this was a vision that came from a collaboration between the City of Houston and Texas Children's Hospital, that they worked very close with Dr. Persee and Mr. Bobby Harris, all of the Houston Fire Department instructors who had been trained in simulation to run the course with them, that two to three days every month they brought in different teams of learners from the Houston Fire Department and it had been an amazing experience, they had hoped it would save lives, that was why they did simulation every day, but to actually see it happen and to see a child who was present today because of the great work of a team of firemen and pre-hospital care providers, brought tears to her eyes, that on behalf of all involved they were honored they have this proclamation today and to hopefully be able to continue the course for years to come because training did not just stop one day, it was something that needed to go on and on so everyone could be the best that they could be in what they did and the good work they did. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Hoang, Rodriguez, Green, Costello and Burks absent.

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford and Council Member Adams thanked all involved for what they did and for their service to the City of Houston. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Hoang, Rodriguez, Green, Costello and Burks absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez invited Chief Garrison to say a few words on behalf of the men and women of the Houston Fire Department. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Hoang, Rodriguez, Green, Costello and Burks absent.

Chief Garrison stated that he got to represent these great men and women and it was a great opportunity, that this was Fire Station No. 68, the same fire station that lost two of their members just recently, and here they were, they went to work every day even after that event and did the best they could to save lives, and they absolutely knew that it was a commitment from the entire community and they appreciated that commitment, that the best news of all was that they got to look at the little guy right in the eye. Council Members Cohen, Rodriguez,

Green and Costello absent.

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford thanked Dr. Persee, who had been on the front line, on the City side of the equation, for a number years and making sure that the paramedics and the fire personnel were prepared. Council Members Cohen, Rodriguez, Green and Costello absent.

Council Member Noriega thanked them all for making things better, and for their service to the City of Houston. Council Members Cohen, Rodriguez, Green and Costello absent.

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford recognized Council Member Brown for the next presentation. Council Members Cohen, Rodriguez, Green and Costello absent.

Council Member Brown invited Ms. Marcela Orozco and Ms. Christen Beckworth, and their family and friends to the podium and stated that Ms. Marcela Orozco, a City employee of the Houston Permitting Center, was alerted that a seven month old child was trapped in a vehicle in the parking lot, she immediately reached through a cracked drivers side window and unlocked the door to free the infant and alerted the security guard to call 9-1-1, Ms. Orozco moved the infant into the air-conditioned building and offered her water until EMS arrived and Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that on behalf of Mayor Annise Parker, Mayor of the City of Houston, hereby proclaimed August 27, 2013, as Save Kids Houston Heatstroke Prevention Marcela Orozco Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Cohen, Adams, Rodriguez, Laster, Green and Costello absent.

Ms. Orozco stated that as a representative of the City of Houston and as a public servant she was humbled to have the privilege to receive this award and recognition, that they were all public servants serving their community, that life sometimes gave them opportunities to succeed and challenges to overcome, when a challenge or situation arose sometimes quick reaction and training kicks in, that she was glad that she was placed in a situation where she was able to make a difference and save a life, she thanked God for placing her at the right place and at the right time and was truly grateful for being recognized for this simple act. Council Members Adams, Rodriguez, Laster, Green and Costello absent.

Council Member Noriega stated that there was a moment when one had to decide what one would do and she did it, good for her, she took action and took care of business, not only were they proud of her, they were grateful and knew the family of that baby was to, that she hoped other people paid attention to how important this was and how easy it was to make something different happen. Council Members Adams, Rodriguez, Laster, Green and Costello absent.

Ms. Christen Beckworth stated that on behalf of Safe Kids Greater Houston thanked the City Council for the opportunity to recognize Marcela, they were presenting her with a Badge of Courage Award for the reaction that she took, that Safe Kids worked diligently throughout the year to try to prevent heat stroke illness, they had a coalition in Texas dedicated to working locally and preventing those deaths from happening, that as they may or may not know Texas led the Nation in heat stroke illness every year for children, so the action that Marcela took, along with other citizens present that day, helped save a life in the Houston area, and thankfully as of now they have had no deaths in Houston, and presented Ms. Orozco with a badge. Council Members Adams, Rodriguez, Laster, Green and Costello absent.

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford and Council Member Adams thanked Ms. Orozco for doing the right thing and to Ms. Beckworth for presenting Ms. Orozco with an award. Council Members Davis, Rodriguez and Green absent.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez invited members from Bank of America, Mr. David Ruiz, Ms. Patty Abshire, Ms. Brittany Whitlock and Ms. Casandra Silvernote to join him at the podium, and stated that there had been a lot of discussion about summer job programs and opportunities for their youth, that teen unemployment was always at the highest levels around the Country so Bank of America was not only doing something to address that specific issue, but also empowering young leaders with tangible skills that they could take out of the job market, that the Bank of America Summer Youth Employment Initiative was a partnership with Mayor offices around the Country providing at risk teens with job opportunities at local non-profits and businesses during the summer, that the partnership was now in it's second year, that Mayor Parker was scheduled to give this presentation because she had actually partnered with Bank of America on behalf of the City, and presented a proclamation to Bank of America and stated that on behalf of Mayor Annise D. Parker, Mayor of the City of Houston, hereby proclaim today, August 27, 2013, as Bank of America Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Davis, Rodriguez and Green absent.

Mr. Ruiz, Bank of America, thanked Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez for the honor, and stated they did not expect this when they launched the program two years ago, that it was much more than a paycheck, it was about the skills that the youths had earned and the feedback they had received from the organizations where they worked was tremendous, the youth had been very useful and very energetic. Council Members Davis, Rodriguez and Green absent.

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford and Council Member Noriega thanked Bank of America for all they did for the youth of the City of Houston. Council Members Davis, Rodriguez and Green absent.

At 2:06 p.m. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford recognized Council Member Noriega for the invocation and pledge of allegiance, and Council Member Noriega invited Father Brian Fox, Pastor, Mother of Mercy Catholic Church, for the innovation, and Council Member Noriega led all in the pledge. Council Members Davis, Rodriguez and Green absent.

At 2:08 p.m. the City Secretary called the roll. Mayor Parker out of the city on city business. Council Members Martin and Pennington absent on personal business. Council Member Rodriguez absent.

Council Members Bradford and Costello moved that the minutes of the preceding meeting be adopted. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker out of the city on city business. Council Members Martin and Pennington absent on personal business. Council Member Rodriguez absent. MOTION ADOPTED.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez recognized Council Member Adams for a procedural motion. Council Member Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Adams moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing from Ms. Joy Boone after Ms. Joseyln Thomas, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker out of the city on city business. Council Members Martin and Pennington absent on personal business. Council Member Rodriguez absent. MOTION 2013-0585 ADOPTED.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez requested the City Secretary to call the speakers list. Council Member Rodriguez absent.

Ms. Joselyn Thomas, 1812 Blodgett, Houston, Texas 77004 (713-521-2820) appeared and stated as a single family homeowner in the area the Prohibited Parking Ordinance would

severely impact her family and a number of neighbors in her area. Council Members Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

After discussion by Council Members Burks and Adams, Council Member Adams asked if Ms. Thomas was one of the protesters against the ordinance when it originally came out and Ms. Thomas stated yes, and Council Member Adams stated that her staff did a drive through, not just where she lived, but where the documented protesters lived, they would be making an amendment tomorrow to the current map. Council Member Hoang absent.

Ms. Joy Boone, 5318 Crawford, Houston, Texas 77004 (713-459-4669) appeared, presented a handout relative to the Prohibited Yard Parking Ordinance, and stated that she appreciated all of their input and hoped they would look at her hand out and try to make the ordinance fair for everybody. Council Member Hoang absent.

Council Member Adams thanked Ms. Boone for going beyond to help these residents because they knew that several of them were renters and would not have gotten the original notice because the notice went to the homeowner, that they would be doing an amendment to the ordinance tomorrow. Council Member Hoang absent.

Mr. Christopher Shield, 1810 Southmore Blvd., Houston, Texas 77004 (713-221-1115) appeared and stated that he was asking that they vote against the parking ordinance also, that the ordinance was very clear that signs were required and the signs were not maintained, that he knew there had been comments that the only issue was notice, but the ordinance did not say notice, it said signs must be maintained, if the City Council was not happy with the ordinance they should change the ordinance, if the ordinance was not followed the request should be denied. Council Member Hoang absent.

Council Member Adams stated that Mr. Shiled's house was included in the amendment they would do tomorrow. Council Member Hoang absent.

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

Mr. Shannon Foshee, 13110 Indianapolis, Houston, Texas 77015 (832-9076426) had served time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Member Hoang absent.

Ms. Laura Lopez, 615 McIntosh, Houston, Texas 77009 (832-435-8812) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Member Hoang absent.

Ms. Jacqueline Patrick, 7422 Sandra St., Houston, Texas 77028 (713-633-2443) appeared and stated that she was present about the lot she lived next to at 7414 Sandra St., that she lived next door to an abandoned house and a lot at 7426 Sandra St. that it had been abandoned for about 6 years and she had been calling 3-1-1 trying to get somebody to come out and tear it down, they had gone out and taken pictures and the weeds were almost as high as her house, that it was really becoming a problem. Council Members Hoang and Noriega absent.

Council Member Davis stated that Mr. Bryan Smart would follow up with her so they could figure out how the house had fallen through the cracks, that 6 years was too long, and thanked Ms. Patrick for voicing her opinion. Council Members Hoang and Noriega absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that the lot had been referred to the Planning Department and they had a specific contractor that abated all LARA lots, this was one of those type of lots,

the location had been inspected and notice was sent to the property owner, they were in the process of referring it to a weed cutting contractor, that took about 5 to 7 business days, once the work order had been received the contractor would have about 30 days from that day to have the property cut and cleaned, that obviously Council Member Davis was already working on it as well, that hopefully she would see progress in the very short term. Council Members Hoang and Noriega absent.

Council Member Davis stated that if it did not happen within the time frame to let him know. Council Members Hoang and Noriega absent.

Ms. Ashley Wilkerson, Post Office Box 558, Houston 77001 (832-304-4293) appeared, presented a handout, and read from a prepared statement regarding the presence of a high tech criminal domestic terrorist organization operating in the City under the color of the law. Council Members Hoang, Noriega and Christi absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that he would refer her to Sergeant Herndon, who was present in the Chamber and he would try to work through any law enforcement type issues that she may have, and if there were specific complaints against individuals that she may have a formal complaint process that she had to follow up with. Council Members Hoang, Noriega and Christi absent.

Mr. Robert Mann, 3939 North Frwy., No. 154, Houston, Texas 77022 (832-654-2912) appeared and stated that he was robbed three years ago and the police recovered his money and did not give it back to him, that he had been staying in the Northline Apartments for the disabled, because he was disabled as a result of the police attack, that he had a stroke and filed for disability, that he needed his money. Council Members Hoang and Noriega absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez asked Mr. Mann if he was stating that a police officer took his money during the course of an investigation, could he clarify it, and Mr. Mann stated that he talked to Detective Leotta Patterson and as soon as he walked into the building she said they got his money back, but were not giving it back to him, and Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that Mr. Mann would need to file an official complaint, that he would need to speak to Sergeant Herndon, who tried to reach him, that Sergeant Herndon could walk him through the process, so they could try to track what happened to his money. Council Members Hoang and Noriega absent.

Mr. Art Smith, 5309 Sonora St., Houston, Texas 77020 (832-258-5776) appeared and stated that there was racial profiling going on at the Houston Independent School District, that their son was assaulted on an HISD campus and they reached out to HPD and they told them they had no jurisdiction to do anything at HISD; that he and his wife had a \$60,000 contract that was started, Burbank Middle School paid them \$15,000 into the contract then the "white guy" in the Procurement Department told him that he needed to co-contract with P Batch Sports, who he never heard of them, that he told them he had to contract with them because they were a Black owned company, that since then they took the contract with his wife's original t-shirt design, sending it to a "white" owned company in California, that they needed help, that they had death threats for speaking out against the school district, that he reported the death threats and everything and nothing was going on. Council Members Hoang and Noriega absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that the City Council did not have any oversight over the procurement process of HISD in terms of how they awarded contracts or not, if somebody was utilizing something that he or his wife produced, a design, it sounded like he may have to pursue some kind of civil action, that he was not an attorney and could not advise him on that, that HISD had their own Police Department, but if there was some kind of threat occurring that might be that the City might be able to look at, but Sergeant Herndon was available to talk with

him to see if that was something they could look into, that the intent was not to pass the buck, or anything like that but there were limitations on what the City Council could actually pursue. Council Members Adams, Hoang, Green, Costello and Noriega absent.

Council Member Bradford stated that if his son had been assaulted that was jurisdiction that HPD had, that HISD Police should take the report and file it, but he indicated that they did not do that, if the assault happened in the City of Houston, whether on HISD campus or not, HPD had jurisdiction so he would urge him to talk to Sergeant Herndon to follow up on the issue, that maybe he needed to contact an attorney to assist him, that Mr. Larry Payne, Chief of Staff, would get him information. Council Members Adams, Hoang, Green, Costello and Noriega absent.

Mrs. Koffey Smith, 5309 Sonora St., Houston, Texas 77020 (832-258-5776) that in reference to what her husband had stated, when they called Council Member Davis they did not receive any response, that they knew it was a legal issue, but they knew it was also an issue with the City of Houston, they were reaching out to everyone they could. Council Members Hoang, Adams, Green, Costello and Noriega absent.

Ms. Lisa Bryant, 2514 14th St., Galena Park, Texas 77547 (281-948-7123) appeared and stated that she was an independent motorcycle rider and was present on behalf of her foundation, which was "Ride With Me Campaign", that also present were friends who were motorcycle riders and they were part of motorcycle clubs, who had rules, regulations and protocols that they must follow, that the main purpose for her campaign was community service and they gave back to Breast Cancer Awareness, last year they donated over \$2,500 to Sisters Network and had over 150 participants that rode with them, they were escorted by Precinct 6 Constables to Texas City where they had an event, that this year her goal was to help save motorcyclists lives, that her purpose was to try to purchase billboard advertisement of the motorcycle campaign, that she wanted bold campaigns around the City, that she was told that the Mayor did not like billboard advertisements, but she thought it was a must and would like to start it in Houston so it would be a landmark, because the motorcycle community was a very large community, they were having an event on October 20, 2013, that her main purpose today was to ask for their support, how could they collaborate with her, how could someone with the City help her with Clear Channel to try to get the community service rates, or if the City of Houston did own a billboard, allow them to at least utilize a billboard. Council Members Davis, Adams, Rodriguez, Green, Costello and Noriega absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated if Ms. Bryant shared that information, an invite or something, with Council offices, each Council Member could consider how they could get involved as well, that she could email each office directly. Council Members Davis, Adams, Rodriguez, Green, Costello and Noriega absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Council Member Burks asked Ms. Bryant if she had priced the cost of the billboards or sited locations where she might post notices, and Ms. Bryant stated the way Clear Channel worked was that those billboards were rented and certain companies had rented them for 6 months and up to a year's time, she would have to take the first available spot that was open, they would donate but not to an independent person, she was working with Clear Channel. Council Members Davis, Adams, Hoang, Rodriguez, Green, Costello and Noriega absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mr. Andrew Patterson, 6207 Fondren Rd., Houston, Texas 77036 (832-276-1712) appeared and stated that this morning he went to Commissioners Court and presented the same information that he was going to present to the City, and reviewed his handouts regarding inmates in their penitentiary systems being exposed to STDs, HIV primarily. Council Members Davis, Adams, Hoang, Rodriguez, Green, Costello and Noriega absent. NO QUORUM

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Council Member Christi stated that he appreciated Mr. Patterson redlining the cost to the taxpayers in his handout. Council Members Davis, Adams, Hoang, Rodriguez, Green, Costello and Noriega absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Council Member Burks stated that Mr. Patterson was very much on target, and he could agreed with him on testing going in and coming out of prison. Council Members Davis, Adams, Hoang, Rodriguez, Green, Costello and Noriega absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Ms. Khadija Janna, 11902 Fortune Park Dr., Houston, Texas 77047 (832-312-2181) appeared and stated that she moved back to Houston a year ago, after an 11 year absence, that her concern regarded the need for more job creation, that she began applying for full time employment several months prior to her move back to Houston, and had been actively searching for approximately 18 months now, that she followed up on every lead for employment, took advantage of every networking opportunity of which she was aware, that she currently had several open applications with the City of Houston. Council Members Davis, Adams, Hoang, Rodriguez, Green, Costello, Noriega and Christi absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that he knew they had a strong local job market so there was bound to be something out there, that he would encourage her to go to Houston Tweet My Jobs website. Council Members Davis, Adams, Hoang, Rodriguez, Green, Costello, Noriega and Christi absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Ms. Paige Williams, 2234 Ashford Hollow Ln., Houston, Texas 77077 (281-679-7221) appeared and read from a prepared stated against the "One Bin For All" idea, and stated that it was not revolutionary for her, it was how they disposed of all household waste when she was born 75 years ago, and continued to review her statement until her time expired. Council Members Davis, Adams, Hoang, Rodriguez, Green, Costello, Noriega and Christi absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mr. James Partsch-Galvan, 1611 Holman, Houston, Texas 77004 (713-528-2607) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Adams, Hoang, Rodriguez, Green, Costello, Noriega and Christi absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

President Joseph Charles, Post Office Box 524373, Houston, Texas 77052-4373 (713-928-2871) appeared and stated that he was requesting more time, that they had to pay attention, that the attempts on his life he demanded that they stop, and continued to voice his personal opinions until his time expired. Council Members Davis, Adams, Hoang, Rodriguez, Green, Costello, Noriega and Christi absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

At 3:03 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 28, 2013. Mayor Parker out of the city on city business. Council Members Martin and Pennington absent on personal business. Council Members Davis, Adams, Hoang, Rodriguez, Green, Costello, Noriega and Christi absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

The Houston City Council reconvened at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 28, 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, present. Council Member

Oliver Pennington absent on personal business.

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

At 9:08 a.m. Mayor Parker called the meeting to order, and wished Council Member Cohen a Happy Birthday today. Council Member Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she knew Council Members had an opportunity to meet their new Chief Procurement Officer for the City of Houston, Ms. Lourdes Coss and asked that she stand and be recognized, that they were very glad to have her on board, they did a nationwide search and recruited her from Chicago, Illinois, Cook County, they looked forward to having her skill set added to the work they were already doing, that Mr. Calvin Wells, who was present, did an excellent job of making sure their purchasing happened and happened timely, that this was an opportunity to think strategically and put those purchases in a larger context and a lot of this work came out of the work of a task force they assembled that Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bradford assisted with, and welcomed Ms. Cause and stated that they were very happy to have her on board. Council Member Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker recognized Council Member Gonzalez for a procedural motion. Council Member Noriega absent.

Council Member Gonzalez moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of considering Item Numbers 2 and 3 out of order prior to the public hearing, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. Council Member Noriega absent. MOTION 2013-0586 ADOPTED.

2. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment of the **MONICA SAVINO** for Position One to the **WASHINGTON AVENUE CORRIDOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE**, for an unexpired term ending May 10, 2014 – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Adams. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. Council Member Noriega absent. MOTION 2013-0587 ADOPTED.

3. CONFIRMATION of the appointment of the following individuals to the **HOUSTON CLEAN CITY COMMISSION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for terms ending January 1, 2015:

Position A	- MONICA GLAZE
Position B	- EDNA GRIGGS
Position C	- BEN PROLER
Position D	- CHARLES CAVE
Position E	- FRANK WEARY
Position F	- RAZI ASADUDDIN
Position G	- NANCY D. RUTHERFORD
Position H	- ANN GONZALES
Position I	- RAMIRO FONSECA
Position J	- CHARMAINE LEBLANC
Position K	- BECKY EDMONSON
At-Large Position No. 1	- JAN ROSE
At-Large Position No. 2	- JUAN A. SORTO
At-Large Position No. 3	- STEVEN PARKER
At-Large Position No. 4	- NOAH RATTLER
At-Large Position No. 5	- ALLY SMITH

– 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 Noriega absent. MOTION 2013-0588 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated that they affirmed the appointment of Ms. Monica Savino to the Washington Avenue Corridor Advisory Committee, and thanked her for her willingness to serve, that there was a lot happening on Washington Avenue, they were in the mist of a pilot project on a Parking Benefits District. Council Member Noriega absent.

Council Members Cohen and Gonzalez thanked Ms. Savino for her willingness to serve the City of Houston. Council Member Noriega absent.

Ms. Savino thanked Mayor Parker and the City Council and stated that it was a big plate, but a good plate and she appreciated the opportunity. Council Member Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that they also affirmed the appointment of members of the Houston Clean City Commission, and asked those present to come forward, Ms. Monica Glaze , Mr. Ben Proler, Mr. Frank Weary and Mr. Charles Cave and introduce themselves. Council Member Noriega absent.

Mr. Ben Proler stated that he was a recent graduate of UT Austin and had recently signed on with Shell Trading and was very happy to serve Council Member Cohen and District C. Council Member Noriega absent.

Ms. Monica Glaze stated that she was nominated by Council Member Brown, that she was a life time resident of Spring Branch and was very happy to serve. Council Member Noriega absent.

Mr. Frank Weary, stated that he was from District E and wanted to thank Council Member Martin for nominating him and to continue to serve in this position. Council Member Noriega absent.

Mr. Charles Cave stated that he was from District D and thanked Council Member Adams for putting his nomination to the board and looked forward to serving. Council Member Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker, Council Members Brown, Cohen and Adams congratulated the nominees and thanked them for their willingness to serve the City of Houston. Council Member Adams absent.

Mayor Parker stated that the next item on the agenda was a public hearing, and stated that she wanted to note the presence of former Council Member Helen Huey in the Council Chamber. Council Members Brown, Davis and Noriega absent.

9:00 A.M. - HEARING

1. **PUBLIC HEARING** regarding a fifth amendment to the **PROJECT PLAN AND REINVESTMENT ZONE FINANCING PLAN** for Reinvestment Zone Number Seven (Old Spanish Trail/Almeda Corridors Zone) - **DISTRICT D – ADAMS** - was called. Council Members Brown, Davis, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

The City Secretary stated that no one had reserved time to speak at the hearing. Council Members Brown, Davis, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Mr. Ralph De Leon, Planning Department, stated that on June 24, 2013, the Board of Directors of the OST Alameda Corridor TIRZ approved amendments to the TIRZ Project Plan and Financing Plan and forwarded them to the City for consideration, that in accordance with Section 311011E and 311007 of the Texas Tax Code the City must hold a public hearing when proposed amendments to a project plan included changes that increased the total estimated project cost, stated in a project plan, or reduced or enlarged the boundaries of the zone, that the public hearing today was regarding the proposed Fifth Amendment to the OST Alameda Corridor Zone Project Plan and Financing Plan, that each Council office had been given a copy of the proposed plan for the zone and an official City statement had been distributed to each of them, that in brief the proposed amendments to the zone plan would increase the project plan project costs by approximately \$15 million from previous plans, that in addition the amended plan included provisions for the enhancement of and improvements to approximately 5.15 acres of land to be added to the boundaries of the zone and temerariouly with the fifth amendments, that the goals and objectives included in the amended plan remained consistent with previously improved plans, included provisions for the design and construction of roadways and streets, utility systems, landscaping, pedestrian enhancement, mobility improvements, parks and related recreational infrastructure, cultural and public facility improvements, land assembly, environmental remediation and affordable housing, that in closing City staff had worked with the OST Alameda Corridor TIRZ on the proposed Fifth Amended Plan and would later bring forth a recommendation to City Council to approve the planned amendment. Council Members Davis, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Council Member Adams thanked all involved and recognized Ms. Theo Pettaway, who was present. Council Members Davis, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that no one had reserved time to speak, and asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to address the issue, and hearing none requested a motion to close the public hearing. Council Members Davis, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Council Member Gonzalez moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Council Member Adams. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. Council Members Davis, Rodriguez and Noriega absent. MOTION 2013-0589 ADOPTED.

MAYOR'S REPORT

CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 2 through 23

MISCELLANEOUS - NUMBER 4

4. RECOMMENDATION from the Director of the Finance Department that the City Council receive the 2013 Appraisal Roll Information, Certification of the Anticipated Collection Rate and appoint Thy-Huyen Ruiz and Alma Tamborello to calculate and publish the City's Effective and Rollback Tax Rates in accordance with the "Truth-In-Taxation" provisions of the State Tax Code – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Adams. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. Council Members Davis and Noriega absent. MOTION 2013-0590 ADOPTED.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES - NUMBERS 9 through 23

9. RESOLUTION authorizing the Municipal Courts Department to submit an application for a Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Grant from the Criminal Justice Division of the Office of the Governor of Texas for the Juvenile Case Manager Program Delinquency

Prevention Initiative; to accept the funds, if awarded – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. Council Member Noriega absent. RESOLUTION 2013-0043 ADOPTED.

10. ORDINANCE finding and determining that public convenience and necessity no longer require the continued use of a storm sewer and utility easement, from Venice Street to the south property line of Lot 28, Block 30, Rice Military addition, John Reinermann Survey, A-642, Harris County, Texas; vacating and abandoning the easement to 57 Off Memorial Ventures, LLC, abutting owner, in consideration of its payment of \$97,500.00 to the City and other consideration - **DISTRICT C - COHEN** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. Council Member Noriega absent. ORDINANCE 2013-0762 ADOPTED.
11. 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** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. Council Member Noriega absent. ORDINANCE 2013-0763 ADOPTED.
15. ORDINANCE awarding contract to **EMR ELEVATOR, INC** for Elevators, Escalators, Booklifts and Manlifts Maintenance and Repair Services for Various Departments; providing a maximum contract amount - \$3,969,144.00 - 3 years with two one-year options - General, Fleet Management and Enterprise Funds – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. Council Member Noriega absent. ORDINANCE 2013-0764 ADOPTED.
16. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing a first amendment to the contract between **WATER ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGIES, INC** and the City of Houston for Design and Implementation of a Web-Based, automated Sub-Meter Data Collection System – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. Council Member Noriega absent. ORDINANCE 2013-0765 ADOPTED.
19. ORDINANCE appropriating \$621,000.00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF and approving and authorizing a professional engineering services contract between the City of Houston and **WALTER P. MOORE AND ASSOCIATES, INC** for Scott Street (Loop 610 to Old Spanish Trail) area drainage and paving improvements; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF - **DISTRICT D - ADAMS** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. Council Member Noriega absent. ORDINANCE 2013-0766 ADOPTED.
20. ORDINANCE appropriating \$2,614,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **HUFF & MITCHELL, INC** Rehabilitation to Large Diameter Water Lines, Valves and Appurtenances Package No. 11; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering testing, CIP Cost Recovery, Phase III - Construction Phase Services and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. Council Member Noriega absent. ORDINANCE 2013-0767 ADOPTED.

MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA WERE CONSIDERED AS

FOLLOWS:

ACCEPT WORK

5. RECOMMENDATION from Director General Services Department for approval of final contract amount of \$13,245,949.00 and acceptance of work on contract with **GILBANE BUILDING COMPANY** for Renovation to the Parks and Recreation Department Campus and Park - 3.50% over the original contract amount and under the 5% contingency - **DISTRICT I - RODRIGUEZ** – 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 Noriega absent. MOTION 2013-0591 ADOPTED.
6. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$3,197,658.69 and acceptance of work on contract with **UNDERGROUND TECHNOLOGIES, INC** for Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation by Sliplining and Pipe Bursting Methods - 1.54% under the original contract amount (4257-100) - **DISTRICTS B - DAVIS; C COHEN; D - ADAMS; F - HOANG; G - PENNINGTON; H - GONZALEZ; I - RODRIGUEZ; J - LASTER and K - GREEN** – was presented, moved by Council Member Rodriguez, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. Council Member Noriega absent. MOTION 2013-0592 ADOPTED.

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS

7. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,600,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund for Emergency Rehabilitation Work at the Clinton Drive Lift Station for the Public Works & Engineering Department - **DISTRICT B - DAVIS** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. Council Member Noriega absent. ORDINANCE 2013-0768 ADOPTED.
- 7a. **BOYER, INC** for Emergency Rehabilitation Work at the Clinton Drive Lift Station for the Public Works & Engineering Department - **DISTRICT B - DAVIS** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Adams. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. Council Member Noriega absent. MOTION 2013-0593 ADOPTED.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

8. RESOLUTION approving and authorizing the nomination of Woman's Hospital of Texas to the Office of the Governor Economic Development & Tourism through the Economic Development Bank as a Texas State Enterprise Zone Project - **DISTRICT K – GREEN** – was presented. Council Member Noriega absent.

After discussion by Council Members Green, Gonzalez and Christie, Council Member Christi asked if the \$2,500 to \$7,500 per job maximum refund, was that a one time refund, annually or just one year, and Mayor Parker stated that it was dollar cap and a year cap, and Council Member Green stated that it could go for five years but was capped at a dollar amount each year. Council Member Noriega absent.

A vote was called on Item No. 8. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. Council Member Noriega absent. RESOLUTION 2013-0044 ADOPTED.

12. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing an agreement between the City of Houston and the Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, Texas for the use of 4 city owned parcels of land located on Griggs Road at the Palm Center and authorizing the Houston Business Development, Inc. ("HBDI") to sell to Metro 2 HBDI owned parcels of land located on Griggs Road at the Palm Center, for the purpose of a public right of way to improve access to public transportation, specifically in connection with Metro's Southeast Corridor Light Rail Line - **DISTRICT D – ADAMS** – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Bradford. Council Member Noriega absent.
13. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Amendment No. 1 to a professional services contract between the City of Houston and **ALWAYS IN SEASON DECORATING SERVICES, INC** for Seasonal Interior Design Services for the Houston Airport System - **DISTRICTS B - DAVIS; E - MARTIN and I – RODRIGUEZ** – was presented. Council Member Noriega absent.

After discussion by Council Members Davis, Green, Bradford and Burks a vote was called on Item No. 13, Council Member Green stated that he was disturbed that they were not able to find an MWBE for a simple decorating contract because of lack of ability for a firm to get a background check, so he would ask that the Office of Business Opportunity, in conjunction with the Airports, if in fact it required a specialization, that they work with the MWBEs to make sure they had the necessary background requirements so when the opportunities did come up that they also had an opportunity to participate.

A vote was called on Item No. 13. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0769 ADOPTED.

14. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2011-800, as amended, to increase the maximum contract amount to an agreement between the City of Houston and **ALVAREZ & MARSAL BUSINESS CONSULTING, LLC** ("**ALVAREZ & MARSAL**") for Phase III of consulting services for accounts receivables and collections improvement for the Finance Department; approving a change order by the Finance Department to include Phase III of consulting services to the scope of work; approving and authorizing a first amendment to the above-mentioned agreement between the City and **ALVAREZ & MARSAL** - \$250,000.00 - General Fund - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0770 ADOPTED.
17. ORDINANCE issuing a permit to **TEXACO DOWNSTREAM PROPERTIES, INC** to operate, maintain, improve, repair, and replace two existing pipelines in certain portions of specified public street rights-of-way and prescribing the conditions and provisions under which the permit is issued **DISTRICTS B - DAVIS and E - MARTIN** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0771 ADOPTED.
18. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing a Professional Engineering Services contract between the City of Houston and **TLC ENGINEERING, INC** for Open Drainage Assets Inventory and Survey Project - \$2,396,542.00 - Stormwater Fund – was presented.

After discussion by Council Members Costello, Davis, Bradford, Adams and Green Mayor Parker stated that she knew that a lot of folks had been interested in immediate solutions to drainage issues across the City and the rebuild process had been moving forward as rapidly as humanely possible, under the guidance of the Oversight Committee, but this was another step forward.

A vote was called on Item No. 18. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0772 ADOPTED.

21. ORDINANCE extending the provisions of **SECTION 28-303 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, to certain improved single-family residential lots within **A&K CUSTOM HOMES ON ARBOR COURT, ABST 212 J CHRISTY, ALMEDA PLACE, ALMEDA PLACE ANNEX, ARBOR SQUARE AMEND, AUSTIN COURT, AUSTIN GREEN, AUSTIN STREET T/H AMEND, BALCOR, BLODGETT PARK T/H, BLODGETT PARK TOWNHOMES SEC 2, CALUMET PARK, CAROLINE MANOR, CAROLINE OAKS, CATCO CRAWFORD PARK, CRAWFORD STREET MANORS, DAYBREAK HOMES ON WICHITA STREET, FIVE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED AND SIX CRAWFORD STREET T/H, FORTY NINE HUNDRED CAROLINE BOULEVARD, GALWAN T/H, GRAYWOOD PLACE, HAMPTON T/H, HERMANN PARK, JACKSON STREET, JACKSON STREET T/H SEC 2, JACKSON T/H, LA BRANCH PALMS, LABRANCH PLACE, MACGREGOR & DEMERITTS SOUTHMORE SEC 2 R/P, MACGREGOR BLODGETT PARK SEC 1, MACGREGORS BLODGETT PARK SEC 2, MACGREGORS BLODGETT PARK SEC 2 PAR R/P 3, MACGREGORS BLODGETT PARK SEC 3, MANORS OF AUSTIN GREEN, MAREDIA HOMES AT PROSPECT STREET, METRO LOFTS AT CHENEVERT, METRO LOFTS AT PROSPECT STREET, MUSEUM GALLERIE AMEND, MUSEUM WALK R/P, NEC SOUTHMORE AND JACKSON, OAKDALE AVENUE, OAKDALE PLACE, OAKDALE TERRACE, OAKS AT CAROLINE, OAKS OF SOUTHMORE, PALM AVENUE T/H, PALM PLACE AMEND, PAWL TERRACE, PROSPECT STREET T/H, PROSPECT TOWNHOMES SEC 1, REGENTS GREEN, ROSEDALE AVENUE PLACE, ROSEDALE AVENUE PLACE SEC 2, ROSEDALE PARK, ROSEWOOD, ROSEWOOD GREEN, ROSEWOOD LOFTS, ROSEWOOD MIDTOWN, ROSEWOOD TERRACE, ROSEWOOD TOWNHOMES, ROSEWOOD VILLAS, RUTH STREET MANOR, RUTH STREET T/H, SOUTHMORE 106, SOUTHMORE 107, SOUTHMORE 108, SOUTHMORE 116, SOUTHMORE 117, SOUTHMORE 118, SOUTHMORE GARDENS AMEND, SOUTHMORE OUTLOT 109, SOUTHMORE SEC 2 PAR R/P, SOUTHMORE T/H U/R SOUTHMORE 118, SOUTHMORE TERRACE AMEND, SOUTHMORE TWO VILLAS, STOECKLI PLACE ANNEX, SUTTON PLACE PATIO HOMES SOUTHMORE 108 R/P, THURMAN MANORS, TRACT 11, HOLMAN OUTLOT 68, TRACT 4, BLOCK 24, EMPIRE, TRINITY AT CHENEVERT, TUSCAN ONE, VILLAS AT ROSEDALE, W D SIMPSON NO. 1, WENTWORTH HOMES, WHEELER PLACE, WHEELER PLACE R/P, WICHITA JACKSON T/H, AND WICHITA RIDGE to prohibit the parking of vehicles in the front or side yards of such residences - **DISTRICT D – ADAMS** – was presented.**

Council Member Adams presented the following written motion:

“I move to amend Item #21 by substituting the attached as Exhibit A. This amendment changes the proposed boundaries of the Museum Park Neighborhood Association’s prohibited yard parking, the new boundaries. This new boundary is in response to District D constituents in that area and will reflect their needs.”

Council Member Adams thanked Mayor Parker and Ms. Marlene Gafrick, and everyone in the Planning Department, for assisting their office with this, that the amendment had been submitted to all of her colleagues and would ask that they please support this, that the only boundaries reflected those protestors that signed up in an appropriate manner to protest the boundaries, that those who came later were not added to the boundary cutoff.

Mayor Parker thanked Council Member Adams for her work on this, but to clarify not just the protestors were excluded, but there were some areas excluded that happened to have the majority of the protestors in it.

A vote was called on Council Member Adams motion to amend Item No. 21. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. MOTION 2013-0594 ADOPTED.

Council Member Bradford stated that he would tag Item No. 21 as amended. Council Member Costello absent.

22. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2013-0400, relating to the approval and authorization of the first amended and restated Strategic Partnership Agreement between the City and **NORTHWEST HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 5 - DISTRICT A - BROWN** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. Council Member Costello absent. ORDINANCE 2013-0773 ADOPTED.
- 22A. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2013-0401, relating to the annexation for limited purposes of a certain area located within **NORTHWEST HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 5**, in Harris County, Texas - **DISTRICT A - BROWN** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. Council Member Costello absent. ORDINANCE 2013-0774 ADOPTED.
23. ORDINANCE extending the provisions of **SECTION 28-303 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, to certain improved single-family residential properties within **HOLLISTER PLACE SUBDIVISION, WELLER SUBDIVISION AND ABST 556 A T MILES** to prohibit the parking of vehicles in the front or side yards of such residences - **DISTRICT A - BROWN** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0775 ADOPTED.

NON CONSENT AGENDA - NUMBERS 24 and 25

MISCELLANEOUS

24. **MOTION TO SET A DATE** not less than seven days from August 28, 2013, to receive nominations for Position 3 on the **PORT OF HOUSTON AUTHORITY OF HARRIS COUNTY**, for a two year term - was presented.

Council Member Gonzalez moved to set Wednesday, September 4, 2013 to receive nominations for Position 3 on the Port of Houston Authority of Harris County, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2013-0595 ADOPTED.

25. **MOTION TO SET A DATE** not less than seven days from August 28, 2013, to receive nominations for Position 4 of **WASTEWATER CAPACITY RESERVATION REVIEW BOARD**, for the remainder of the designated two year term – was presented.

Council Member Gonzalez moved to set Wednesday, September 4, 2013 to receive nominations for Position 4 of the Wastewater Capacity Reservation Review Board, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2013-0596 ADOPTED.

MATTERS HELD - NUMBER 26

26. 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 – (This was Item 13 on Agenda of August 21, 2013, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER DAVIS)** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2013-0776 ADOPTED.

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Parker stated a reminder, as a City they had joined the commemoration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the March on Washington, there would be a brief ceremony from 1:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. on the steps of City Hall today, which would end in a bell ringing service, but they had asked for churches, school and entities across the City of Houston to ring out their bells for 15 seconds at 2:00 p.m. today, a reminder that they had come a long way, but the journey was not over and would invite Council Members to join them at the steps of City Hall at 1:30 p.m. and a reminder to everyone who might be watching to pause for a moment at 2:00 p.m. and consider where they were as a Country.

Council Member Cohen thanked Mayor Parker for the kind words about her birthday; and stated that she always remembered listening to the speakers 50 years ago and thinking when she heard Dr. Kings remarks as the last speaker that it was probably the best kind of birthday present anybody get because he said what so many people were thinking and said it so eloquently; and announced events she attended or would be attending; and stated that she wanted to congratulate and thank her Director of Research and Community Relations, Ms. Irma Ayala, who would spend her last day in her office this Friday, after a year and a half of providing spectacular service to the constituents she had accepted a position as a Policy Analyst in the Office of the Superintendent of HISD, and thanked her for her service. Council Members Brown, Adams, Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Christi stated that he wanted to thank everybody on the back to school backpack programs, from the Mayor's office to the individual District offices. Council Members Brown, Adams, Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Burks stated that on the anniversary of the "I have a dream" speech and the march on Washington, that it meant a lot for him because he lived through those times, that for some and for many the dream was still a dream and they must work around the horseshoe just to make it a reality, that was something that was on going each and every day, they must take care of their seniors and children, because that was their future, that looking at the educational system in the City he had issues, he did not believe they were actually meeting the goals that were stated 50 years ago, that integration was good, but education in the mind was even better, that he heard that his grandmother, on his mothers side was a slave, she told him there was freedom in the mind, if they knew what they were doing, she could not read or write, but they could not cheat her, that it was only when they were shackled in the mind that they were not free, and he believed their educational system needed to step up and learn that everyone was not going to college, to create jobs there had to be vocations, and where there were vocations people could go to school at night and further education but work in the day, that was very important to their society, so when they saw guys standing in the corners and unemployed that meant the dream had not become a reality, that he would encourage them all if they were talking about economic development they were talking about job creations, if they were talking about after school programs and summer job programs don't just talk about it, put some teeth into and do it and make Houston be the City that "I have a dream" speech was the reality for the Nation. Council Members Brown, Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Bradford stated that he wanted to give a big shout out to the Houston Police Department and law enforcement officers in the Houston area, last week they had another long and lengthy, about an hour long, police chase that covered several parts of the City, he wanted to say that the option for police officers simply was not just to allow the fleeing person to have his or her way, the Houston Police officers, joined by other law enforcement area officers actually did a very good job executing that pursuit, they followed protocol and apprehended a very dangerous suspect, that sometimes when things go wrong those in those police chases they were billed that the officers did not do this and should have done that, but when things went as best as they could they were always dangerous and always unknown areas that they would encounter that was rarely mentioned, but he wanted to say to the officers out there to keep doing the wonderful job that they did, be safe and do it within the law. Council Members Brown, Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Martin stated that he was looking forward to the luncheon with the Clear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce where the keynote speaker would be Mayor Annise Parker; and congratulated Council Member Adams who announced her intention to run for the Houston Independent School District Board of Trustees; and wished a Happy Birthday to Council Member Cohen; and stated that District E was losing an employee, Lauren Dokes last day was today, but fortunately they hired a new employee Lauren Lakey, who would be starting on September 12, 2013. Council Members Brown, Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Laster stated that he would join his colleague around the table in trying to be mindful and prayerful on the Fiftieth Anniversary of Dr. King's speech; and would like to wish everyone a very happy and safe Labor Day weekend. Council Members Brown, Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that BARCs Healthy Pets Healthy Streets Initiative held its second successful event in District H this past Saturday, that community members lined up early for the free wellness, spay and neuter services, this pilot initiative by Mayor Parker and BARC was aimed at addressing the City's animal over population by tackling one problem neighborhood at a time and by working collaboratively with pet advocates like Friends for Life, SNAP and Unity for solution, including this past weekend over 91 pets in the area had received free services; and announced events he attended or would be attending; and further stated as the Labor Day Holiday was upon them he would like to wish all Houstonians a relaxing and safe end of summer celebration and would like to take a moment to acknowledge their labor brothers and sisters for all of their efforts to insure the rights of workers in their Nation were respected. Council Members Brown, Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Mayor Parker thanked Council Member Gonzalez for mentioning their healthy pets initiative, the key was not just that so many pets were spayed and neutered, it was that they went door to door informing folks in that neighborhood and at some point they would have to go back and do stepped up enforcement, it was very labor intensive and she appreciated the City staff that were involved and also the volunteers and appreciated Council Member Gonzalez stalwart support. Council Members Brown, Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Noriega stated that she moved to when her term went away she reflected on what they had done as a City and what kind of things Houston was really about, that while this was a significant day in civil rights history it was also the same week that Mayor Bill White called her husband about going down to the George R. Brown Convention Center and asking him to work on a hurricane relief thing and the two of them packed up and spent weeks trying to settle, resettle and accommodate their neighbors from New Orleans that were in Houston so truly desperate, that it was hurricane season and they all needed to prepare and remember that was a possibility at any time in their climate and location, but it was also one of those

milestones for Houston, that she knew she decided to run for public office cause she was so impressed with what the City did, that companies sent staff, and Pastor Ed Young sent his team who put together his incredible operation to help staff the whole thing, that it was an amazing experience, that the staff that is now Houston First got up and made things happen so that everybody had what they needed, they had volunteers all over the place, they had sanitizing stations all over the place to try to keep people from getting sick, that it was one of the most expressing experiences of her life and this City did that, that she thought when they talked about education or civil rights or any other thing she thought they sold themselves short if they did not think Houston could figure out how to do it right. Council Members Brown, Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Adams stated that she sat back and reflected on this day of August 28 and thought about the history that they were constantly reminded of every year, that she remembered when she was in the third grade and they had to write a paper and her mom asked her at that time what paper she wanted to write and she told her of a man that was walking the streets and paving the way for people to have a better quality of life, and people of all colors and creeds needed to get together and be on one accord and she titled her paper "Drum Major for Peace", and she always told her mom that she wanted to be a leader just like him, and her teacher asked why it was so important to her and she said because whenever you lead you could always make a difference to strive for your dream, that she looked back today, many years later, being that leader that she had aspired to be and thanked God for people just like Dr. Martin Luther King, that today was the Fiftieth Anniversary on the march on Washington for jobs and freedom, that it was the largest demonstration ever seen in the Nations Capital and one of the first to have extensive television coverage, though there was a heavy police presence the march was noted for civility and peacefulness, that Dr. Kings speech remained one of the most famous speeches in American History. Council Members Brown, Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Green stated that growing up he always wanted to be like Dr. King, so how best to imitate a king, that in college he found out that Dr. King was a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, that he became a member, that he wanted to become a game changer, that on this day, fifty years ago today, Americans of all colors and religions and of good will convened on Washington, D.C. for jobs and freedom, as they reflected on this special day let us continue to commit ourselves to Dr. Kings legacy and his "I Have a Dream" speech that changed a Nation, as they did their duties as elected officials also remember a speech that Dr. King made on April 4, 1967, exactly one year before he was assassinated on April 4, 1968, that the words of Dr. King spoke still remained true today, that he vowed as a member of the Houston City Council to make sure that their City lived up to the dream of Dr. Martin Luther King. Council Members Brown, Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Davis stated this was a great day, reading the history books and understanding what the world was like then and how it was today, this man was well needed; and announced events he attended or would be attending; that this morning he woke up to the sound of machinery on Pickfair, there was an apartment complex that was owned by some individuals in District B who had not been good neighbors and did not take care of their property, that Mr. Tim Douglass had been working on it for a while, there were about five trucks and Officer Wyatt, HPD, and they went through the grounds and parking lots and were getting ready to board the building and cut down trees, they now had an apartment complex on one side of the street, with upkeep and a manicured lawn and now they were going to have one on the other side of the street, it would not look as fancy, but would be boarded up so it would stop people living in the area, breaking into stores and coming back and hanging out in this abandoned building, that he wanted to also thank the Department of Neighborhoods. Council Members Brown, Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Mayor Parker stated that taking down the thousands of crack houses as they had across the City and really focusing on multi family units was one of the most important things they could do to prevent crime in the community; that since they were all referencing the march on Washington and Dr. Kings' speech she would point out that Mr. Bayard Rustin, who was really the organizer and logistician of that event, was an openly gay man and key advisor to Dr. King and had been icon for a number of communities. Council Members Brown, Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Adams announced events she attended or would be attending. Council Members Brown, Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

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

There being no further business before Council, the City Council adjourned at 10:08 a.m. Council Member absent on personal business. Council Members Brown, Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

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

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

/S/Anna Russell

Anna Russell, City Secretary