

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, December 3, 2013

A Regular Meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 3, 2013, Mayor Annise Parker presiding and with Council Members Helena Brown, Jerry Davis, Ellen R. Cohen, Wanda Adams, Dave Martin, Al Hoang, Oliver Pennington, Edward Gonzalez, James G. Rodriguez, Mike Laster, Larry V. Green, Stephen C. Costello, Andrew C. Burks, Jr., Melissa Noriega, C. O. "Brad" Bradford and Jack Christie, D. C.; Mr. Harlan Heilman, Legal Department, Division Chief, Claims & Subrogation Division; Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director, and Ms. Stella Ortega, Agenda Office, present.

At 1:45 p.m. Mayor Parker called the meeting to order and stated they would begin with the Council presentations and recognized Council Member Burks for the first presentation. Council Members Brown, Davis, Adams, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Green and Costello absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Council Member Burks stated that it gave him great honor and pleasure to present a proclamation to Jack Yates High School, Class of 1968, for its 45th Class Reunion, and invited Mr. Larry Blackman to the podium, the reunion would be on December 14, 2013, that Jack Yates Senior High School was established on February 8, 1926 and originally located at 2610 Elgin as the second school established in Houston for African American Students and remained an important educational facility in Houston's Third Ward, and remained engaged in the southeast Houston community through its contributions toward scholarships for today's Yates High graduates, local food pantries, and youth athletics, and Mayor Parker stated therefore, she, Annise D. Parker, Mayor of the City of Houston, hereby proclaimed December 3, 2013, as Jack Yates High School, Class of 1968, 45th Class Reunion Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Brown, Davis, Adams, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Green and Costello absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mr. Blackman stated that he wanted to thank Council Member Burks, his classmate for many years, and Mayor Parker and the City Council for acknowledging them, that there was only one Jack Yates, who was the original community man that used his own money to build a park, church, high school and school for them to attend, that he wanted to give a shout out to all of the people who had been supporting them over the years, and wanted to thank Mayor Parker for giving them a proclamation on behalf of Jack Yates. Council Members Brown, Davis, Adams, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Green and Costello absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez and Council Member Bradford stated that they wanted to congratulate Mr. Blackman and thanked him for all of his work in the community. Council Members Brown, Davis, Adams, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Green and Costello absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez recognized Council Member Noriega for the next presentation. Council Members Brown, Davis, Adams, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Green and Costello absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Council Member Noriega invited Dr. Ronnie Dunbar to the podium, and stated that in 1994 Dr. Dunbar was among the first NASA Astronauts to train in Russia since the [Apollo-Soyuz Missions](#) in the 1970s, that during her 27 years of service at NASA, including 7 years in the Senior Executive Service, Dr. Dunbar spent 50 days in space and flew five times on four different space shuttles, that in January 2013, Dr. Renu Khator, President and Chancellor of the University of Houston and Dr. Joe Tedesco, Dean of Engineering at U of H recruited Dr. Dunbar to return to the U of H as a faculty member in engineering and she was the Director of the New U of H Science Technology, Engineering and Math Center, and the mission of the U of H Stem Center was to increase the quantity and quality of students entering universities with the intent

to pursue STEM careers and were graduating scientists, engineers and mathematicians and the like in order to meet both national and regional STEM demands, and Mayor Parker stated therefore, she, Annise D. Parker, Mayor of the City of Houston, hereby proclaimed today as U of H Stem Center and Dr. Bonnie Dunbar Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Brown, Davis, Adams, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez and Green absent.

Dr. Dunbar stated that she wanted to thank them, she was deeply honored by the proclamation and hoped that the real focus was on the words STEM, science, technology, engineering and math, and on the University of Houston, their Tier One Research University in the wonderfully urban area, particularly in the business of science and technology, why a STEM Center, because they needed more young people to become engineers, scientists, chemists and business mathematicians to meet the demands for the prosperity of their community. Council Members Davis, Adams, Pennington, Rodriguez and Green absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez and Council Member Martin stated that they wanted to congratulate Dr. Dunbar and the University of Houston for pursuing academic excellence in STEM. Council Members Davis, Adams, Pennington, Rodriguez and Green absent.

Dr. Dunbar stated that she looked forward to their future activities under the Houston Technology Center. Council Members Davis, Adams, Pennington, Rodriguez and Green absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that Mayor Parker would be presenting the next presentation. Council Members Davis, Adams, Pennington, Rodriguez and Green absent.

Mayor Parker stated that the next presentation was to Miss-A-Meal and invited Pastor Rudy Rasmus and members of the Saint Johns United Methodist Church podium, and stated that she regularly spoke of Saint Johns as a place that walked the talk, it was a church that truly offered love and acceptance to anyone who came through the doors and had a special called mission to the homeless and hungry in Houston and had for a very long time, that it was a local fund raising campaign founded by Pastor Rudy and Juanita Rasmus and helped to feed the hungry through it's mission to miss one meal and pass the plate, by encouraging Houstonians to donate the money they would have spent on a meal to provide one well balanced meal for someone in need, that she would personally encourage Council Members to make the decision to miss a meal and to help contribute to the effort, and therefore, she, Annise D. Parker, Mayor of the City of Houston, hereby proclaimed December 10, 2013, as Miss-A-Meal Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Davis, Adams, Pennington, Rodriguez and Green absent.

Pastor Rasmus thanked Mayor Parker and the Council Members for over the years ongoing support of the work they had been engaged in for 22 years, that about 20 years ago a little girl was singing in the choir and said when she grew up she was going to do something to help the church and community, she grew up and became amazingly successful and today she was still helping them do the work in the community, that Beyonce, as a result of Brad Dion, Tracey Mathews, Cy Jackson and Jerry Williams, developed the Miss-A-Meal Campaign, Beyonce took the campaign on the road and had been the nonprofit sponsor for the world tour, which would end on December 10, 2013 in Houston, they were going to miss a meal throughout the City for the hungry. Council Members Davis and Pennington absent.

Council Members Noriega, Burks, Rodriguez and Adams, stated that they wanted to congratulate Pastor Rasmus and his congregation for all of the things that he did for the community and all that he had accomplished.

Pastor Rudy stated that Cy Jackson was an artist who had not only written a song, but donated all of the proceeds of the song to the Miss-A-Meal Campaign, that they had a new

campus launching 8787 North Houston Rosslyn on January 4, 2014, they were excited to come to District A, Saint Johns Northwest Campus.

At 2:06 p.m. Mayor Parker recognized Council Member Martin for the invocation and pledge of allegiance.

At 2:09 p.m. the City Secretary called the roll. All in.

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

The City Secretary began calling the list of public speakers.

Ms. Jeanette Rash, 2104 Lyons Ave, Houston, Texas 77020 – 713-228-8872 appeared and stated that she was present in support of Item Numbers 18 and 19, to amend Chapters 1 and 8 of the Code of Ordinances relating to wrecker drivers.

Mr. Ken Ulmer, 1700 Brittmore, Houston, Texas 77043 -0832-250-7628 appeared and stated that he was Chairman of the City of Houston Automotive Board and was also present in support of Agenda Item Numbers 18 and 19, to amend Chapters 1 and 8 of the Code of Ordinances relating to wrecker drivers.

Mr. Marcus Roland, 8610 MLK Blvd., Houston, Texas 77033 – 832-347-0617 appeared and stated that he was present in support of Item No. 20 relating to funding of facility at 14065 South Main to be used as a health and wellness center for underserved Houstonians.

Mr. George Anderson, 13950 Hillcroft Ave., Houston, Texas 77085 – 713-419-0318 appeared and stated that he was present in support of Item No. 20 for a wellness center. Council Members Adams and Rodriguez absent.

Mayor Parker, Council Members Green and Burks thanked Mr. Anderson for his service to the City of Houston. Council Member Rodriguez absent.

Mr. Abdi Mohamed, 6233 Gulfton, No. 3116, Houston, Texas 77081 – 832-896-1664 appeared and stated that he used to drive a taxi cab, that he did not have a medallion because unfortunately the City of Houston did not give him a medallion, but the owner of a medallion told him that he would not give it to him because he was handicap. Council Members Cohen, Adams, Rodriguez and Green absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she knew Mr. Mohamed was aware that they were concluding a study of the taxi and limo operation in the City of Houston, and early in 2014 they would be presenting a recommendation to City Council to update the ordinance, but she did not envision a change that would inject them between a medallion holder and a sublease, which in essence he was, they allowed the medallion holders to drive their own vehicles or to allow someone else to drive for them and his relationship with the medallion holder was a private one. Council Members Cohen, Adams, Rodriguez and Green absent.

Upon questions and discussion by Council Members Burks, Laster, Bradford, Mayor Parker stated that federal law provided protection for the disabled and Mr. Mohamed may have cause in that area, but those who receive taxi permits and sublease those vehicles under their permits or medallions could charge what the market would bare, they had no requirements as to who they lease those to, that Mr. Mohamed was not directly engaged with the City of Houston in any way, he was working for one of the recipients. Council Members Hoang and Noriega absent.

Mr. Robert Edness, 6221 Main St., Houston, Texas 77030 – No Phone had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Hoang and Noriega absent.

Mr. Anthony Archer, 12626 Cannonwood Ln., Houston, Texas 77070 – 713-985-9151 appeared and stated that he had a couple of issues that pertained to the Houston Police Department, that the first concerned public safety, he drove 52 miles each day, six days a week, on Houston freeways, that on Saturday mornings it seemed that HPD had no qualms writing tickets for speeding, that he had to watch people drive in the left hand lane over and over just cruising, forcing people to have to pass to the right, which was against the traffic laws, in the heavy truck traffic and slower traffic, while somebody was just in the left hand lane and the thing that was particularly galling to him was to watch a police officer drive up behind one of these drivers, get so close to their bumper that they were about to hit them, and then after a couple of over passes they just drive them around them and allow them to continue breaking the traffic law. Council Members Hoang and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that Mr. Archer was correct that they should be equally concerned with people who were in the left hand lane and impeding traffic so that people had to pass on the right, there was a clarification in State Law and she believed it kicked in maybe in September and he would see more enforcement of that in the future, there was apparently a question as to the exact meaning of the original language and the State Legislature took action to clarify that, he would probably see an education campaign, more warnings than tickets in the beginning, but they would be enforcing it and he would find that State troopers across the State would be doing the same thing. Council Members Hoang, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Council Member Davis requested Mr. Archer to give them his second point, and Mr. Archer stated that his store and property adjacent to the property was in the northeast Houston area, it was a depressed neighborhood and he had to deal with crime, he had several incidents, and it seemed to him that every time he called the police for assistance they seemed more concerned with him being an ex-convict, that it was not his intention to bash HPD, but over the past four years he had been having problems with the Northeast Sub Station, that his store was at 5704 North Wayside Driver, it abutted Wayside and Hammerly, he owned the lot next door. Council Members Hoang, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Council Member Davis stated that they would get his information and try talk to the Northeast Command Center and see if they could have more watch on his property. Council Members Hoang, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Council Member Bradford stated that on the traffic enforcement issue, often time officers were working under grant programs, and more commonly HPD gets grant dollars to work on speeding and speeders because speed was one of the major contributing factors to serous and often times deadly accidents. Council Members Hoang, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Ms. Sherry Browning, 2616 S. Loop, Ste. 110, Houston, Texas 77054 – 832-287-5909 was present but stated that she would yield her time to Ms. Freje Randall.

Council Member Bradford moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of allowing Ms. Browning to yield her time to Ms. Freje Randall, seconded by Council Member Burks. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Hoang and Noriega absent. MOTION 2013-0756 ADOPTED.

Ms. Freje Randall appeared and stated that she was Ms. Black Texas, Cover Girl Grand Supreme 2014, and was present to invite all of the girls and boys to a youth pageant.

Mr./Coach R. J. (Bobby) Taylor, 3107 Sumpter, Houston, Texas 77026 (FA3-4511) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Hoang and Noriega absent.

Council Member Adams stated that she wanted to thank Ms. Randall for all that she did for her community. Council Members Hoang and Noriega absent.

Dr. Oscar Hines, 9900 W. Park, Ste. 122, hut 77063 – 832-559-3936 appeared and stated that he was a talk show radio host for program called Naturally You, which focused and created a platform for health and wellness, that they all knew individuals who suffered from Cancer to Diabetes to Heart Disease, they were excited about the opportunity to provide a platform through the KCOH Naturally You Show to offer a dialog to that subject and help to develop that conversation further and reach out into the community. Council Members Hoang and Noriega absent.

Mr./Coach R. J. Bobby Taylor, 3107 Sumpter, Houston, Texas 77026 – FA34511 had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Hoang and Noriega absent.

Mr. Joe Jordan, 14173 NW Freeway, No. 166, Houston, Texas 77040 – 713-680-3181 appeared, presented information, and stated that he and Mr. Ferrari were present representing the Limousine Industry, that the Taxi and Limousine Industry was very nervous and anxious about Dr. Munday's Report, which had been delayed, they were very happy with the current Regulatory Affairs and liked the ordinance just like it was, that it was their concern that UBER and other markets had created a lot of problems. Council Members Hoang and Noriega absent.

Council Member Rodriguez asked if the Taxi and Limousine Industry had been looked at and was it part of the study, and Mayor Parker stated yes, that the study was essentially finished and unfortunately they had two Council Meetings left this year and she did not want to brief everybody and then have to do it all over again in January 2014 with a brand new Council, that was why it had been postponed until January. Council Members Hoang and Noriega absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Burks, Mr. Jordan stated that in some markets, especially when they talked about UBER and Lyft and Sidecar, UBER was using regular cars and dispatching them as taxis and limousines, that in that scenario, an AP, was not good, these people could have gotten out of prison yesterday, that the problem was when UBER was established they may not have all of the requirements. Mayor Parker, Council Members Brown, Adams, Hoang and Pennington absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. John Ferrari, 15734 Aldine Westfield, Houston, Texas 77034 appeared and stated that in extension with what Mr. Jordan had spoken about he was present to speak about the same thing, that UBER was an AP and most of their larger companies also had APs as well and they followed the City's regulations as set forth, that regulations were put in for certain reasons and one was not to compete with the Taxi Industry, so UBER coming in and trying to deregulate everything and force their way in and say not to have a minimum was ludicrous, that UBER, on their website specifically states that they looked for little or no enforcements of traffic laws in the cities they went after, was that the right thing to portray, was that what they wanted for the City, he did not believe so. Mayor Parker, Council Members Brown, Adams, Hoang and Pennington absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Upon questions by Council Members Rodriguez and Bradford, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez

stated that the study was a comprehensive study and did include limos, he did not know what their methodology was, it was something that ARA was going to have to explain when they meet with the stakeholders and bring it before Council to determine how they got the background information and did their research on the Limo Industry; that it seemed that the study that had been referenced was limited to just the Taxi Cab Industry, because that was what City Council had approved, the additional ones were done in house via ARA and with the Limo Industry, that it was more of an internal discussion study of the stakeholders that had taken place, it was not the Munday Study they were talking about, it was done in addition to that study; that from what they heard earlier from the Mayor's comments it seemed that there were going to be some stake holder meetings with ARA and some stakeholder groups to discuss the study and he was sure it would go before committee and before any Council action he would imagine there would be some interaction with the City Council. Mayor Parker, Council Members Brown, Hoang and Pennington absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

After further discussion Council Member Rodriguez moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing from Mr. Chris Newport, seconded by Council Member Adams. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker, Council Members Cohen, Pennington, Hoang, Laster and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. MOTION 2013-0757 ADOPTED.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez asked Mr. Newport if he could give them briefly the scope of the study and how the Limo Industry was taken into account. Mayor Parker, Council Members Cohen, Pennington, Hoang, Laster and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. Newport stated that the contract for Dr. Munday's Study was approved in March and subsequently kicked off shortly after, the scope that was approved by Council was limited to a study which involved surveys of various groups of customers for the Taxi Cab Industry specifically, after that project kicked off the City was approached by UBER and Lyft and it became very evident that the entire Transportation Industry, not just the Taxi Cab Industry, was about to experience in different markets a significant amount of change, so at that time ARA expanded the scope of the comprehensive work that was being done to include the new APS, which were being referred to now by the California PUC as Transportation Network Companies, to include limousines and those type of things, but they only had Council approval for and funding for the consultant to study the Taxi Cab Group, so the rest of the research and stakeholder outreach that had already gone on, and would continue to go on, was being done by ARA staff. Mayor Parker, Council Members Cohen, Pennington, Hoang, Laster and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. Darrell J. Patterson, 1007 Ruthven, Houston, Texas 77019 – 713-269-2857 appeared and stated that he had been a resident of Fourth Ward Freedman's Town and for many years fighting to preserve some of the history, culture and heritage and provide some service to those that were most in need, that they had begged the City for many years to help them with some of their projects; that they had one group that decided they wanted to invest in them in 2008, the Pay Day and Title Loan Industry, that the Title Loan Industry bought them a van in 2008 where they could transport kids to the nearest Boys and Girls Club, they build a library and computer lab for them to help them with the problems they were faced with, that the Title Loan and Pay Day Loan Industry was helping them. Mayor Parker, Council Members Cohen, Martin, Pennington, Hoang, Laster and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

After discussion and questions by Council Members Davis and Barks, Mr. Patterson stated that for twelve years they had been trying to purchase 1007 Ruthven. Mayor Parker, Council Members Cohen, Martin, Pennington, Hoang, Laster and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Ms. Deborah Elaine Allen, 12000 M.L.K., No. 2059, Houston, Texas 77048 had reserved

time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Cohen, Martin, Pennington, Hoang, Laster and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

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. Mayor Parker, Council Members Cohen, Martin, Pennington, Hoang, Laster and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. John Myers, 4222 Buck, Houston, Texas 77021 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Cohen, Martin, Pennington, Hoang, Laster and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. Rocky Jackson, Los Angeles, Houston, Texas 77026 – No Phone, appeared and stated that she felt like a victim of Houston in regards to the election of the Obama Administration, and continued to voice her personal opinions until her time expired. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Cohen, Martin, Pennington, Hoang, Laster and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that a lot of what Ms. Jackson stated seemed to be at the federal level, most of that was probably outside of the City's scope, she would have to seek some type of assistance at the federal level. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Cohen, Martin, Pennington, Rodriguez, Hoang, Laster and Noriega absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Ms. Tomaro Bell, 3248 Charleston, Houston, Texas 77021 – 713-825-8449 appeared and stated that she was present regarding Chapter 9, that the last time she was present she had asked for an update, that they knew that Chapter 9 was not an ordinance that the Council voted on, but they still wanted to be involved and had some suggestions for the design manual, that she wanted to know, since they still had two more Council meetings before the year was up, what was the status of it; in addition she talked about Chapter 42 and to how they came to an agreement on the lot size limitations, they were told if they had deed restrictions they did not need that part of the prevailing lot sizes, but they did not know they were prohibited to be involved in that process, she wanted to know if they had gotten together and discussed that; that she needed clarity about the SOB Ordinance and needed a little more detail if possible. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Cohen, Martin, Pennington, Rodriguez, Hoang, Laster, Noriega and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Council Member Costello stated that the administration was planning to have a TTI meeting this month and to have the draft of Chapter 9 on the website in advance of the meeting. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Cohen, Martin, Pennington, Rodriguez, Hoang, Laster, Noriega and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that he knew the last time Mayor Parker had wanted her to meet with Council Member Costello to discuss the issues around Chapter 9, and Ms. Bell stated that Mayor Parker was aware of it. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Cohen, Martin, Pennington, Rodriguez, Hoang, Laster, Noriega and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Council Member Green stated that with regard to Chapter 42, it was his understanding that the deed restriction would trump Chapter 42, so the prohibition was there because there was not a need. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Cohen, Martin, Pennington, Rodriguez, Hoang, Laster, Burks, Noriega and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez

presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that he did remember her bringing up that issue and thought she had gotten some kind of response, that they would look back into that and would follow up; that basically there was a settlement agreement, the litigation went back to 1997, between 16 or 17 club owners and the City, they had been tied up in litigation, the City Attorney was able to come up to some agreement and it required them to do some changes, for example removing private rooms from some of those facilities and some other requirements and in turn the City would gain about \$1 million worth of funding per year that would go directly to fund a Human Trafficking Unit to better target a lot of human trafficking that was happening in the City, in addition there were other parameters and could probably get that to her. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Cohen, Martin, Pennington, Rodriguez, Hoang, Laster, Burks, Noriega and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Ms. Bell stated that she appreciated that because that was a major concern because a lot of the communities she was hearing from were inundated with strip clubs. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Cohen, Martin, Pennington, Rodriguez, Hoang, Laster, Burks, Noriega and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Council Member Cohen stated that she thought they needed to give Ms. Bell the full information and would suspect they give her a copy of the ordinance. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Cohen, Martin, Pennington, Rodriguez, Hoang, Laster, Burks, Noriega and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

President Joseph Charles, Post Office Box 524373, Houston, Texas 77052-4373 - 713-928-2871 appeared and stated that he needed more time and was President of the U.S., and continued to voice his personal opinions until his time expired. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Cohen, Martin, Pennington, Rodriguez, Hoang, Laster, Noriega and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Ms. Yvette Gbalazeh, No Address, 936-672-3335 appeared and stated that she was present to tell them about the Cite and Release Law, which was a Texas State Law and did not understand why the City of Houston was not enforcing it, that where it had been enforced it had been proven it created 25% more space in jails for real criminals, at the same time the City was still making money off of the people that they were citing and releasing, that it was a beneficial law and they needed to enforce it in the City of Houston. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Cohen, Martin, Pennington, Rodriguez, Hoang, Laster, Noriega and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Upon questions by Council Members Green and Bradford, Ms. Gbalazeh stated that in 2007 a law was passed called Cite and Release, it said that people who were stopped with less than 4 ounces of Marijuana and did not have a warrant for their arrest and not committing a crime presently, they were to be cited with a ticket, given three Thursdays to set up a court date, arrange for bail, they were not supposed to lose their vehicle or job, the program was set up for a reason and she did not understand why the City of Houston thought they were above the Cite and Release Law. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Cohen, Martin, Pennington, Rodriguez, Hoang, Laster, Noriega and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

At 3:38 Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated the City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, December 4, 2013. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Cohen, Martin, Pennington, Rodriguez, Hoang, Laster, Noriega and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

The Houston City Council reconvened at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, December 4, 2013, with Mayor Annise Parker presiding and with Council Members Helena Brown, Jerry Davis, Ellen R. Cohen, Wanda Adams, Dave Martin, Al Hoang, Oliver Pennington, Edward Gonzalez, James G. Rodriguez, Larry V. Green, Stephen C. Costello, Andrew C. Burks, Jr. Melissa Noriega, C. O. "Brad" Bradford and Jack Christie, D. C.; Mr. David Feldman, City Attorney; and Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director, and Ms. Stella Ortega, Agenda Office, present. Council Member Mike Laster absent due to death in family..

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

At 9:11 a.m. Mayor Parker called the meeting to order and stated that Council Member Laster was going to be absent and regretted to inform Council Members that he lost his Mother this morning and had to leave town to attend to that situation and she urged everyone to keep Council Member Laster in their prayers and would share information as soon as they receive it. Council Members Adams, Hoang and Noriega absent.

MAYOR'S REPORT - Payday Lending

Mayor Parker stated that the first item on the agenda was a Mayor's Report on proposed regulation of Pay Day Lending in Houston, that it would be presented by City Attorney Dave Feldman, that a PowerPoint presentation would be distributed to Council Members; that as Council Members knew they began discussion of regulation of Pay Day Lending more than a year ago and had a draft ordinance that was presented to Council and then was left pending because the Legislature was in session and it was apparent that the Legislation was going to at least attempt to address the issue of Pay Day Lending, that nothing was successful in passing the Legislative process so they were back to square one, that before them was slightly different than the ordinance originally presented, it was substantially the same in terms of the elements of the ordinance as those that had been passed in a number of major cities across the State of Texas, and Mr. Feldman could detail that more specifically, they had on their own drafted an ordinance with tough regulations on Pay Day Lending, but she had been persuaded, having watched how the Legislative process worked out in Austin, that this was something that ought to be regulated at the State level and there ought to be consistency across the State, that if the State failed to act then it fell to the cities and she thought the City of Houston, by adopting an ordinance that is similar to all material aspects to those in other cities, they send a clear signal to the State Legislature and also establish a platform that they hope that cities across the State adopt, that while there were some elements of the original ordinance that were different, and she actually thought might may have helpful, the main thrust of the ordinance and restrictions on Pay Day Lending that they originally conceived were still in the current ordinance, and in some ways it was a stricter ordinance, which would benefit their citizens, that before them they had a list of Houston organizations and individuals that may have already contacted Council Members in support of the current ordinance to regulate Pay Day Lending, that she had personally been contacted by Cardinal DiNardo on the issue and in addition individuals and organizations had stepped up, it was well past time for them to take action on the issue of Pay Day Lending and would call on Mr. Feldman to walk through where they were today.

Mr. David Feldman, reviewed a PowerPoint Presentation titled "Proposed Regulation of Pay Day Lending in Houston", a copy of which is on file in the City Secretary's Office for review.

After discussion and questions by Members of City Council, Mayor Parker stated that to be clear their goal was not to do away with Pay Day Lending, it did provide a service and she had family members, as she believed they had, who had used the services of Pay Day Lenders, it was designed to limit the extremes and the predatory aspect that could quickly take hold, but not to do away and not necessarily drive them out the City.

Mayor Parker stated that Mr. Judson Robinson, III, former Council Member, who represented the Urban League, who supported the ordinance, was present in the Chamber and she wanted to recognize a former colleague.

At 10:45 a.m. Mayor Parker stated they would move to the agenda. Council Members Davis, Cohen and Martin absent.

Council Member Pennington moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of considering Item No. 40 prior to the consent agenda, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Laster absent due to death in family. Council Members Davis, Cohen and Martin absent. MOTION 2013-0758 ADOPTED.

Council Member Green moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of considering Item No. 20 out of order, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Laster absent due to death in family. Council Members Davis, Cohen and Martin absent. MOTION 2013-0759 ADOPTED.

40. RECEIVE nominations for the City of Houston representative of the **HARRIS COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for a two year term – was presented. Council Members Davis and Martin absent.

Council Member Pennington stated that he would nominate Mr. Ray A. Holtzapple for reappointment as the City of Houston Council representative on the Harris County Appraisal District Board of Directors, that he had attached his resume. Council Member Martin absent.

Mayor Parker stated that the nomination for Mr. Ray Holtzapple had been received, he was currently serving in that position and this would be a reappointment, and asked if there were any other nominations, and hearing none asked for a motion to close the nominations. Council Member Martin absent.

Council Member Gonzalez moved to close nominations for a representative of the Harris County Appraisal District Board of Directors, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Laster absent due to death in family. Council Member Martin absent. MOTION 2013-0760 ADOPTED.

20. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing an agreement between the City of Houston and **SOUTH CENTRAL HOUSTON ACTION COUNCIL, INC, dba CENTRAL CARE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER**, to provide a \$1,100,000.00 Grant of Federal Community Development Block Grant Funds for costs associated with the construction/build out of 13,000 square feet of space in a facility located at 14065 South Main Street, Houston, Texas, to be used as a health and wellness center for underserved Houstonians - **DISTRICT K – GREEN** – was presented.

After discussion by Council Members Green, Adams and Gonzalez, Mayor Parker stated that this was going to be an excellent project.

A vote was called on Item No. 20. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Laster absent due to death in family. ORDINANCE 2013-1089 ADOPTED.

CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 1 through 39

MISCELLANEOUS - NUMBER 1

1. RECOMMENDATION from Director Planning & Development Department to designate an Honorary Street Marker for **REVEREND CALVIN J. ABRAHAM** to be located at 803 East 36th Street and Cornell - **DISTRICT H – GONZALEZ** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Laster absent due to death in family. MOTION 2013-0761 ADOPTED.

ACCEPT WORK - NUMBERS 6 through 8

6. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$953,121.22 and acceptance of work on contract with **SCR CONSTRUCTION CO., INC** for Bridge Rehabilitation Broadway Blvd at Brays Bayou 4.56% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICT I - RODRIGUEZ** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Pennington. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Laster absent due to death in family. MOTION 2013-0762 ADOPTED.
7. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$4,506,919.08 and acceptance of work on contract with **SER CONSTRUCTION PARTNERS, LLC** for Bellaire West Drainage Improvements Projects 2% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICT F - HOANG** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Pennington. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Laster absent due to death in family. MOTION 2013-0763 ADOPTED.
8. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$3,512,026.00 and acceptance of work on contract with **INDUSTRIAL TX CORP.** for Multiple Satellite Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements - 4.45% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICTS A - BROWN; B - DAVIS; I - RODRIGUEZ and K - GREEN** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Pennington. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Laster absent due to death in family. MOTION 2013-0764 ADOPTED.

PROPERTY - NUMBER 9

9. RECOMMENDATION from City Attorney to deposit the amount of the Award of Special Commissioners into the Registry of the Court, pay the costs of Court incurred in connection with eminent domain proceeding styled City of Houston v. Houston Inwood Professional, Ltd., et al., Cause No. 1032141; for acquisition of Parcel AY12-164; for the **WEST LITTLE YORK PAVING & DRAINAGE PROJECT, (T. C. Jester - Alabonson/Deep Forest)** - **DISTRICT A - BROWN** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Laster absent due to death in family. Council Members Adams and Green absent. MOTION 2013-0765 ADOPTED.

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS - NUMBERS 10 through 16

10. **CONSTRUCTION MASTERS OF HOUSTON, INC** for purchase of Construction Services for Ipswich Road Remediation at Hobby Airport through the Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Purchasing with the Harris County Department of Education for the Houston Airport System \$143,905.32 and contingencies for a total amount not to exceed \$158,295.85 - **DISTRICT I - RODRIGUEZ** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Laster absent due to death in family. Council Members Adams and Green absent. MOTION 2013-0766 ADOPTED.

13. **SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC USA, INC** for purchase of Electrical Circuit Breakers from the State of Texas Procurement and Support Services Contract through the State of Texas Cooperative Purchasing Program for the Department of Public Works & Engineering Department - \$69,772.80 Enterprise Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Laster absent due to death in family. Council Members Adams and Green absent. MOTION 2013-0767 ADOPTED.
14. **AMERICAN MATERIAL HANDLING, INC** for Truck-Mounted Boom Crane for the Department of Public Works & Engineering - \$128,170.00 - Enterprise Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Laster absent due to death in family. Council Members Adams and Green absent. MOTION 2013-0768 ADOPTED.
15. **ALSTOM POWER, INC** for purchase of Cage Mill Flash Dryer Replacement Parts for the Department of Public Works & Engineering Department - \$650,000.00 - 3 years with two one-year options - Enterprise Fund - **DISTRICT H - GONZALEZ** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Laster absent due to death in family. Council Members Adams and Green absent. MOTION 2013-0769 ADOPTED.
16. **RUSH TRUCK CENTERS OF TEXAS LP DBA RUSH TRUCK CENTER HOUSTON** for Automotive Peterbilt Truck Repair Service & Replacement Parts for Various Departments \$1,536,704.00 - 3 years with two one-year options - Fleet Management Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Laster absent due to death in family. Council Members Adams and Green absent. MOTION 2013-0770 ADOPTED.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES - NUMBERS 17 through 39

17. RESOLUTION approving the creation of the **LAKE HOUSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**; approving the certificate of formation and the bylaws thereof; confirming the appointment of the Initial Directors and Chairperson – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Laster absent due to death in family. Council Members Adams and Green absent. RESOLUTION 2013-0062 ADOPTED.
22. ORDINANCE appropriating \$300,000.00 out of Parks Special Fund; approving and authorizing an Interlocal Agreement between the City and the **HOUSTON PARKS BOARD LGC, INC** for the Restoration of Woodland Park - **DISTRICT H - GONZALEZ** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Laster absent due to death in family. Council Members Adams and Green absent. ORDINANCE 2013-1090 ADOPTED.
23. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing the acceptance of a grant award from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the 2014 Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grant Program; declaring the City's eligibility for such grant; authorizing the Director of Health and Human Services Department to accept the grant and expend the grant funds, as awarded, and to apply for and accept all subsequent awards, if any, pertaining to the grant - had been pulled from the Agenda by the Administration, and was not considered. Council Members Adams and Green absent.

24. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Lease Agreement between the City of Houston and **PHILLIPS 66 COMPANY** for certain premises at George Bush Intercontinental Airport \$214,755.00 - Revenue - **DISTRICT B - DAVIS** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Laster absent due to death in family. Council Members Adams and Green absent. ORDINANCE 2013-1091 ADOPTED.
26. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Houston and **TEXAS A&M ENGINEERING EXPERIMENT STATION** for Energy Services for the Houston Airport System; providing a maximum contract amount - \$1,500,000.00 - 3 years with one two year option - Enterprise Fund - **DISTRICTS B - DAVIS; E - MARTIN and I - RODRIGUEZ** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Laster absent due to death in family. Council Members Adams and Green absent. ORDINANCE 2013-1092 ADOPTED.
28. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing task order contracts between the City of Houston and **BUILDING ENVELOPE CONSULTANTS, LLC** and **ZERO/SIX CONSULTING, LLC** for Professional Roofing Consultant Services; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 years – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Laster absent due to death in family. Council Members Adams and Green absent. ORDINANCE 2013-1093 ADOPTED.
29. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **JACKSON, SJOBERG, MCCARTHY & TOWNSEND, LLP** for Legal Services - \$900,000.00 - 5 years Enterprise Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Laster absent due to death in family. Council Members Adams and Green absent. ORDINANCE 2013-1094 ADOPTED.
31. ORDINANCE awarding, approving and authorizing contract between the City and **DRESSER, INC** for Blower Replacement Parts and Services for the Public Works and Engineering Department; providing a maximum contract amount - \$8,000,000.00 - 3 years with two one-year options Enterprise Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Laster absent due to death in family. Council Members Adams and Green absent. ORDINANCE 2013-1095 ADOPTED.
32. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **FULL SPECTRUM ANALYTICS, INC** for Preventative Maintenance & Repair Services on Varian/Agilent Analytical Instruments for Various Departments; providing a maximum contract amount - \$662,930.00 - 3 years with two one-year options - General and Enterprise Funds – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Laster absent due to death in family. Council Members Adams and Green absent. ORDINANCE 2013-1096 ADOPTED.
35. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT SERVICES, PA D/B/A IMS ENGINEERS, INC** for Victory Preparatory Academy Roof and Parking Lot Repairs, contingent on contractor's submission of all required contract documents - \$57,700.00 - Grant Fund - **DISTRICT B - DAVIS** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Laster absent due to death in family. Council Members Adams and Green absent. ORDINANCE 2013-1097 ADOPTED.
36. ORDINANCES providing for an ad valorem tax exemption on the following historical sites listed A through F in Houston, Texas; containing findings and other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; providing for the revocation of such tax exemptions and the

recapture of taxes upon the occurrence of stated events - **DISTRICT H - GONZALEZ** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Laster absent due to death in family. Council Members Adams and Green absent. ORDINANCE 2013-1098 through 2013-1103 ADOPTED.

1005 Oxford Street – (2013-1098)
832 Columbia Street – (2013-1099)
1150 Cortlandt Street – (2013-1100)
919 Oxford Street – (2013-1101)
118 Payne Street – (2013-1102)
1401 Tulane Street – (2013-1103)

37. ORDINANCES providing for an ad valorem tax exemption on the following historical sites listed A through H in Houston, Texas; containing findings and other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; providing for the revocation of such tax exemptions and the recapture of taxes upon the occurrence of stated events - **DISTRICTS G - PENNINGTON and H - GONZALEZ** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Laster absent due to death in family. Council Members Adams and Green absent. ORDINANCE 2013-1104 through 2013-1111 ADOPTED.

1810 Summer Street – (2013-1104)
15 North Chenevert Street – (2013-1105)
2455 Pine Valley Court – (2013-1106)
2155 Chilton Road – (2013-1107)
2417 Pelham Drive – (2013-1108)
2023 Claremont Lane – (2013-1109)
3449 Overbrook Lane – (2013-1110)
2245 Dryden Road – (2013-1111)

38. ORDINANCES granting to the following listed as A through E, the right, privilege and franchise to collect, haul and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions and making certain findings related thereto - **FIRST READING** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Laster absent due to death in family. Council Members Adams and Green absent. ORDINANCE 2013-1112 through 2013-1116 PASSED FIRST READING IN FULL.

GRACE DISPOSAL SYSTEM, LLC DBA ROYAL DISPOSAL & RECYCLE,
a Texas Limited Liability Company – (2013-1112)
TUCO BROTHERS WASTE, INC, a Texas Corporation – (2013-1113)
BFI WASTE SERVICES OF TEXAS, LP, a Delaware Limited Partnership –
(2013-1114)
DANIEL HOLDEN DBA MR. PUMPER SEWER SERVICE,
a Texas Sole Proprietorship – (2013-1115)
JANUARY TRANSPORT, INC, a Texas Corporation – (2013-1116)

39. ORDINANCES Nos. 2013-1045 to 2013-1052, passed first reading November 13, 2013 for Ordinances granting to the following listed as A through H, the right, privilege and franchise to collect, haul and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions and making certain findings related thereto - **THIRD AND FINAL READING** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Laster absent due to death in family. Council

Members Adams and Green absent. ORDINANCE 2013-1045 through 2013-1052 ADOPTED THIRD AND FINAL READING IN FULL.

MIDSTATE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, a Texas Limited Partnership
- (2013-1045)

GLOBAL WASTE SERVICES, LLC, a Texas Limited Liability Company - (2013-1046)

TWISTER WASTE, INC, a Texas Corporation - (2013-1047)

NORTHSIDE GARBAGE SERVICE, INC, a Texas Corporation - (2013-1048)

REPIPE CONSTRUCTION DBA IPR SOUTH CENTRAL, LLC, a Texas Limited Liability Company - (2013-1049)

ASTRO WASTE, INC, a Texas Corporation - (2013-1050)

AZTEC PORTACANS AND CONTAINERS LTD, a Texas Limited Partnership
- (2013-1051)

NATIONAL WORKS, INC, a Texas Corporation - (2013-1052)

MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA WERE CONSIDERED AS FOLLOWS:

MISCELLANEOUS

2. RECOMMENDATION from the Mayor's Office of Intergovernmental Relations for renewal of membership in the **TEXAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE** - 1 Year - \$80,275.00 - General Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Costello. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Laster absent due to death in family. Council Members Adams and Green absent. MOTION 2013-0771 ADOPTED.
3. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for payment of invoice from **TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY** Annual Consolidated Water Quality Fee for FY14 - \$1,565,698.27 - Enterprise Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Costello. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Laster absent due to death in family. Council Members Adams and Green absent. MOTION 2013-0772 ADOPTED.
4. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for payment to **TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY** for Water System Fees for calendar year 2014 - \$1,964,742.05 - Enterprise Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Costello. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Laster absent due to death in family. Council Members Adams and Green absent. MOTION 2013-0773 ADOPTED.

ACCEPT WORK

5. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$4,892,381.35 and acceptance of work on contract with **JFT CONSTRUCTION, INC** for Neighborhood Street Reconstruction Project 451 - 1.78% over the original contract amount and under 5% contingency amount - **DISTRICT K – GREEN** – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Green. Council Member Adams absent.

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS

11. **TEKSYS, INC** - \$175,895.87; **NEOS CONSULTING GROUP LLC** - \$982,199.00; **PREFERRED TECHNOLOGIES, INC** - \$507,326.40 for purchase of Wireless Camera Equipment and Services for the Public Safety Video Initiative through the City's Master Agreement with the Texas Department of Information Resources for the Mayor's Office of Public Safety and Homeland Security - \$1,665,421.27 and contingencies for a total project amount not to exceed \$1,831,963.40 - Grant Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Laster absent due to death in family. Council Member Adams absent. MOTION 2013-0774 ADOPTED.
12. ORDINANCE appropriating \$198,945.22 out of Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund for the purchase of Grounds Maintenance Equipment for the Parks & Recreation Department – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Laster absent due to death in family. Council Members Adams and Martin absent. ORDINANCE 2013-1117 ADOPTED.
- 12a. **PROFESSIONAL TURF PRODUCTS, L.P.** - \$142,629.73; **JOHN DEERE COMPANY** - \$56,315.49 for purchase of Grounds Maintenance Equipment through the Interlocal Agreements for Cooperative Purchasing with the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative (BuyBoard) and the Houston-Galveston Area Council for the Parks & Recreation Department \$198,945.55 - Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Laster absent due to death in family. Council Members Adams and Martin absent. MOTION 2013-0775 ADOPTED.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

18. ORDINANCE **AMENDING CHAPTERS 1 AND 8 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF HOUSTON, TEXAS**, relating to Wrecker Drivers; containing findings other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; providing for severability - was presented, and tagged by Council Member Brown. Council Members Adams and Martin absent.
19. ORDINANCE **AMENDING CHAPTERS 8 AND 28 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF HOUSTON, TEXAS**, relating to Automotive Dealers; containing findings other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; providing for severability – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Brown. Council Member Martin absent.
21. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing a contract between the City of Houston and the **HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT** for the administration of an After School Achievement Program \$200,000.00 - Grant Funds - **DISTRICTS C - COHEN; D - ADAMS; E - MARTIN; H - GONZALEZ; I - RODRIGUEZ; J - LASTER and K - GREEN** – was presented. Council Member Brown voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Laster absent due to death in family. Council Member Martin absent. ORDINANCE 2013-1118 ADOPTED.
25. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Amendment No. 1 to the contract for professional consulting services between the City of Houston and **RESEARCH HORIZONS, LLC, D/B/A PHOENIX MARKETING INTERNATIONAL** for Customer Satisfaction Surveys for the Houston Airport System; amending Ordinance No. 2011-661 to increase the maximum contract amount – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Laster absent due to death in family. Council Member Martin absent. ORDINANCE 2013-1119 ADOPTED.

27. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing a Reimbursable Fee Agreement between the City of Houston and **UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U. S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION** for the Houston Airport System; providing a maximum contract amount - \$1,000,000.00 - **DISTRICTS B - DAVIS; E - MARTIN and I - RODRIGUEZ** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Laster absent due to death in family. Council Member Martin absent. ORDINANCE 2013-1120 ADOPTED.
30. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Memorandum of Understanding No. 2 between the City and **HOUSTON FORENSIC SCIENCE LGC, INC** - \$1,567,110.00 - General Fund – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Brown. Council Member Martin absent.
33. ORDINANCE awarding contract to **SCR CONSTRUCTION CO., INC** for Cleaning and Sealing Cracks in Pavement Citywide for the Public Works and Engineering Department; providing a maximum amount - \$567,050.00 - 3 years with two one-year options - Enterprise Fund – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Brown. Council Member Martin absent.
34. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing a Professional Architectural Services Contract between the City of Houston and **PIERCE GOODWIN ALEXANDER & LINVILLE, INC** for the Houston Emergency Center Training Facility, contingent on contractor's submission of all required contract documents - \$116,209.00 - Houston Emergency Center Fund - **DISTRICT H - GONZALEZ** – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Brown. Council Member Martin absent.

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Pennington stated that he had a constituent bring up an issue, he was a manufacturer in Houston and sold equipment to whomever wanted to buy, the problem arises that although most of the contract with the City would be for the value of the equipment in the contract, the contractors themselves did not qualify for Houston First and it seemed to him that it might be worthwhile to look at the policy or look at the underlying facts of a particular contract to determine if most of the work was in fact either services or equipment, that if it was being done by local residents that they might be included in that program, even though the general contractor might not be. Council Members Brown, Martin, Hoang, Gonzalez, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker asked if it was a purchase of goods, and Council Member Pennington stated yes, it was wastewater treatment equipment and would be incorporated by a contractor, the manufacturer did not build from a facility, they just sell, and Mayor Parker stated that the only issue was that they were still limited by low bid provisions in State Law, and Council Member Pennington stated that this just had to do with the Houston First provision that they did not qualify if they sold to a contractor that resides out of State, it did not qualify for that program, and Mayor Parker stated that she had to look at it. Council Members Brown, Martin, Hoang, Gonzalez, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Council Member Green stated that today was a great day for District K as they just saw the passage of the partnership with Fountain of Praise, Fountain Life and the City of Houston; that they passed After School Programs for three District K Schools, Hobby Elementary, Hobby Elementary and Tinsley Elementary, all of these schools were Title I Schools and the schools had to raise and match their After School dollars; that he had tagged Item No. 5, which dealt with a reconstruction project of neighborhood streets and the civic club had asked for an opportunity to complete a walk through, they had been in conversations with Public Works and

they understood and thought they were fine with the tag; and announced events he attended or would be attending; and stated that he wanted to send his sincere condolences to Council Member Laster on the passing of his mother, his thoughts and prayers were with him and his family during this time of bereavement; that he wanted to acknowledge the Founders Day of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., this year made 107 years of membership. Council Members Brown, Martin, Hoang, Pennington, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Burks, Bradford and Noriega absent.

Council Member Davis stated that today they had an open dialog about Pay Day Lending and he wanted to say thanks to Mayor Parker and Mr. Feldman for brining this forward again, that it was needed because it did put people in a situation that they felt they could not get out of, that he wanted to try to work with Council Members to see how they could lure business and a way they could entice banks and other people to help them with the problem, and also with United Way and sponsors who supported this to figure out how they could really and effectively have change with the ordinance. Council Members Brown, Martin, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Burks, Bradford and Noriega absent.

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

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

Mayor Parker stated that she wanted to thank Council Member Christi for so often representing the City at their international events; that she agreed on the Thanksgiving Parade, Ms. Susan Christian and her team did an outstanding job, in a very short period of time, pulling things together, that having the floats sold off by the private entity was a blessing in disguise because the Arts Community came together, and she did not know that a professional float designer would have designed a float where they had skateboarders on the float in the parade, some really cool ideas, it was really great. Council Members Brown, Davis, Martin, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Burks, Bradford and Noriega absent.

Council Member Costello stated that he wanted to thank Council Members Green and Adams for their strong support of the Pay Day Lending ordinance, that he firmly believed that this was the right thing for them to do and did not think it was a threat to the industry or to the consumer, he thought it was a good thing they needed to do; that it was common knowledge that pensions had been a threat to all municipalities throughout the Country, as well as State and Federal, that yesterday was a historic day, in Detroit the Federal judge had ruled that Detroit could file for Chapter 9 Bankruptcy and that pensions were not secured from that particular issue, that he thought that was a unique ruling, that in addition the Illinois Legislature passed pension reform, starting to reduce their pension liability by \$100 billion, that was their current liability, employees would have their benefits reduced while the State was committed to increase their payments, which was something that they had to commit to, that Houston did not need to file bankruptcy, but they must do something so that future Council's would not have to drastically slash benefits down the road and he would encourage his colleagues to stay tuned, they had some interesting information and activities relative to their pensions and the impact to the City in the future. Council Members Brown, Davis, Martin, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Burks, Bradford and Noriega absent.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that he to wanted to commend everyone involved with the Thanksgiving Day Parade, starting with the Mayor and her leadership intervening, making sure they could save the Thanksgiving Day Parade and Ms. Christian and her team, and Mr. Andy Icken, who had an important role as well, and everyone who participated in the parade and all those along the route; that he wanted to remind all the constituents that early voting had begun on the runoff election, that it started today from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; that as a former

police officer he reviewed safety tips for the community. Council Members Brown, Davis, Martin, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Costello, Burks and Bradford absent.

Mayor Parker stated that it was a good time to remind everybody that the City's official Holiday Celebration was on Friday night, like the unexpectedly cold Thanksgiving Day Parade, it would be unexpectedly cold on Friday night. Council Members Brown, Davis, Martin, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Costello, Burks and Bradford absent.

Council Member Noriega stated that she wanted to recognize Ms. Georgia Lewis in her office, that Ms. Lewis was given a proclamation by the Mayor for her Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary, with her husband Mr. John Lewis, who retired from the VA Hospital as a claim specialist and they called him back to try to clear the backlog, that she and Georgia met at her very first job out of college, she was a merchandise coordinator for a buyer at Foley's, that she was a mentor to her, that over the years she had been her friend, stood in her wedding, a wise woman, mentor, friend and sister, she had worked with them in their office doing a great deal of constituent work, nurturing her end of town, the northwest, and being part of her team, that she wanted to thank her and recognize her milestone wedding anniversary. Council Members Brown, Davis, Martin, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Costello, Burks and Bradford absent.

Council Member Adams announced events she attended or would be attending; and stated that she wanted to send her prayers and condolences to Council Member Laster, that she wanted to let him know she was thinking about him and praying for him; that she wanted to thank her staff as they continued to roll out the year, they were still providing services in the community and wanted to thank the El Dorado Social Club, who gave 40 boxes of food for constituents in District D, in partnership with the District D office last week, that a couple of weeks ago their office distributed 200 boxes of food for those in need, in partnership with the Houston Food Bank; announced events she attended or would be attending; that she and Mayor Parker briefly had a conversation about the Game Room Ordinance and hopefully it would be brought up next year, they knew the State passed a piece of Legislation concerning game rooms in the County, and read from that piece of Legislation, and wanted to commend Mayor Parker because she knew she had already been in communication with Harris County so she hoped they would have a good report after the Mayor's further dialog with Harris County. Council Members Brown, Davis, Martin, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Costello, Burks, Noriega and Bradford absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mayor Parker stated that once again another example of close coordination with Harris County, it was one of the rare instances where they actually had more regulatory authority than the City did and they were working on an agreement where they could bring their enforcement power inside the City, which would be a good step forward. Council Members Brown, Davis, Martin, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Costello, Burks, Noriega and Bradford absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

There being no further business before Council, the City Council adjourned at 11:20 a.m. Council Member Laster absent due to death in family. Council Members Brown, Davis, Martin, Hoang, Pennington, Rodriguez, Costello, Burks, Noriega and Bradford absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

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

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

/S/Anna Russell

Anna Russell, City Secretary