City Council Chamber, City Hall, Wednesday, January 22, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 22, 2014, Mayor Annise Parker presiding, with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jerry Davis, Ellen R. Cohen, Dwight Boykins, Dave Martin, Richard Nguyen, Oliver Pennington, Edward Gonzalez, Robert Gallegos, Mike Laster, Larry V. Green, Stephen C. Costello, David Robinson, Michael Kubosh, C. O. “Brad” Bradford and Jack Christie, D.C.; Mr. Dave Feldman, City Attorney; Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director and Ms. Stella Ortega, Agenda Office, present.

At 8:32 a.m. the City Secretary read the descriptions or captions of items on the Agenda.

At 9:10 a.m. Mayor Parker called the meeting to order and stated that she wanted to make sure that all Council Members were aware, they sent them an advance notice last night, but she had a press conference this morning at 8:30 a.m. announcing that the City of Houston had filed a lawsuit against the Houston Firefighters Relief and Retirement Fund, not to strip anyone of their benefits, not to change the benefit system, but to try to force a meet and confer process with that pension system, as they had with the other two pension systems, that this was something that she had talked about for years and was something they tried to achieve through the Legislative process, now they were seeking judicial relief that they could not find in the Legislature, that it had no impact on the other two retirement systems, they had productive relationships with HPOPS and HMEPS, they had successfully negotiated with those two systems, but because they were preempted by the State of Texas with their firefighters pension system they had brought the lawsuit, they sent out to Council Members a memo from Mr. Feldman last night and some frequently asked questions, the pleading was available on the City’s website, they could see it immediately after the Council meeting and they would keep Council Members apprised of the progress of the suit.

Mayor Parker stated that she wanted to give a shout out to Mr. Tony Morris, who they all knew covered Council as a photographer, he had surgery last week and had some complications, that she understood that Council Member Kubosh had spoken to Mr. Morris and asked how was he doing.

Council Member Kubosh stated that Tony told him to let the Council know that his surgery went sideways, that was his terminology and they were not able to remove the mass so they closed the wound and he was in ICU and told him to let them know to pray for him, that he was going to have to be facing radiology, as well as chemotherapy, that he would see him today, and Mayor Parker stated for Council Member Kubosh to offer him their regards.

Mayor Parker stated that she wanted to thank all of the Council Members who sent best wishes, the time away was too short, but she had Council meetings last week and this week, so she had to squeeze that trip in.

Council Member Bradford requested a point of inquiry, and stated that he was not trying to get into a prolonged discussion, a single point of inquiry about the pension litigation, was it correct to say that the litigation did not, would not or was not intended to impact firefighters who had already retired and were receiving an annuity, but it may or would if it was successful impact current firefighters who may have 25 or 29 years of service, but had not retired.

Mayor Parker stated no, that was not correct, what they were trying to achieve was the ability to negotiate, what came from those negotiations they could not say today, that they had expressly stated that they had no intention of trying to reduce a benefit already received by retired firefighters and they had every intention of trying to change the system for new entries, but it would be a matter of negotiation what happened to existing firefighters.
At 9:15 a.m. Mayor Parker recognized Council Member Pennington for the invocation and pledge of allegiance.

Council Member Pennington stated that he wanted to thank Council Member Kubosh for the report on Tony, they all respected and loved him and knew that his health and well being would be in their prayers, and invited Reverend Janie Kirt Morris, Priest of the Episcopal Church, and Rector of Emmanuel Church, at the corner of Memorial Drive and Eldridge Parkway for the invocation, and Council Member Pennington led all in the pledge of allegiance.

At 9:18 p.m. the City Secretary called the roll. All present.

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

Mayor Parker recognized Council Member Martin for a procedural motion.

Council Member Martin moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of considering Item No. 49 out of order after the consent agenda, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0057 ADOPTED.

At 9:20 a.m. Mayor Parker stated they would move to the public hearing.

HEARINGS - 9:00 A.M.

1. PUBLIC HEARING regarding the non-competitive 4% tax credit application for the Village At Palm Center, located at 5110 Griggs Road - DISTRICT D – BOYKINS – was called.

The City Secretary stated that there was no presentation, but they did have speakers on the item.

Mr. Marlon Mitchell, 5330 Griggs Rd., Houston, Texas 77021 – 713-845-2418 – appeared and stated that he was President of Houston Business Development, Inc., they were responsible for administering CDBG Funds on behalf of the City and managing Palm Center, 5330 Griggs, adjacent to the project at hand, Village at Palm Center, that he was present to pledge support for the project, that he thought it would serve as a catalyst for redeveloping the area and would urge their support.

Upon discussion and question by Council Members Boykins, Gonzalez and Pennington, Mr. Mitchell stated that Palm Center was built in 1954 and they sort of redeveloped it into a mix use complex where they had governmental agencies, nonprofits and a small business incubator, that took place in 1993 so they were hoping that not only the Village at Palm Center, but other developments, proposed City library, properties owned by the Midtown TIRZ, the new school they had, PEC Elementary School, KIPP Academy, all of these would serve as a catalytic approach to redeveloping the area and would certainly have an impact on Palm Center as they looked at ways to redevelop it, that this development would not carve out any part of Palm Center; that the 4% tax credit was part of the capital stack that would help to develop the 250 plus units at the Palm Center.

Mayor Parker stated that this was a State application that did not require action necessarily of the City of Houston, although they were required to hold public hearings and allow the public to have input into the process.

Dr. Teddy McDavid, 3746 Charleston, Houston, Texas 77021 – 713-748-4679 – appeared
and stated that she was present to endorse and was highly supportive of the Village at Palm Center, that she was President of the Old Spanish Trail Community Partnership, representing some 55 civic clubs, over 5,000 households and 71 business owners, that this was the first new development in their area since the West McGregor Estates, that most assuredly ITEX had been the most open, honest and full of integrity, immersing themselves into their community, they had met, since January 2013, with everybody who had any kind of question about the project, that not only had they answered all of the questions from the community, but had allowed them to bring in small business owners who may indeed want to have some degree of employment with the project while it was being constructed, during and afterwards.

Mr. Clark T. Colvin, 5330 Griggs Rd., No. B109, Houston, Texas 77021 – 409-540-0565 – appeared and stated that it had been a wonderful experience for the ITEX Group to work with the OST Community Partnership and the many organizations and neighborhood associations that worked so nicely together to promote this important part of their City, that it was a dedicated group of people that were well organized and focused on their collective goals for the community, that they had let them know their vision and he thought it was amazing to him that their vision had basically been a common consensus vision, that he was 65 years old and had been in development a long time and had never seen this in his entire career, that as a result of their unity of purpose the Tier One Note of Opportunity they selected was already making marvelous economic progress before they arrived, that they had taken time to listen to their neighbors and had been very truthful with them, they knew that many months of community meetings and input had already taken place, had been given before the Housing and Community Affairs Department issued it’s RFP, they chose to pursue this opportunity, that the preplanning was a great credit to the leadership of the department and to the entire City of Houston, the leadership of the OST Partnership and Southeast Houston Transformational Alliance made sure that they knew the communities preferences, that they had already resolved themselves that affordable housing would be needed to prevent gentrification, as the neighborhood progressed, they expressed a need for market rate rental homes and were very pleased that 20% of the new apartments and townhomes in the development would be leased on a market rate, that they would construct 14,500 square feet of commercial space and had made a commitment to seek high end retail, that the Village at Palm Center fit nicely with the other wonderful neighborhood investments like Palm Center and the community center and all of the community services that were manage by the Houston Business Development, Inc.

Mayor Parker stated that this was a new program from the State, they often specified what the process was, there was a lack of specificity in this particular program, except that it said that there must be a public hearing in front of the governing body, but there was a whole program of previous meetings that had taken place to get it to this point and knew that the District Council Member was aware of the project.

Mayor Parker asked if there was any member of the audience who wished to address the governing body on this particular issue, and seeing no one requested a motion to close the public hearing.

Council Member Costello moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0058 ADOPTED.

1a. RESOLUTION expressing no objection to an application from Houston 5110 Griggs Road Residential, LP to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for Tax Credits for a Proposed Development for Affordable Rental Housing to be located at 5110 Griggs Road in the City of Houston, Texas, and to be known as Village at Palm Center - DISTRICT D – BOYKINS – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. RESOLUTION 2014-0001 ADOPTED.
Mayor Parker stated that they would move to the consent agenda.

MAYOR’S REPORT

CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 2 through 37

MISCELLANEOUS - NUMBERS 2 and 3

2. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the reappointment of the following individuals to the BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER FOURTEEN, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS, ALSO KNOWN AS THE FOURTH WARD ZONE:
   - Position Three - MARIAN MICHELLE DAVENPORT, for a term to expire June 8, 2015
   - Position Four - OWEN B. BROWN, for a term to expire June 8, 2015
   - Position Five - JACQUELINE BOSTIC, for a term to expire June 8, 2015, and to serve as Chair
   - Position Six - ANTHONY W. HALL, III, for a term to expire June 8, 2014
   - Position Seven - JESSE SAENZ, for a term to expire June 8, 2014

   - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Laster. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0059 ADOPTED.

3. RECOMMENDATION from Director Administration & Regulatory Affairs Department for the designation of a residential parking permit areas in the Super Neighborhoods of Neartown-Montrose - DISTRICT C – COHEN – was pulled from the agenda and was not considered.

   Mayor Parker stated that they had just affirmed the reappointment of Directors to Reinvestment Zone No. 14 and thought that Ms. Jacqueline Bostic was present in the audience and requested that she come forward.

   Mayor Parker thanked Ms. Bostic for her service to the City of Houston.

   Ms. Bostic thanked Mayor Parker and the City Council for allowing her the privilege and the opportunity to continue to serve the community.

   Council Members Green and Cohen congratulated Ms. Bostic on her reappointment and thanked her for her service to the City of Houston.

   Council Member Kubosh requested a point of order and asked if Mayor Parker could clarify the difference between what was happening today with the consolidation compared with the way they normally did it.

   Mayor Parker stated when there was a Monday holiday they compressed the Council meetings and they started the meeting at 9:00 a.m., the public session started as close to 9:30 a.m. as they could, there was a motion to do the consent agenda and one item and then they would go to the public session and back to the agenda.

ACCEPT WORK - NUMBERS 4 and 5

4. RECOMMENDATION from Director General Services Department for approval of final contract amount of $247,128.00 and acceptance of work on contract with SPECIALTY CONSTRUCTION for Keith Wiess Park - 5.00% over the original contract amount and
within the 5% contingency DISTRICT B - DAVIS - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Laster. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0060 ADOPTED.

5. RECOMMENDATION from Director General Services Department for approval of final contract amount of $130,623.00 and acceptance of work on contract with SPECIALTY CONSTRUCTION for Nieto Park Splash Pad - 4.94% over the original contract amount and under the approved 5% contingency DISTRICT H - GONZALEZ - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0061 ADOPTED.

PROPERTY - NUMBERS 7 through 10

7. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering, reviewed and approved by the Joint Referral Committee, on request from Debra Leger-Jordan, Network Development Services, on behalf of SMB Investments, Ltd, [EEC Interest, LLC, (Craig Calmes, President) General Partner], for sale of a ±979-square-foot tract of excess fee-owned property and a ±1,272-square-foot tract of excess fee-owned property, both located within the Rosslyn Heights Addition, out of the Samuel McClelland One Third League, A-544, Parcels SY14-046A and SY14-046B - DISTRICT C - COHEN - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Cohen. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0062 ADOPTED.

8. RECOMMENDATION from City Attorney to settle eminent domain proceeding styled City of Houston v. Sanhedrin II, L.P, et al., Cause No. 1008877; for a total consideration of $1,200,000.00; for acquisition of Parcel LY11-011; for the MITIGATION PROGRAM FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS - PARKER ROAD RECONSTRUCTION/GREENS BAYOU AND HALLS BAYOU and related tributaries - DISTRICT B - DAVIS - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Cohen. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0063 ADOPTED.

9. RECOMMENDATION from City Attorney to settle eminent domain proceeding styled City of Houston v. Richard Nguyen and Nancy Huynh, et al., Cause No. 1011755; for a total consideration of $250,000.00; for acquisition of Parcels AY8-285 & AY8-290; for the YALE STREET PAVING AND DRAINAGE PROJECT (Tidwell - W. Parker) - DISTRICT H - GONZALEZ - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Cohen. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0064 ADOPTED.

10. RECOMMENDATION from City Attorney to settle eminent domain proceeding styled City of Houston v. Pepperwood, Inc., et al., Cause No. 1027572; for a total consideration of $75,000.00; for acquisition of Parcel VY12-028; for the WILLOWCHASE LIFT STATION DIVERSION PROJECT (Mills - Willowchase) - DISTRICT A - STARDIG - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Cohen. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0065 ADOPTED.

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS - NUMBERS 11 through 14A

11. HILL’S PET NUTRITION SALES, INC for Dry Pet Food for the Administration & Regulatory Affairs Department - $183,555.50 - BARC Special Revenue Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Pennington. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0066 ADOPTED.
13. **MD HELICOPTERS, INC** for Training Services for the Houston Police Department - $84,755.00 Police Special Services Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Pennington. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0067 ADOPTED.

14. ORDINANCE appropriating $3,299,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund to Remove, Furnish and Install Gate Valves and associated equipment for the Public Works & Engineering Department - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0031 ADOPTED.

14a. **PEPPER-LAWSON WATERWORKS, LLC** to Remove, Furnish and Install Gate Valves and Associated Equipment for the Department of Public Works & Engineering - Enterprise Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Pennington. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0068 ADOPTED.

**ORDINANCES - NUMBERS 15 through 37**

15. ORDINANCE finding and determining that public convenience and necessity no longer require the continued use of five utility easements in the Rosslyn Subdivision, Houston, Texas; abandoning the easements to BWS Humble Center, LP, owner, in consideration of its payment to the City of $33,079.00 and other consideration -**DISTRICT A - STARDIG** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0032 ADOPTED.

19. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **SEARCH HOMELESS SERVICES, (FORMERLY SERVICE OF THE EMERGENCY AID RESOURCE CENTER FOR THE HOMELESS, INC)** to provide up to $83,796.00 in Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Funds for the administration and operation of a supportive services program offering childcare for homeless families affected by HIV - 1 Year with one-year renewal option - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0033 ADOPTED.

20. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **HOUSTON SRO HOUSING CORPORATION** to provide up to $98,955.68 in Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Funds for the operation of a single room occupancy/community residence located at 1111 McIlhenny Street and the provision of other supportive services - 1 Year with one-year renewal option - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0034 ADOPTED.

21. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing second amendment to Loan Agreement between the City of Houston and **STERLING GROVE, L.P.** for Sterling Grove Apartments (now known as Reserve at White Oak Apartments), an Affordable Rental Housing Community located in the vicinity of 6240 Antoine Drive, Houston, Texas -**DISTRICT A - STARDIG** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0035 ADOPTED.

22. ORDINANCE accepting eight artwork installations for temporary placement in various locations in Hermann Park on a Temporary Loan Basis in celebration of the Park’s Centennial and approving and authorizing agreement between the City of Houston and the **HERMANN PARK CONSERVANCY** for donation and temporary loan of such works of art -**DISTRICT D - BOYKINS** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0036 ADOPTED.

23. ORDINANCE relating to the Lillie and Roy Cullen Sculpture Garden (The “Sculpture Garden”); making findings and approving the use of a portion of the Sculpture Garden for
an underground tunnel for pedestrian and vehicular use; authorizing the conveyance of an access easement from the City to the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, across a portion of the Sculpture Garden; authorizing the extension of an Operating Agreement for the Sculpture Garden between the City and the **MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS, HOUSTON - DISTRICT C - COHEN** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0037 ADOPTED.

24. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Purchase Agreement between the City of Houston, Texas, Seller, and **TRILATERALGROUP, LLC, Purchaser**, to sell 5.9857 acres of land located at 2001 Dairy Ashford Road, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT G - PENNINGTON** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0038 ADOPTED.

28. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Amendment No. 2 to Lease Agreement between the City of Houston and **CONOCOPHILLIPS COMPANY** for certain premises at George Bush Intercontinental Airport/Houston (IAH) - Revenue - **DISTRICT B - DAVIS** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0039 ADOPTED.

29. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Amendment No. 2 to Lease Agreement between City of Houston and **F 2000, INC**, as assigned from Knickerbocker Corporation for certain premises at William P. Hobby Airport - Revenue - **DISTRICT I - GALLEGOS** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0040 ADOPTED.

31. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing an agreement for professional services between the City of Houston and **BERLITZ LANGUAGES, INC** for Conversational Language Testing Services for the Police and Fire Departments; providing a maximum contract amount - $340,000.00 – 3 years with two one-year options - General Fund - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0041 ADOPTED.

32. ORDINANCE awarding contract to **AMERICAN ROAD MAINTENANCE** for Cleaning and Sealing of Asphalt Streets Citywide for the Public Works & Engineering Department; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options - $1,794,775.00 - Dedicated Drainage and Street Renewal Fund - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0042 ADOPTED.

34. ORDINANCE consenting to the addition of 0.9448 acres of land to **NORTHWEST HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 24**, for inclusion in its district - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0043 ADOPTED.

36. ORDINANCE issuing a permit to **COPANO PIPELINES/UPPER GULF COAST, L.P.** 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 A - STARDIG; B - DAVIS and H - GONZALEZ** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0044 ADOPTED.

37. ORDINANCE issuing a permit to **MAGELLAN CRUDE OIL PIPELINE COMPANY, L.P.** to operate, maintain, improve, repair and replace one existing pipeline 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; E - MARTIN and I - GALLEGOS** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0045 ADOPTED.

49. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **CIGNA HEALTH AND LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY** for Administrative Services for Self-
Funded Integrated Medical and Pharmacy Health Plans effective May 1, 2014; providing a maximum contract amount; containing other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; providing for severability - $29,200,000.00 - 3 years - Health Benefits Fund – (This was Item 27 on Agenda of January 15, 2014, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS BRADFORD, MARTIN, LASTER, COSTELLO, STARDIG, GREEN and GALLEGOS) – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Davis.

At 9:35 a.m. Mayor Parker stated they would move to the public session.

Mr. Frans Sluiter, 806 W. Drew, Houston, Texas 77006 – 918-633-6294 – appeared and stated that he was present on an application for residential parking permits, they were the original ones who had submitted the application on behalf of their neighborhood, they were not able to attend the original application review and it was his understanding that the recommendation had come out to have the permit go into effect from 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. and he wondered if the Council could consider that the timeframe could be a little earlier in the evening, from 9:00 p.m. as opposed to 11:00 p.m., that the request for the parking permit was because of the issues they had been experiencing as a neighborhood and they believed that the parking permit, as they had seen down the block from them, made a big difference in the safety and cleanliness of the neighborhood due to the overspill of the restaurants and bars close by them.

Mayor Parker stated that this was the item that was pulled from the agenda, it was a captioning error on the part of the administration, that it would come back up next week.

Upon questions by Council Members Kubosh, Robinson, Pennington and Laster, Mr. Sluiter stated they were requesting that the parking permits be in effect from 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., that was the window when the disruption started, that it was on the weekends when they had the most issues and was only in the late evenings that they were experiencing the problems.

Mayor Parker stated that if Mr. Sluiter would visit with Mr. Chris Newport, ARA, before he left she would appreciate it.

Mr. Bernard Parisot, 3 Park Ave., 33rd Floor, New York, NY 10016 – 646-834-1300 – appeared and stated that he was the President/Co-CEO of JCDecaux North America and was present to talk about the recommended award of the advertising concession at IAH, that JCDecaux was the largest outdoor advertising company in the world, they were present in more than sixty countries, 3,500 cities with street furniture, and also the largest airport advertising company in the world with concessions in 160 of the largest international airports throughout the world, and that included the United States, where they operated concessions at the three New York airports, LAX, a contract which was just renewed, Boston, a contract they just won, the DC airport, and since 2002 the two Houston airports, that last week their competitors told them that they operated the advertising concession at five of the ten largest U.S. airports, that JCDecaux operated the advertising concession at eight of the ten most successful airports in terms of advertising revenue per passenger in the United States, so they did deliver revenues to their advertising partners, most than anyone else, that had been the case in Houston, in 2007 they invested millions of dollars in promoting a new program that brought digital advertising for the first time to these airports and one of the first airports actually in the United States and since then for the past seven years they had multiplied the revenue at IAH by three and a half and more than doubled revenue at Hobby, that the new contract that was in front of them to award would allow them to make another very significant capital investment to bring yet a new generation of digital advertising, the new technology that was available today and that advertisers also wanted, that this would allow them to improve the passenger experience and help promote the community even more than they had done in the past, and generate even
more revenue for HAS and the City; that the process for this award had been extremely clear and very fair, the recommendation that was in front of them represented the best option for HAS and the City of Houston, that he would urge them to follow the recommendation.

After a lengthy discussion by Members of the City Council, Mayor Parker stated that she wanted to be clear, when they offered a contract and say that they reserve the option to do a best and final it was at the administration’s discretion, they did not say up front they were going to take bids and then they were going to do a best and final, they placed it in context and say that it was their discretion to bring them back into the table, they expect them to give their best bid up front, but sometimes they suspected that they had not; that other than the fact that they had the normal Council voted upon quiet period, where they ask vendors not to contact Council Members until it actually either came to committee or the agenda, that she would confirm with all directors, that it was never their intention to prohibit a vendor from communicating with a Council Member.

After a lengthy discussion by Members of the City Council, and passage of Motions 2014-0069 thru 2014-0076, Mayor Parker stated that there had never been any instruction from her to any vendor or any department director that someone could not communicate with Council Members, that she wanted to make sure she was saying it again, on camera, so that any department director could hear her, except as part of the quiet period, that a lot of things were said on her behalf, and she was saying it publicly because she wanted it to be crystal clear.

The following are Motions 2014-0069 through 2014-0076, which all suspended the rules to extend time for questions by Mr. Bernard Parisot.

Council Member Pennington moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending time for questions of Mr. Bernard Parisot, seconded by Council Member Davis. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0069 ADOPTED

Council Member Bradford moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending time for questions of Mr. Bernard Parisot, seconded by Council Member Cohen. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0070 ADOPTED.

Council Member Laster moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending time for questions of Mr. Bernard Parisot, seconded by Council Member Stardig. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Costello and Davis absent. MOTION 2014-0071 ADOPTED.

Council Member Stardig moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending time for questions of Mr. Bernard Parisot, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Costello absent. MOTION 2014-0072 ADOPTED.

Council Member Cohen moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending time for questions of Mr. Bernard Parisot, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0072-1 ADOPTED.

Council Member Gonzalez moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending time for questions of Mr. Bernard Parisot, seconded by Council Member Cohen. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Laster and Costello absent. MOTION 2014-0073 ADOPTED.

Council Member Martin moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending time for questions of Mr. Bernard Parisot, seconded by Council Member Laster. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker and Council Member Costello absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. MOTION 2014-0074 ADOPTED.
Council Member Pennington moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending time for questions of Mr. Bernard Parisot, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Cohen, Martin and Green absent. MOTION 2014-0075 ADOPTED.

Council Member Green moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending time for questions of Mr. Bernard Parisot, seconded by Council Member Davis. Council Members Martin, Laster and Kubosh absent. Council Member Costello voting no, balance voting aye. MOTION 2014-0076 ADOPTED.

Ms. Stacey Kodak, 3 Park Ave., 33rd Floor, New York, NY 10016 – 646-834-1307 – appeared and stated that she was Senior Vice President for Business Development and Properties for JCDecaux, she was also the point person for the properties representation for the existing Houston Airport Advertising Concession, that as they knew IAH was the gateway to the greater Houston area and the perfect place to promote the region, that they donated $3.5 million worth of space for the promotion of public services, all of the public service announcements they placed were selected by the Houston Airport System, those promotions included the City of Houston Eco Park, City of Houston Valet, City of Houston Parking Program, the Fly to Houston website, amongst others, that with the new concession they planned to take the Houston promotion a step further, not only would they provide media space, they were going to print, produce and install the creative for such advertisements, that moving forward they planned to work directly with the Convention and Visitors Bureau, to promote Houston they were going to have dedicated space on the large LEDs hanging above each of the security checkpoints, these checkpoints were the same checkpoints where large LED displays were installed at Charles De Gaulle, in London and JFK and soon LAX and Boston, making their program a true international program, with a greeting message to international and domestic passengers, their program provided for pure passenger services, with the installation of the interactive directories, these touch screens would be a great resource for passengers as they were both arriving and departing the airport, that JCDecaux was present around the world, not only were they committed to promoting Houston within the airport, they planned to do so around the globe, they had committed to posting one, four week campaign, in twenty cities, some of these cities would include their sister cities, as they had street furniture and transit programs in eight of them, including Taipei, Istanbul, Niece and Shenzhen, the ad program they had proposed was a true, state of the art, program, that 33% increase in the number of digital displays, however, they planned to greatly reduce the overall number of advertising displays as more opportunities were available with digital advertising, this would result in an increased revenue for the City of Houston, yet less advertising fixtures throughout their airport. Council Member Martin absent.

Ms. Deborah Cooper, 2791 Carman, Atlanta, GA 30327 – 404-827-4820 – appeared and stated that she was the President of CNN Airport Network and a part of the JCDecaux team, that she helped launch the CNN Airport Network 23 years ago during the first Gulf War when passengers were stuck in airport terminals and determined to find out what was going on in the world, they started with five airports and currently had fifty airports, large and medium hub airports throughout the Country and were proud to have Houston join them as a part of their airport network community in 1994, that they started with live breaking news, but had evolved over time, that now 25% of their content was custom content specially designed with the air traveler in mind, they had a lot of entertainment features and had more live NFL games, including the super bowl, than any other network, they had the MLB, NBA, NCAA and a little PGA, that it was a changing demographic and they knew that people were engaged with their handhelds, that Houston said they had a lot of Spanish speaking travelers and they had CNN Español and in their latest proposal offered Houston the ability to stream alternate channels to all of their travelers on their laptops or smart phones, that would launch as soon as they got
underway at IAH and hopefully at Hobby, that if Houston was interested they would develop with them their own Houston Network, that they offered six minutes of time, six one minute segments every hour to the airport and the City to promote the City. Council Members Davis, Martin, Pennington and Gonzalez absent.

Ms. Sylvia Cavazos, 2402 Common Wealth, No. 100, Houston, Texas 77006 – 832-455-8513 - appeared and stated that she was excited to be a part of not only the JCDecaux team, but she was a product of the Office of Business Opportunity, that when she started her business in 2002 the first thing she did was get certified and had a wonderful career promoting the City of Houston all over the world, that she traveled during the Lanier administration with many Council Members and also with the airport system promoting the City of Houston all over the world, that when this opportunity came to her in 2008, right after Hurricane Ike hit her office, and into the recession she took the risk, because as an entrepreneur she wanted to do something that would continue to promote the City of Houston and she thought she was well equipped having worked in media, communications and advertising, that as a graduate of the University of Houston she understood the City, that she understood what it was to compete throughout the world, that she took the risk and learned airport sales and was able to grow her business with this joint venture partnership, even though it was only 1% for her she was part of the procedures that went through procurement at the Office of Business Opportunity, that she had part of her staff present, that she had full time employees at the airport, that she had invested a lot of time to work and learn this particular field, that she was a native Houstonian, part of the Hardy TIRZ Board No. 21, they were doing great things in the Near Northside, she was also a Board Member of the Houston Media Source, a Board Member of Lindale Park Civic Association and part of the Rodeo Committee, that she really looked forward to the future of the City of Houston and hoped they would take into consideration that this was growth for her business and future growth for her local economy and being able to hire locally and being part of the community. Council Members Davis, Martin and Pennington absent.

Mayor Parker stated that Ms. Cavazos had a 1% equity interest which meant that she was an owner in this venture, but the 5% MWBE requirement on the actual transactions were separate and apart from her own interest, and Ms. Cavazos stated exactly, she had to be able to sell a lot of advertising locally or regionally in order to meet the goals that were set forth, probably a million dollars in sales if not more, and Mayor Parker stated that part of Ms. Cavazos job was to find not just advertisers, but to make sure that the MWBE goal for this contract was met, and Ms. Cavazos stated yes, that was the major goal, that it was part of the FFA requirement, that her 1% was the total sales of having to work and deal with everything in a business, and Mayor Parker stated that this was something that came up regularly in City contracts, that having a minority owner did not mean they still did not have to meet an MWDBE requirement on a contract, and Ms. Cavazos stated that she worked on this every day, she had full time employees at Bush and Hobby Airports, they also worked together with the local team in Houston on a daily basis. Council Members Davis, Martin and Pennington absent.

After discussion by Council Members Boykins, Kubosh, Gonzalez and Cohen, Council Member Cohen moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending time for questions of Ms. Sylvia Cavazos, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Davis, Martin, Nguyen and Pennington absent. MOTION 2014-0077 ADOPTED.

After further discussion by Council Members Green and Gallegos, Council Member Gallegos moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending time for questions of Ms. Sylvia Cavazos, seconded by Council Member Davis. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Martin absent. MOTION 2014-0078 ADOPTED.
Mayor Parker stated that she would be leaving the Chambers shortly and Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez would be taking the Chair. Council Member Martin absent.

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

Mr. John Myers, 4242 Buck, Houston, Texas 77013 – 713-227-2710 – had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Member Martin absent.

Mr. Reynard Thibodeaux, 1002 Almeda Genoa, Houston, Texas 77045 – 832-552-2185 – appeared, presented information, and stated that he was fixing to do a “Tour De Washington”, that this was his fourth time going out on the highway, that he had gone through 8 states, fifteen hundred miles, he was 60 plus years old, that the people who had experienced him had experienced the love and heart of a Houstonian who was bicycling across the Country with no fear, that he had been inspirational to a lot of people, that seven months ago he was hit by a car while on his bicycle, that he liked the initiatives they had brought about in trying to bring the level of cycling to another level and degree, that he wanted to sensitize the drivers of Houston, Texas through some kind of media exposure and articles to let them know to be more educated and sensitive to the cyclists. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Cohen and Martin absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Council Member Boykins stated that Mr. Thibodeaux should make certain to let his office know before he took off so they could go and cheer him on, that he wished him the best, that he had been a fighter in the community for a long time and he had always admired him. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Cohen and Martin absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Ms. Cassandra Skinner, 10121 Windmill Lake Blvd., No. 622, Houston, Texas 77075 – 832-552-2185 – appeared and stated that she was in support of Mr. Thibodeaux, that she was a Houston poet, a slam poet, and had represented the City of Houston about five times at nationals, that she had the opportunity to go to Mr. Thibodeaux’s house and listen to his story and hear how he did travel and the different people he met, that she thought it was important that they have the City of Houston behind Mr. Thibodeaux, that he would be presenting Ms. Michele Obama with a Mother’s Day card, that they would be giving him a going away. Mayor Parker and Council Member Martin absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez and Council Member Boykins thanked Ms. Skinner for her support and for what she did for the City of Houston. Mayor Parker and Council Member Martin absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. John Cieslewicz, 1250 DuBarry Ln., Houston, Texas 77018 – 713-906-1725 – had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Parker and Council Member Martin absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. Russell Spalding, 862 W. Forest Dr., Houston, Texas 77079 – 713-870-5065 – appeared, presented information, and stated that he was present about the future Twin Peaks Franchise at I-10 and Kirkwood, and recognized a number of his fellow west Houston residents who had come to support him on the issue, that the franchise in question was currently under construction at I-10 and Kirkwood and would be located in the immediate vicinity of three Spring Branch Schools, Frostwood Elementary, Wilchester Elementary and Westchester Academy, that while Twin Peaks did not fit the legal definition of a sexually oriented business, the chain did push the limits of decency and skin exposure, which was a key part of their business, and given the proximity of Twin Peaks to three schools the City should put the safety of the children and teens first and would request that the TABC challenge the existing liquor license of the
location. Mayor Parker, Council Members Martin and Green absent.

After discussion by Council Members Davis, Pennington and Stardig, Mr. Feldman stated that he was sure the speaker was aware, in their ordinance governing businesses that the sale of alcohol, the 300 foot rule did not apply to restaurants, that as he understood Twin Peaks was not a sexually oriented business, he gathered that it was something in the line of Hooters, that in Texas they had what was called a Vested Rights Act and the laws that were in place at the time that they sought their permitting were the laws that particular establishment was allowed to rely on, they were really behind a rock and a hard place on this. Mayor Parker, Council Members Martin and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated to all who were present to speak on this, the City of Houston’s role was strictly administrative, there was no vote of City Council on this, three different departments reviewed it, Administrative and Regulatory Affairs, City Legal and the Planning Department and they each agreed that there was nothing that the City could do to restrict them from opening based on City Ordinance, Chapter 3, in the Code of Ordinances, they did reach out and the owner had agreed to erect a six foot fence around the patio area to obscure the view of the general public, and were also prohibited from placing any alcoholic beverage advertisement or promotion so as not to be visible to the public, but ultimately TABC approved their food and beverage certificate application in October 2013, so there was really nothing else they could do at this time. Mayor Parker, Council Members Martin and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Council Member Laster moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending time for questions of Mr. Russell Spalding, seconded by Council Member Pennington. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker, Council Members Martin, Green and Costello absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. MOTION 2014-0079 ADOPTED.

After further discussion by Council Members Pennington, Stardig, Kubosh and Laster, Council Member Laster moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending time for questions of Mr. Russell Spalding, seconded by Council Member Pennington. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker, Council Members Boykins, Martin, Green and Costello absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. MOTION 2014-0080 ADOPTED.

After further discussion by Council Members Robinson, Pennington, Gallegos and Stardig, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that Administrative and Regulatory Affairs would follow up with Council Members offices to let them know what the protest process was and explain that to them, that they definitely wanted to make sure they reviewed everything properly, that Mr. Chris Newport, ARA, was present and would be glad to visit with Mr. Spalding and others to make sure that they were considering everything. Mayor Parker and Council Member Martin absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Ms. Summer Burke, 13815 Myrtlea, Houston, Texas 77079 – 512-773-8966 – appeared, presented information, and stated that she was present to ask that they aid them in protecting their community, they were concerned related to the opening of Twin Peaks at this location, that they were present to protest their opening at 11335 Katy Freeway due to its proximity to their schools, kids and residents, that there was no communication with the community, that it was after much research that they had come to understand that the location had been allowed to obtain all permits thus far without resistance due to a special covenant made with the City, that it was their understanding that without this special covenant the establishment would have had to abide by the 300 foot regulation per City ordinance, designed to protect their children from any ill effects of such a business, that they were present to find out if this was true and why a special covenant was made with this establishment, the logic behind doing so, and why someone thought it acceptable given the close proximity to their kids, that they formally petition
the Council and Mayor to schedule a hearing to protest the licensing and permitting of Twin Peaks at the proposed location. Mayor Parker and Council Member Martin absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that there was no special covenant or variance that was an issue, it was all laid out in Chapter 3 of the Code of Ordinance that determined distance, there was nothing special, as long as they fit within the requirements, as any other business that sold alcohol did, and they got the appropriate license from the State to be able to serve, and Ms. Burke stated that respectfully she disagreed, that was the information she received, and Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that Mr. Newport was present to answer any questions afterward. Mayor Parker and Council Member Martin absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Ms. Candice Corley, 13930 Woodthorpe Ln., Houston, Texas 77079 – 832-444-8038 – appeared, presented information, and stated that she hoped that the Council Members would take what they had said today as a community to say and realize that the City did make a mistake in granting a permit to Twin Peaks on the Katy Freeway, that it did not belong this close to three schools, that she would ask the City Council to revoke their permit after reviewing that this indeed needed to be investigated further, and asked where was the protection for their children, that the ordinance needed to be changed, perhaps add a clause about a sexually suggestive business in relation to a school, or lower the amount of alcohol per food establishment requirement in the ordinance that already existed. Mayor Parker and Council Member Martin absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that he misspoke earlier, there was a covenant that was exercised by the City, but that covenant could not be utilized to either deny or approve the permitting of this location, what it allowed the City to do was to be able to permit certain very limited restrictions, which they did when he mentioned the fence requirement and the advertisement prohibition limitations. Mayor Parker and Council Member Martin absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

After further discussion by Council Members Stardig and Pennington, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that Mr. Chris Newport, ARA, would meet with them at the conclusion of everyone’s comments and explain the process and see what options, if any, were available. Mayor Parker and Council Member Martin absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Ms. Becky Clark, 13302 Taylorcrest, Houston, Texas 77079 – 713-398-7217 – appeared and shared an emergency room experience with the City Council, and stated that they did not want their children to become collateral damage to these businesses, that they had school girl theme nights and they were literally a stone’s throw away from school girls on their bicycles, playing in the park and at the swimming pool, they knew the permits had been issues and knew that the City Council had the political power to review those permits and asked that they review them. Mayor Parker, Council Members Cohen and Martin absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

After discussion by Council Member Laster, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that Mr. Newport was available to help walk through the process that was before them. Mayor Parker, Council Members Cohen, Martin and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Ms. Linda McDowell, 13835 St. Mary Ln., Houston, Texas 77079 – 713-703-8732 – appeared and read from information that she presented, and voiced her opposition to activities conducted outside the walls of the Twin Peaks location. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Cohen, Martin, Laster and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.
After discussion by Council Members Kubosh, Stardig and Pennington, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that Mr. Newport was present and would be glad to meet with all of them to further discuss the issue. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Cohen, Martin, Laster and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Ms. Elizabeth Elliott, 13835 Britoak Ln., Houston, Texas 77079 – 281-558-7667 – appeared and read from information she had passed out, and stated that she had provided to them a copy of a petition and as of right now it had more than 1,000 signatures. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Cohen, Martin, Laster and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

After discussion by Council Members Robinson, Boykins, Kubosh and Christie, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that clearly there was a lot of support around the Council table, he was not sure what could or could not be done, but Mr. Newport would walk her through the process again, and obviously a lot of Council Members were willing to step in and help out as much as they could. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Cohen, Martin, Laster and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. Williams Johnson, 11823 Greenshire Dr., Houston, Texas 77048 – 832-260-1108 – appeared and read from a hand out that he had passed out regarding an idea for the City of Houston on a transport system to accommodate citizens and visitors to Reliant stadium and arena, until his time expired. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Cohen, Martin, Pennington, Laster and Kubosh absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that he appreciated his statement and request, the property around Reliant Stadium was actually a Harris County facility, so maybe he could advocate to his County Commissioner as well and perhaps that was something that they would be able to take an interest in. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Cohen, Martin, Pennington, Gallegos, Laster and Kubosh absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. Henry Brownlow, 2510 Trout, Houston, Texas 77093 – 713-697-0487 – appeared and stated that he had a problem with parking signs, that he had been at his property for 55 years and they put signs up about a week ago and they did not ask him about it, that he had been paying taxes on this property and he had a critical care wife and had oxygen that came every three weeks, they put oxygen in the house and it took him three or four hours and what one of the head of the signs said to get him to park across the street, that they had nurses and doctors come out once a week, they had meals and wheels come out there, why would they put signs, that there were 140 streets of the same size as his in the neighborhood. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Cohen, Martin, Pennington, Gallegos, Green, Kubosh and Bradford absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that the City received a 3-1-1 request from a citizen that it was difficult to travel up and down the street due to the large amount of cars being parked out there, so they investigated and many times it was complaint driven, if they went and saw a problem where someone was complaining about not being able to access the roadway, then many times they would put signage restricting parking as they did in this situation where the signs were placed on the north side of the street because there was the most amount of available parking on that side, but cars were still able to park on the other side, and Mr. Brownlow stated that was not helpful to him because he had a critical care wife, and Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that obviously there was a lot of information that needed to be looked at, that Mr. Gary Norman, Public Works Department, was present and would start a conversation with him, that they needed to follow up and see if there was anything else that could be done or if it could be reconsidered in any way. Mayor Parker, Council Members Cohen, Martin, Pennington, Green, Kubosh and Bradford absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.
Mr. Joshua Baker, 4026 Clay St., Houston, Texas 77023 – 979-229-6356 – appeared, presented information, and stated that he was present to speak on behalf of the forgotten, that he was with AHOP, Alief Homeless Outreach Project, they were a non-profit based in Alief, that it was often referred to as the forgotten part of the City, there was a host of reasons why, that the number one reason in AHOP’s mind was the overwhelming number of homeless students within the Alief Independent School District, that he spoke with Ms. Kiwana Davis, from the Independent School District and she informed him that the number now stood at over 1,400 homeless students within AISD, that they either lived on the streets, a shelter or single unit apartments with multiple families, no running water or no electricity, crime ridden apartment complexes, students who could not reach their full potential because they had to worry about a host of problems that no teenager or child should have to worry about, but they refused to allow Alief or these children to be called forgotten any longer, they believed these students and Alief could be the future of the City as well, they were overjoyed by the help they had received from Council Member Nguyen, but they needed the help of the entire City Council to address the amazing problems in Alief, that Alief needed a multi-service center, their community park needed massive improvements, they needed housing provisions for these students, who many were traveling two hours a day from shelters downtown and other parts of the City to go to school, that AHOP was tackling these problems head on and had hosted local food fairs for different apartment complexes, where they averaged 200 families at each food fair, so the need was great, they had partnered with AISD and had been able to house four homeless families.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez recognized Council Member Costello for a procedural motion. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Council Member Costello moved to extend the meeting passed the scheduled noon recess to complete the agenda, seconded by Council Member Laster. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. MOTION 2014-0081 ADOPTED.

After discussion by Council Members Nguyen, Laster, Kubosh, Boykins and Gallegos, Mr. Baker stated that they were having a benefit concert on Friday night, January 24, 2014, at Bohemeo’s, at 708 Telephone Road, at Lockwood, and hoped to see all of the Council Members there. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. Doug Smith, 11542 Sands Point Dr., Houston, Texas 77072 – 832-723-1652 – appeared and stated that he was present to speak about pensions, but as he looked around the table and saw lots of empty chairs, as a citizen he was offended that he had been sitting in the Chamber for over three hours, and may now have a parking ticket as well, and they as Council Members could not give them the courtesy of staying to listen to their conversations or requests, so he was not going to present what he had planned to present, and hoped that maybe in the future they would take into consideration that they spend a lot of time waiting to speak, and hopefully they would at least give them the courtesy of staying in the Chamber to listen to them. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that he wanted to point out that many times Council Members step behind the Chamber but they were able to still monitor the meeting, that he wanted to apologize if perhaps they were not present. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.
Council Member Kubosh stated that he would have his staff member John get with Mr. Smith and get his number and he could talk to him privately if he would like. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Cohen, Martin and Pennington absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Council Member Laster stated that whatever Mr. Smith needed to let them know. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Cohen, Martin and Pennington absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. Kenneth Richberg, 15715 Noble Briar Ct., Missouri City, Texas 77489 – 832-589-8660 had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Cohen, Martin and Pennington absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Ms. Chriscione Johnson, 11823 Greenshire Dr., Houston, Texas 77048 – 832-675-4248 – appeared and stated that she needed a job, she started working for the City of Houston in December 1998, she worked in Public Works and Engineering in the personnel section for over 12 years, she left the City of Houston in June 2011 to pursue her career in the mortuary field, she went to Common Wealth and graduated with a certification in funeral directing and she had not been successful in getting a job in that industry, that she was looking back at the City of Houston to get a job, that she had an obstacle, a felony which was over 24 years old and that had stopped her, she felt, from getting back with the City, and from getting a job in a funeral home, which was what her degree was in, that she could not get a job at McDonalds, Ross and Marshall's Department Stores, she could not get a job anywhere because this halo was hanging over her head, that she had applied for a pardon form the Governor of Texas, two years ago, and he told her in a letter of denial, that she could reapply every two years, so in December 2013 she prepared her package and sent it to the Governor of Texas in hopes that he would review it and give her a pardon for the crime she committed when she was 19 years old, that she was 45 years old now and was not a repeat offender, she was only in trouble once, that she had applied for over 56 jobs within the last year at the City of Houston, that she had not received a phone call, she had been to personnel to review her file, thinking that maybe there was a “do not rehire letter” in her file, because she had never received a call for the jobs she had applied for, that she was well qualified, that she needed help, she had lost everything, her house, her car, everything as a result of her leaving her job at the City and pursuing her career. Mayor Parker, Council Members Cohen, Martin and Pennington absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

After discussion by Council Members Boykins and Bradford, Council Member Bradford moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending time for questions of Ms. Chriscione Johnson, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker, Council Members Cohen, Martin and Pennington absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. MOTION 2014-0082 ADOPTED.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that he would refer Ms. Johnson to the Mayor’s Citizens Assistance Office so they could connect her with someone in Human Resources to discuss the policy, that perhaps they could answer her question regarding the hiring policy she referred to. Mayor Parker, Council Members Cohen, Martin and Pennington absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. Donald Burns, 13021 Donegal, Houston, Texas 77047 – 713-882-0307 – appeared, presented information, and stated that he had been sued on behalf of an individual who filed a DBA, that yesterday he brought a copy of a DBA that he filed for the same civic club, Shamrock Manor Civic Club, that the lawsuit was from an individual, that during that time he owned 18
pieces of property and this man was out buying property, excluding people from building homes, using City departments to get permits pulled, for two pieces of property that they had bought, that there were deed restrictions that were recorded with the County in July 2002 and not one signature, they got the signatures afterward, that all he asked was that they not represent this civic club. Mayor Parker, Council Members Cohen, Boykins, Martin and Pennington absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. Brad Patterson, 2506 Sutherland St., Houston, Texas 77023 – 310-946-2541 – had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Cohen, Boykins, Martin and Pennington absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Ms. Evelyn Eli, 616 W. 25th, Houston, Texas 78008 – 330-984-6125 – appeared and stated that she was an employee at George Bush Intercontinental Airport, for SSP America, she was a cashier and was present to speak about job security, that her job was very important to her because it gave her a sense of stability and security, that because it was a union job her schedule was set and consistent, that she got regular raises and her job provided her with the stability she needed, she was happy and proud to serve Houston and to be the first person travelers saw when they came into the airport, that she wanted to be able to keep her job, but was concerned that she might lose it because of the selection process at the airport, that she thought it was very important the City take steps to take care of workers like her who represented Houston every day with the Houston Airport System. Mayor Parker, Council Members Cohen, Boykins, Martin and Pennington absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Council Member Davis asked Ms. Eli which selection process she was speaking of, and Ms. Eli stated that job security at the airport. Mayor Parker, Council Members Cohen, Boykins, Martin and Pennington absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. Carey Neal, 1502 Enclave Parkway, Houston, Texas 77077 – 714-234-6226 – appeared and stated that he too worked at George Bush Intercontinental Airport for a company called Delaware North, they were over concessions and basically the food that went in and out of the airport, that one of their main concerns was whoever took over after the new bid came up for the contract, did not just get rid of all the employees, but that they stay on because some of them had been at the airport for a long time, he himself had been at the airport for six years, some had been there 20 and 25 years, they had families and had based their lives at the airport, if someone came in and wiped out everybody they would not have jobs, that they needed job security, they would not want to lose their seniority and also most importantly was that they did not want to lose their healthcare, which was a big issue, they got that through the union and had pretty good healthcare to be able to take care of their families. Mayor Parker, Council Members Cohen, Boykins, Martin and Pennington absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Upon questions by Council Member Davis, Mr. Neal stated that he worked in concessions and was a utility lead, basically in charge that the food came up and distributed it at the different units. Mayor Parker, Council Members Cohen, Boykins, Martin and Pennington absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Council Member Green stated that the City of Houston had some terminals that it was responsible for and managed the concession and thought that United did as well also, and with regard to those employees he did not think the City of Houston had control with regard to the employees, that when those contracts came before the City Council that was something that he would ask about. Mayor Parker, Council Members Cohen, Boykins, Martin and Pennington absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

President Joseph Charles, Post Office Box 524373, Houston, Texas 77052-4373
(713-928-2871) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Cohen, Boykins, Martin and Pennington absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Ms. Sherry Browning, 2616 S. Loop, Ste. 110, Houston, Texas 77054 – 832-287-5909 – appeared and stated that she wanted to thank God for the Ms. Texas Toy Drive, and wanted to thank everyone who participated and helped out, and Council Member Christi for the information that he sent, it was very helpful. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Cohen, Martin and Pennington absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Council Members Kubosh and Boykins thanked Ms. Browning for all she did for the City of Houston. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Cohen, Martin and Pennington absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Ms. Yvette Gbalazeh, No Address, 936-672-3335 – had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Cohen, Martin and Pennington absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. Mike Koehler, 3203 W. Arbor Run Circle, Sugarland, Texas 77479 – 281-703-5077 – appeared and stated that he wanted to reinforce what he stated last week, which was that CIGNA very much valued its relationship with the City and wanted to insure them that he and his team were available if they had any questions and would be happy to meet with anybody and make sure all of their questions were answered. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Cohen, Martin and Pennington absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Council Member Christi asked Mr. Koehler if the process was reliable and transparent and good, and Mr. Koehler stated that it was. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Cohen, Martin and Pennington absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Council Member Boykins stated that it was good to see Representative Coleman in the audience, and wished Mr. Koehler good luck and thought he had gotten all of his questions answered. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Cohen, Martin and Pennington absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

At 12:36 Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that they would return to the agenda. Mayor Parker, Council Members Cohen, Martin and Pennington absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA WERE CONSIDERED AS FOLLOWS:

ACCEPT WORK

6. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of $1,250,728.56 and acceptance of work on contract with METRO CITY CONSTRUCTION, L.P. for Briar Drive and 12522 Old Oaks Drainage Improvements 11.50% under the original contract amount - DISTRICT G – PENNINGTON – was presented, moved by Council Member Bradford, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker, Council Members Cohen, Martin and Pennington absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. MOTION 2014-0083 ADOPTED.

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS
12. **UNICOM GOVERNMENT, INC** for spending authority to purchase the Client Track Case Management Software System through the Master Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with U. S. Communities for the Department of Health and Human Services $1,000,000.00 - Essential Public Health Services Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Costello, seconded by Council Member Laster. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker, Council Members Cohen, Martin and Pennington absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. MOTION 2014-0084 ADOPTED.

**ORDINANCES**

16. ORDINANCE supplementing the City of Houston, Texas Master Ordinance No. 2004-299; providing for the issuance of the City of Houston, Texas, Combined Utility System First Lien Revenue Bonds, Series 2014A, providing for the amounts, interest rates, prices, and terms thereof and other matters relating thereto; providing for the payment thereof; making other provisions regarding such bonds and matters incident thereto; authorizing a Co-Bond Counsel Agreement, authorizing execution and delivery of a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement; and declaring an emergency - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker, Council Members Cohen, Martin and Pennington absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. ORDINANCE 2014-0046 ADOPTED.

17. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS INSPIRING COMMUNITIES, INC**, to provide $250,000.00 in Community Development Block Grant Funds for the administration and operation of the H.E.A.R.T. Program, a program that will provide job training and placement for developmentally disabled low and moderate income adult individuals - 1 Year - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker, Council Members Cohen, Martin and Pennington absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. ORDINANCE 2014-0047 ADOPTED.

18. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON** providing up to $700,132.84 in Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Funds for the administration and operation of a tenant-based rental assistance program, short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance program and the provision of other supportive services - 1 Year with one-year renewal option - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker, Council Members Cohen, Martin and Pennington absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. ORDINANCE 2014-0048 ADOPTED.

25. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Purchase and Sale Agreement between **DARRELL ROGERS, Individually, ROSLYN ANN JOHNSON, Individually, and JP MORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. Trustee of the Virginia Rogers Trust, Sellers**, and the City of Houston, Purchaser, for the purchase of 16,200 square feet of land, located at 1220 Washington Avenue, Houston, Texas; appropriating the sum of $658,000.00 out of the Police Consolidated Construction Fund (4504) for the purchase price of $648,000.00 and associated closing costs in the amount of $10,000.00 - **DISTRICT H - GONZALEZ** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker, Council Members Cohen, Martin and Pennington absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. ORDINANCE 2014-0049 ADOPTED.

26. ORDINANCE approving an agreement between the City of Houston, Texas, **REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER TEN, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS AND THE LAKE HOUSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY** in connection with the CITY’S **REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER TEN IN THE LAKE HOUSTON AREA - **DISTRICT E** -
MARTIN - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker, Council Members Cohen, Martin and Pennington absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. ORDINANCE 2014-0050 ADOPTED.

27. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Airport Advertising Concession Agreement between the City of Houston and THE JOINT VENTURE FOR THE ADVERTISING CONCESSION AT HOUSTON AIRPORTS, LLC for George Bush Intercontinental Airport/Houston - DISTRICT B – DAVIS – was presented, and tagged by Council Members Bradford, Laster, Davis, Green, Gallegos and Nguyen. Mayor Parker, Council Members Cohen, Martin and Pennington absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

30. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City and VIRTUO GROUP CORPORATION for Professional Information Technology Consulting Services for Various Departments; providing a maximum contract amount - $5,646,000.00 - 3 Years with two one year options - Equipment Acquisition and Enterprise Funds – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Kubosh. (Note: Council Member Kubosh released his tag later in the meeting.) Mayor Parker, Council Members Cohen, Martin and Pennington absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

33. ORDINANCE consenting to the creation of the GENERATION PARK MANAGEMENT DISTRICT in the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker, Council Members Cohen, Martin and Pennington absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. ORDINANCE 2014-0051 ADOPTED.

35. ORDINANCE altering maximum prima facie speed limits in certain school zones in the City of Houston; making various findings and containing other provisions relating to the subject; declaring certain conduct to be unlawful and providing a penalty; providing for severability; containing a repealer; containing a savings clause – was presented. Mayor Parker, Council Members Cohen, Martina and Pennington absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

After discussion Council Member Green stated that he would tag Item No. 35. Mayor Parker, Council Members Cohen, Martin and Pennington absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that this was an annual process that occurred, the schools were the ones who had to request the speed zones. Mayor Parker, Council Members Cohen, Martin and Pennington absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

NON CONSENT AGENDA - NUMBER 38

Council Member Kubosh stated that he would remove his tag on Item No. 30. Mayor Parker, Council Members Cohen, Martin and Pennington absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

MISCELLANEOUS

38. RECEIVE nominations for Positions One through Four of the ANIMAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, for the remainder of a two year term ending December 31, 2015 – was presented.

Council Member Christi stated that he would nominate Dr. Taffi Tippit for reappointment to Position One of the Animal Advisory Committee, her resume had been distributed. Mayor
Parker, Council Members Cohen, Martin and Pennington absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Council Member Christi stated that on behalf of Council Member Cohen he would nominate Ms. Kappy Muenzer for reappointment to Position Three of the Animal Advisory Committee, and Mr. Neil Sackheim for Position Four of the Animal Advisory Committee, their resumes had been distributed. Mayor Parker, Council Members Cohen, Martin and Pennington absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that he would nominate Dr. Chris Souders for reappointment to Position Two of the Animal Advisory Committee and his resume had been distributed. Mayor Parker, Council Members Cohen, Martin and Pennington absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Council Member Laster moved to close nominations for the Animal Advisory Committee, seconded by Council Member Robinson. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker, Council Members Cohen, Martin and Pennington absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. MOTION 2014-0085 ADOPTED.

MATTERS HELD - NUMBERS 39 through 49

39. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department Public Works & Engineering to accept the January 2014 Semiannual Report of the Planning Commission, acting as the Capital Improvements Advisory Committee, relating to the implementation of the Water and Wastewater Impact Fees Program and to transfer revenues and interest generated by the Water and Wastewater Impact Fees in the amount of $16,071,354.30 to the Combined Utilities System Operating Fund for Revenue Bond Debt Service as recommended in the Report – (This was Item 7 on Agenda of January 15, 2014, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MARTIN) – was presented, moved by Council Member Costello, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker, Council Members Cohen, Martin and Pennington absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. MOTION 2014-0086 ADOPTED.

40. MOTION by Council Member Gonzalez/Seconded by Council Member Bradford to adopt recommendation from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering, reviewed and approved by the Joint Referral Committee, on request from Virgil Robertson, declining the acceptance of, rejecting, and refusing the dedication of Tam Tam Street from Green River Drive south to its terminus, located within the Green River Gardens Subdivision, out of the J. L. Stanley Survey, Parcel SY13-055 - DISTRICT B – DAVIS – (This was Item 12 on Agenda of January 15, 2014, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GREEN) – was presented. Mayor Parker, Council Members Cohen, Martin and Pennington absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. After discussion Council Member Davis a vote was called on Item No. 40. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker, Council Members Cohen, Martin and Pennington absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. MOTION 2014-0087 ADOPTED.

41. MOTION by Council Member Gonzalez/Seconded by Council Member Costello to adopt recommendation from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering, reviewed and approved by the Joint Referral Committee, on request from Robert Perry, The Pinnell Group, on behalf of 6804 Properties, LLC. (Gary Hamby, Director) and John C. Stephen, Hall and Stephen, P.C., on behalf of Ruth Rental Real Estate, Ltd. (Ruth Rental Real Estate Management, Inc. [Joel Ruth, President], General Partner) for abandonment and sale of Plainview Street, from La Paseo Street south to its terminus, located within the
Dixie Acres Subdivision, out of the H.B. Prentice Survey, Parcels SY13-092 and SY14-017 - DISTRICT I – GALLEGOS – (This was Item 14 on Agenda of January 15, 2014, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GREEN) – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Davis. Mayor Parker, Council Members Cohen, Martin and Pennington absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

42. MOTION by Council Member Gonzalez/Seconded by Council Member Bradford to adopt recommendation from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering, reviewed and approved by the Joint Referral Committee, on request from Tracy Youngblood, Brown & Gay Engineers, Inc., on behalf of Harris County Municipal Utility District 529 (Dan Quinlan, President), and Lakes of Parkway Homeowners Association, Inc., (William F. Schwind Jr., President), for abandonment and sale of Colecrest Lane, from its southern terminus north to its cul-de-sac terminus at Barton Gate Lane, in exchange for conveyance to the City of a public utility easement in the same location, all located within the Lakes of Parkway Subdivision, Section 17, out of Joel Wheaton Survey, A-80, Parcels SY14-042, SY14-047, VY14-004 and VY14-005 - DISTRICT G - PENNINGTON – (This was Item 15 on Agenda of January 15, 2014, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GREEN) – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Davis. Mayor Parker, Council Members Cohen, Martin and Pennington absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

43. MOTION by Council Member Gonzalez/Seconded by Council Member Bradford to adopt recommendation from Purchasing Agent to award to TOMMIE VAUGHN MOTORS, INC for Automotive, GM Car and Truck OEM Replacement Parts and Repair Services for the Fleet Management Department - $2,390,500.00 - 3 years with two one-year options Fleet Management Fund – (This was Item 16 on Agenda of January 15, 2014, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS MARTIN and STARDIG) – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker, Council Members Cohen, Martin and Pennington absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. MOTION 2014-0088 ADOPTED.

44. ORDINANCE amending Exhibit “A” of City of Houston Ordinance No. 2010-306 adding two Lieutenant Positions; substituting the amended Exhibit as part of the current Police Department Classified Personnel Ordinance; providing for severability – (This was Item 29 on Agenda of January 15, 2014, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BRADFORD) – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker, Council Members Cohen, Martin and Pennington absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. ORDINANCE 2014-0052 ADOPTED.

45. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing a Child Care Local Match Certification Agreement between the City of Houston and GULF COAST WORKFORCE BOARD for the certification of After School Achievement Program expenditures to obtain additional federal funding for Child Care Services – (This was Item 36 on Agenda of January 15, 2014, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GREEN) – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker, Council Members Cohen, Martin and Pennington absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. ORDINANCE 2014-0053 ADOPTED.

46. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing a sole source Lease Agreement and an addendum between the City of Houston and TOMCO2 SYSTEMS COMPANY for two Carbon Dioxide Storage Tanks and to complete Feed System for Public Works & Engineering Department; providing a maximum contract amount - $312,000.00 - 3 years with two one-year options Enterprise Fund - DISTRICT J - LASTER – (This was Item 38 on Agenda of January 15, 2014, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LASTER) – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker, Council Members Cohen, Martin and Pennington absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. ORDINANCE 2014-0054
ADOPTED.

47. ORDINANCE finding and determining public convenience and necessity for the acquisition of real property interests in connection with the Public Improvement Project known as the Pinemont Drive Paving and Drainage Improvements Project from Ella Boulevard to N. Shepherd Drive; authorizing the acquisition of fee simple title interest in or easement to 15 parcels of land required for the project and situated in the S. McClelland Survey, Abstract No. 544 and the S. W. Allen Survey, Abstract No. 94; in Harris County, Texas, by gift, dedication, purchase or the use of eminent domain and further authorizing payment of the costs of such purchases and/or eminent domain proceedings and associated costs for relocation assistance, appraisal fees, title policies/services, recording fees, court costs, and expert witness fees in connection with the acquisition of fee simple title interest in or easement to the 15 parcels of land required for the project - DISTRICTS B - DAVIS and C - COHEN – (This was Item 42 on Agenda of January 15, 2014, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GREEN) – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Davis. Mayor Parker, Council Members Cohen, Martin and Pennington absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

48. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing various contracts between the City of Houston and 1) MONTROSE COUNSELING CENTER, INC, 2) BEE BUSY LEARNING ACADEMY, INC, 3) ST. HOPE FOUNDATION, INC, 4) LEGACY COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES, INC, 5) POSITIVE EFFORTS, INC, 6) AIDS FOUNDATION HOUSTON, INC, and (7) FUNDACION LATINOAMERICANA DE ACCION SOCIAL, INC, respectively, for Various HIV/STD Prevention Services; providing maximum contract amounts - $12,459,368.75 - 1 year with four automatic one-year renewals - Grant Fund – (This was Item 34 on Agenda of January 15, 2014, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS BRADFORD, MARTIN, LASTER, COSTELLO, STARDIG, GREEN and GALLEGOS) – was presented. Mayor Parker, Council Members Cohen, Martin, Pennington and Costello absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

After discussion and questions by Council Members Laster, Kubosh and Christie, a vote was called on Item No. 48. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker, Council Members Cohen, Martin, Pennington and Costello absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. ORDINANCE 2014-0055 ADOPTED.

30. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City and VIRTUO GROUP CORPORATION for Professional Information Technology Consulting Services for Various Departments; providing a maximum contract amount - $5,646,000.00 - 3 Years with two one year options - Equipment Acquisition and Enterprise Funds – was again before Council. Mayor Parker, Council Members Cohen, Martin, Pennington and Costello absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

After discussion by Council Member Kubosh a vote was called on Item No. 30. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker, Council Members Cohen, Martin, Pennington and Costello absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. ORDINANCE 2014-0056 ADOPTED.

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Stardig announced events she attended or would be attending. Mayor Parker, Council Members Cohen, Martin, Pennington and Bradford absent.

Council Member Kubosh announced events he attended or would be attending; and stated that he would be visiting Mr. Tony Morris so to keep him in mind. Mayor Parker, Council
Members Cohen, Martin, Pennington and Bradford absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated to please let Mr. Morris know that they all sent him their best. Mayor Parker, Council Members Cohen, Martin, Pennington and Bradford absent.

Council Member Nguyen announced events he attended or would be attending. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Cohen, Martin, Pennington and Bradford absent.

Council Member Christi stated that he wanted to highlight something on HPD, that this past year there were the least amount of complaints against the men and women in blue in the history of record taking, and there were more letters of commendation, five to one, commendation versus complaints, that was kudos to the City, Chief McClelland and the men and women in blue. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Cohen, Martin, Pennington, Kubosh and Bradford absent.

Council Member Robinson announced events he attended or would be attending. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Cohen, Martin, Pennington, Kubosh and Bradford absent.

Council Member Boykins announced events he attended or would be attending. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Cohen, Martin, Pennington, Kubosh and Bradford absent.

Council Member Green announced events he attended or would be attending; and stated that he was pleased to report that the streets within the Brentwood neighborhoods had their lights turned on, Biran, Ebbtide, Tidewater, knotty Oaks, Wuthering Heights and White Heather Drive, this was the final stage of Phase IV, White Heather Storm Sewer Drainage Project and was looking forward to coordinating with Public Works and Engineering and the contractor relative to substantial completion walk through of the project. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Cohen, Martin, Pennington, Kubosh and Bradford absent.

Council Member Davis announced events he attended or would be attending. Council Member Robinson announced events he attended or would be attending. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Cohen, Martin, Pennington, Kubosh and Bradford absent.

Council Member Gallegos stated that he and his staff congratulated his staff member Leah Olive-Nishioka and her husband, Ed, for being proud new parents as of this morning, the birth of Ruth Marie Nishioka, born at 10:28 a.m., that Mom and the baby were doing great, and he wanted to congratulate the proud grandpa, Mr. Ken Olive. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Cohen, Martin, Pennington, Kubosh and Bradford absent.

There being no further business before Council, the City Council adjourned at 1:04 p.m. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Cohen, Martin, Pennington, Kubosh and Bradford absent.

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

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

/S/Anna Russell

Anna Russell, City Secretary