

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, February 11, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 11, 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. Harlan Heilman, Division Chief, Claims & Subrogation Division; and Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director, present.

At 1:42 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez called the meeting to order and stated that they would begin with Council presentations and recognized Council Member Green for the first presentation.

Council Member Green asked Council Member Boykins to join him and stated that today as a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity it was with great personal pride that he present this proclamation in recognition of the 2014 Texas Council of Alpha Chapters Convention that would be held in Houston February 13 through 16, 2014 at the Marriott Westchase Hotel, that since founding in 1906 Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. had supplied a voice and vision to the struggle of African American People and to people around the world, and invited Mr. Terrance Robinson, President, Texas Council of Alpha Chapter to come forward and asked that all of the members of Alpha Phi Alpha stand and be recognized, that the City of Houston congratulated and commended Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity for its many accomplishments and extended best wishes for continued success, and Mayor Parker stated therefore, she, Annise D. Parker, Mayor of the City of Houston, hereby proclaimed February 11, 2014 as 2014 Texas Council of Alpha Chapters Convention Day in Houston, Texas, that they appreciated all that they did. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Martin and Bradford absent.

Mr. Robinson stated that on behalf of the men of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., the Texas Council of Alpha Chapters, they wanted to thank them today for honoring them, they would not disappointment them, they always looked after their communities and would continue to do that service. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Martin and Bradford absent.

Council Member Green stated that he wanted to acknowledge Alpha men within the City of Houston, Mr. William Paul Thomas, Council Liaison for Mayor Parker, IT Director, Mr. Charles Thompson and Mr. Scott Minnix, Director, General Services and would like to thank them as well. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Martin and Bradford absent.

Council Member Pennington stated that he wanted to thank them for bringing to their attention their 50th gathering, they were proud of all of them. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Martin and Bradford absent.

Council Member Costello recognized Council Member Gonzalez for the next presentation. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Martin and Bradford absent. Council Member Costello presiding.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that it was always very exciting to help participate in this very exciting initiative as they recognized their Houston Professional Firefighters and their Local 341 Fill the Boot Effort, and recognized Muscular Dystrophy Association Staff members Ms. Carrie Dalton, Ms. Emily Fahner, Mr. Lamar Sanders, Ms. Nikia Allen, Ms. Karla Hoskin, Ms. Dyla Gutierrez, MDA Goodwill Ambassador, Ms. Dyla and Mr. Marco Gutierrez, parents of Dyla, and also in attendance from the Houston Fire Department, Steve Valdez, Jafet Suarez, Peter Mazabob, firefighter featured on this year's sticker, Brian Sky-Eagle, Union President, Local 341, Fire Chief Terry Garrison, Laura Hunter and other firefighters in attendance; that the

Houston Professional Firefighters Local 341 exemplified the most time honored American ideas of public service and sacrifice, protecting the citizens of the community from tragedy on the home front, that they were highly trained and dedicated individuals who demonstrated an extraordinary caliber of character and courage in the face of danger daily, that Firefighters Local 341 selflessly donated their time and energy to supporting the battle against Muscular Dystrophy by filling the boot for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, that in the past three years they had raised more than \$7.3 million for the Muscular Dystrophy Association through the annual Fill the Boot Campaign, and Mayor Parker stated that she knew she spoke on behalf of all of the Council Members when she said they appreciated the work they did every day for the City of Houston and the citizens of Houston, but this was a special effort, above and beyond, and they therefore would take the time today to thank them for their support of MDA as well, therefore, she, Annise D. Parker, Mayor of the City of Houston, hereby proclaimed February 11, 2014 as Houston Professional Firefighters Local 341 "Fill the Boot Day" in Houston, Texas. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Martin and Bradford absent. Council Member Costello presiding.

Ms. Carrie Dalton stated that she would like to thank them for the opportunity to bring a message of hope and thanks to the City of Houston, a City with the biggest heart, that this year marked the 60th anniversary that the firefighters had helped the Muscular Dystrophy Association by filling their boots with donations from citizens in their community, that last year Houstonians, through the Houston Firefighters raised over \$510,000 for MDA, that as they kicked off this year's campaign she wanted to thank them for their support of the program on behalf of the families they served, that throughout the Country when people hear Houston MDA they not only think of the fantastic researchers and doctors in their community, but they also think of the Houston Fill the Boot, the firefighters and the City's generosity, they appreciated the support and enthusiasm from Houston Mayor Annise Parker, Council Member Ed Gonzalez and Fire Chief Terry Garrison, when they add the enthusiastic support of Local 341 President Bryan Sky-Eagle, they had set the stage for another successful campaign, that as they kick off this year's boot drive they would like to invite them to be the first to drop in a dollar and help MDA, and introduced Ms. Gutierrez, a member of the MDA family. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin and Bradford absent. Council Member Costello presiding.

Ms. Gutierrez stated that they wanted to say thank you for allowing them to do this again, this was their second year being goodwill ambassadors with their daughter Dyla, who also had Spinal Muscular Atrophy, that this would be her second year on the sticker, that they did have daily struggles, sick days and strong days, but most of all they had thankful days like today, they were thankful for MDA, they allowed them to have meetings, seminars and to educate their family members and friends, they had several opportunities to serve with MDA and to bond with parents, they were also thankful for opportunities that MDA brought them where Dyla could participate in a camp for a full week, where she could be a regular kid, Camp For All, Burton, Texas, that Dyla got to participate in photo shoots, speaking events and meeting the Mayor, that they were very thankful for the generosity of Houston. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin and Bradford absent. Council Member Costello presiding.

Chief Garrison stated that he wanted to thank them for the opportunity to allow them to once again represent the City of Houston, they felt that every firefighter was an ambassador for the City and this was a great partnership for them where the administration and the union formed a team and they worked together to support such a worthy cause and to see Dyla's smile made it all worthwhile. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin and Bradford absent. Council Member Costello presiding.

Union President Bryan Sky-Eagle stated that he wanted to thank the City Council for allowing this to happen, the MDA and the Fire Department had been together approximately 60 years and it was a great service they did, they looked forward to another wonderful year.

Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin and Bradford absent. Council Member Costello presiding.

Council Member Costello stated that he wanted to thank them on behalf of his colleagues, they did a terrific job every day, and pass the boot. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin and Bradford absent. Council Member Costello presiding.

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

Mayor Parker stated that today they had honored an organization and a community volunteer effort and now they were going to honor an individual and invited Ms. Genevieve Rousseve and her family to the podium, and in addition to the family assembled in the Chamber she thought there were friends and fellow volunteers from the Miller Outdoor Theater Board and asked that they stand and be recognized, that there were a lot of folks present to be part of the presentation, that as a lifelong resident of Houston's Third Ward Ms. Rousseve had continually demonstrated her commitment to the community through 32 years of service as a Master Science Educator in the Houston Independent School District and a dedicated volunteer, that after retirement she had focused on one of her loves, fine arts, that she had served on the Miller Outdoor Theater Board for years, helping to promote and bring minority acts to the theater, therefore, she, Annise D. Parker, Mayor of the City of Houston, hereby proclaimed January 28, 2014 as Genevieve Rousseve Day in Houston, Texas. Council Member Cohen absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, Council Members Boykins and Green congratulated Ms. Genevieve Rousseve and thanked her for her service to the City of Houston. Council Member Cohen absent.

At 2:14 p.m. Mayor Parker recognized Council Member Gallegos for the invocation and pledge of allegiance, and Council Member Gallegos invited Reverend Randy Williams, Pastor at Sweet Home Missionary Baptist Church, for the invocation, and Council Member Gallegos led all in the pledge of allegiance.

At 2:18 p.m. The City Secretary to call the roll. All present.

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

The City Secretary began to call the list of speakers. Council Member Gallegos absent.

Ms. Sara Richards (did not wish to give address and phone number) appeared and stated that she was a citizen of Houston, a native Texan and a Christian with two concerns, first was the passing of Executive Order 1-50 and second, Mayor Parker's announcement that taxpayers provide insurance benefits for partners of City of Houston employees who were in same sex unions, that she believed these actions represented an attempt by the Mayor and City Council to push special interest politics offering protected class status to a very small group and disregarding the rights and votes of the majority of citizens, that Executive 1-50 allowed transgender employees to use whatever restroom they chose in government buildings, she saw many things wrong with this order, for one, she did not feel comfortable using a public restroom at the library, courthouse or other government building where a man may be present, it was a discrimination of her rights as a women, and the rights of all women, as well as an affront to the historical Christian moral values of their Country, that gender was anatomical and assigned at birth and one who chose to alter that, emotionally or physically, should not be given protected

status, additionally this order could present a potentially dangerous situation, exposing women to sexual assault, should a man who was a sexual predator, use this ordinance as a cover up to follow a women into a restroom to sexually assault her, that furthermore, she believed this ordinance was meant to set a precedence in the City of Houston, which would then be broadened to the City at large, that Mayor Parker was quoted as intending to extend this ordinance to the private sector, that meant businesses, restaurants and so forth would be subject to this kind of law, this was unacceptable and believed it would not stop there, she believed the ordinance was intended to be pushed to the public sector, which would include their schools and could put their students at risk, that another over reach by Mayor Parker was providing benefits for employees partners, this contradicted a 2001 Charter Amendment and a vote by the citizens of Houston, as well as a 2005 State wide vote on Proposition Two, passing a Constitutional ban on Same Sex Marriage in the State of Texas, this decision by Mayor Parker to provide these benefits completely disregarded voters in the City of Houston and the State of Texas and was an abuse of her political power, they lived in a republic and a democracy, everyone had their beliefs and opinions, but in the democratic process the public votes, the people had spoken, local government was supposed to uphold the laws of the State of Texas, protecting citizens, and the laws that those citizens voted to pass.

After discussion by Council Members Bradford and Martin, Council Member Pennington moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending time for questions of Ms. Sarah Richards, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0118 ADOPTED.

After further discussion by Council Members Pennington, Kubosh, Cohen, Gonzalez, Mayor Parker stated that this would come forward this spring, and would assure her that it would not be a secret or surprise, it would go to the appropriate Council committee and knew it would be on every television station when they did, so there would be plenty of opportunity for her to come back and give her views again.

Mr. Willie Baker, 6523 Vera Jean Dr., Houston, Texas 77088 – 281-272-0995 – had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called.

Ms. Patricia Martin, 7065 Bellfort, Houston, Texas 77087 – 832-276-6470 – had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called.

Mr. William Beal (did not wish to give address and phone number) - had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Martin and Laster 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 Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Laster and Green absent.

Mr. Jayce Richardson, 2731 Dawnstar Dr., Missouri City, Texas 77489 – 832-322-6953 – appeared and stated that he wanted to address an ongoing problem that existed that may not be coming to their attention as it should be, on City, State and government projects, but especially he would talk about the City of Houston, that on construction projects they had they knew the system where the general contractor was the one responsible, he was the prime and he had to hire subcontractors, the City had a mandate that they required as much minority participation as possible, which meant they would be subcontractors, if there was a breakdown in the payment arrangement or was delayed, then the people who were actually performing the work, the subcontractors, would suffer the most, there were some City projects where contractors had been out 90 days for payments or better, it meant if the general contractor had not submitted his invoice or had not been paid, then the subcontractors were the ones that were

having to finance the job, off of the sweat of their backs without any payment and no way of recouping any interest on the money, that he brought this to their attention because some contractors had no choice, maybe there was a glitch in the system, but then there were some who would use the fact that they could delay payment as a way of getting as much work as possible from the subcontractors with the intent of not paying them at all, finding a way to get them off of the projects, that this being the fourth largest City in the County, with a robust economy growing they were going to see even more City projects and this problem was only going to grow unless there was some mechanism put in to try to curtail these actions, that he was not present to say there was a fault, he just wanted to bring this before the City Council to make them aware of the fact that there were a lot of small contractors, and a lot of them were minorities, who were having difficult time because they were not being able to get paid on time because of the way the system presently was.

Mayor Parker stated that this was an issue that came up periodically and she could assure him that all of them around the Council table took very seriously the idea that a contractor would deliberately withhold payment from a subcontractor, there was a review mechanism in the Office of Business Opportunities, he could also contact the City of Houston's Legal Department, that he had raised general allegations, but he had not given them a particular issue to address, if he had a company that was doing that, they needed the name and particulars and asked Ms. Rhonda Sauder, Department of Neighborhoods, to give Mr. Richards the contact information for the Office of Business Opportunity.

Mr. Richardson stated that the government had a mechanism in place that because of a delay the general contractor could actually charge interest for the delay of the funds he would receive, if that was in place in the City of Houston, then some of the bigger contractors probably would not be so apprehensive about going ahead and putting their finances out to pay their subs in a timely way, without worrying about not being repaid, and Mayor Parker stated that would be a conversation to have with the Office of Business Opportunities, how that system worked, and whether it would work for the City of Houston, if there were contractors that were deliberately shorting subs, which was what Mr. Richardson had alleged, they had tools they could use to prevent those contractors from doing business with the City of Houston.

Upon questions by Council Member Bradford, Mr. Richardson stated that they were being told that the City was delinquent in paying, and Council Member Bradford asked Mr. Richardson if the City were to embark upon a procedure where in the process the crime was required to report an electronic payment, would that be helpful, and Mr. Richardson stated that he thought it would be helpful, because right now they had a program in place where electronically all subs who were registered and were on that project, were notified when the general contractor was going to be paid, but the lapse was once he had been paid, when were the subs paid, because they could come up with all kind of excuses after that.

Mayor Parker stated that they already had that system, and Council Member Bradford asked why did they not check and give City Council at least a report as to how many instances where OBO had identified where a sub had gone beyond a 45 day window, and Mayor Parker stated that it was B2G, where the sub was supposed to come in and enter when they got paid, rather than the prime saying they sent it to the sub, but she was happy to have Ms. Carlecia Wright come and make a presentation.

Council Member Laster moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending time for questions of Mr. Jayce Richardson, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0119 ADOPTED.

After further discussion by Council Members Green and Stardig, Mayor Parker stated that obviously they could not pay if a contractor did not send the City an invoice.

Mr. Johnny Lennon (did not wish to give address and phone number) appeared and stated that within their family they owned different types of property, in different areas, that they decided to sell a piece of property and they had a potential buyer and the buyer's agent submitted documents to a title company and he was told that the title company came back and said the City of Houston had a lien on this piece of property, that he was told it was a lien for pavement or paving, and he contacted someone at 832-393-9114 and spoke with two or three different people, that the lien was supposed to be about 40 years old, they only acquired the property a little over 20 years ago, they were unaware of it, he believed they may have gone through a title company originally, but he had not yet found the document on that particular piece of real estate, who would they contact if they were having a problem. Council Member Gonzalez absent.

Mayor Parker stated that Mr. Lennon had a really old lien, that he indicated it was for paving assessment, that if they fixed the street in front of their home they charged for it, they did not do that any longer, although it might be worth revisiting, that if Mr. Lennon would visit with Mr. Harlan Heilman, Legal Department, they were going to have to go through the records and find out, if he acquired the piece of property informally, without a title company, that lien could have been there and Mr. Lennon not known about it, that the lien would have been against the entire piece of property. Council Members Martin and Gonzalez absent.

Mr. John Noffin, 12903 Brant Rock Dr., No. 703, Houston, Texas 77082 – 832-208-1498 – appeared and stated that he was present regarding something that happened to him when he called 3-1-1, that he called for an ambulance to be dispatched to get him, that when the ambulance came he was inside his house with his sitter, that he was safe until he ended up in the ambulance, that once he was inside the ambulance the two ambulance drivers took it upon themselves to treat him less than a human being, that when he decided he was not going to talk to them anymore, he was going to talk to the people once he got to the hospital, they decided they were going to scare him so they stopped the ambulance, that he reported this because the people in his neighborhood needed to know about what kind of paramedics were driving these ambulances, that it happened March 5, 2013, that it happened again on August 27, 2013, that he wanted to know who was going to be held accountable for that, what if he would have died, people died every second of the day by not getting to the hospital in time, that no one was doing anything about it.

Mr. Robert Hicks, 722 West Forest, Houston, Texas 77079 – 713-385-9446 – appeared, presented information, and stated that he lived in the Knottingham Subdivision, around the corner from the Twin Peaks currently being built at 11335 Katy Freeway, that they wanted them to know that they were not going away and would continue to speak at City Council week after week, and around the City at other venues, until something was done, that he wanted them to understand that one, the concept of Twin Peaks was a bar and not a restaurant, two, they had a traffic record of horrific parking and dangerous traffic conditions and three, the City said they were looking into this with their legal team, they wanted to know what answers they had found; that he was delighted to find out that someone in City Hall had the community in mind when the Administration and Regulatory Affairs Department denied Twin Peaks their original permit on February 4, 2013, that this document was in their packet, that this showed that the City denied Twin Peaks original request but then changed its standards and granted a special covenant, and now the person who signed it had left the City payroll, that the ARA letter had been posted online to the entire Memorial community, a large active and informed and motivated voting base, that they would ask that Council Members show their support and sign their petition. Council Member Martin absent.

After discussion by Council Members Robinson and Pennington, Council Member

Robinson moved to suspend the rules for the purpose of extending time for questions of Mr. Robert Hicks, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Martin, Green and Costello absent. MOTION 2014-0120 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated that she wanted to correct some inaccuracies, Mr. McPhaul still worked for the City of Houston, this was a routine denial because yes, it did fall within the Alcohol Free Zone of a school, they did not do anything special as they did not do anything unusual, they got a routine denial and were given an opportunity to come back and indicate why they were an exception, and there were exceptions in the ordinance, that she trusted that this had been explained to him and the neighborhood, none of them wanted a business that incited neighborhood protest, but they had a regulatory framework that they had to operate in, she would point out that there was a Specks Store that was seeking to open up in the Washington Avenue area, and the neighborhood loved it, but they had an ordinance that did not allow it, so they did not allow the store to open up, it was not about whether they liked it or not, it was about what was in the ordinance and applying the law as it was before them, they were going to continue, if they fell outside the boundaries of the law they would not let them open, but if they were within the existing ordinance, because they could not retroactively change their ordinances, then they were not going to be able to do anything, they would continue to monitor the situation. Council Members Martin, Green and Costello absent.

Ms. Regina Garcia, 2425 University Blvd., Houston, Texas 77005 – 713-303-6054 – appeared and stated that she was the Chair of Bike Houston, that she wanted them to be aware of the efforts that Bike Houston had in the communities on how to educate bicyclist, that this last weekend they hosted a safety course where they trained bicycle safety instructors, the City had more nationally certified bicycle safety instructors than any other City in the Nation, right now they were all working and getting people trained for the MS150, that every weekend there were at least four classes that focused on training people to ride in big groups, but they taught them traffic laws, how to behave properly in the roadway with motorists, they had monthly classes for commuters, teaching people how to ride safely in traffic, and get to and from work safely, that this had been going on for years, that in another month they were going to have another course where they would train some more bicycle safety instructors, it was a real intense course, took 35 hours of time and picked up one of the knurliest intersections in Houston, a really terrible intersection and trained people to go through it over and over, then lead groups through the intersection, they of course focused on safety and traffic laws and made people practice, that they taught life safety skills, that they did have classes with children and were trying to figure out a way to spread them out into the neighborhoods, they were working with the Department of Public Works and Engineering, Coordinator Dan Rein, organized Bikeed.org, they could go online and take a free online safety course, they also distributed safety cards and law cards around the City, that their goal was zero fatalities on the roadways and thought a lot of people did perceive that Houston's roadways were aggressive at times, it was even intimidating to drive a car in some of their roadways, so whatever they could do to train their drivers and cyclists and to slow down the traffic was good for the City of Houston. Council Members Martin and Costello absent.

After discussion by Council Members Gonzalez and Pennington, Mayor Parker stated that Ms. Garcia had been working on bike issues for a long time. Council Members Martin and Costello absent.

Council Member Laster moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending time for questions of Ms. Regina Garcia, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Davis, Martin, Green and Costello absent. MOTION 2014-0121 ADOPTED.

After further discussion by Council Members Boykins and Stardig, Mayor Parker stated

that she had directed the Police Chief to come up with some planned enforcement actions where they did zero tolerance on drivers and zero tolerance on cyclists in targeted neighborhoods, it was going to make a lot of folks mad on both sides, but to do it in conjunction with the media, tell people they were going it and why, then do it and talk about why they did it and hopefully they would cut down on some of the aggressive driving and some of the cyclists who did not follow traffic laws. Council Members Davis, Martin, Green and Costello absent.

Mr. Jim Chambers, 1880 White Oak, Houston, Texas 77009 – 713-377-0359 – appeared and stated that he was a long time resident of the Heights, that he lived in Council Member Gonzalez district and had brought some attention to some traffic issues, that he went through these intersections all the time and had called 3-1-1 on various occasions about all of these and nothing had happened, some of these situations were getting a little serious, that someone from Council Member Gonzalez office had called him and that was a nice response, that in first order of importance was the intersection of Studewood and White Oak, there was not a protected left turn on White Oak as they crossed Studewood and a lot of times cars want to go around him and he almost got t boned, there was not room at that intersection to put a left turn lane, a very similar situation at West Gray and Waugh, and finally Taylor Bridge over I-10 was reconstructed and the crosswalk lights had been bagged and never turned on ever since and there was a lot of pedestrian traffic that went through there, that he went to Kroger at North Shepherd and 11th and North Shepherd had gotten very busy, traffic came over the bridge and the only light was at 11th and there was a driveway at 10th next to shopping center and it was hard to make a left, much less go across to go into the neighborhood and he thought they could use a traffic light there. Council Members Davis, Martin, Green and Costello absent.

Mayor Parker stated that it was not necessary for Mr. Chambers to come down and advocate for this himself, an email to his District Council Member or one of the At Large Council Members could have triggered a review by the Public Works Department, but they would make a note of the intersections he indicated and knew that Council Member Gonzalez was now aware of it and they would follow up with him. Council Members Davis, Martin, Green and Costello absent.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that he was not aware of his specific concerns, and knew he had been trying to work through the 3-1-1 system, that he was glad to be aware of it and knew his office had reached out to him, that those were valid concerns, that Ms. Mercedes Sanchez from his office was present and would connect with him and they would see what they could do to address his concerns. Council Members Davis, Martin, Green and Costello absent.

Mr. Nooruddin Yamani, 6010 Shady Manor, Houston, Texas – 832-687-7356 – appeared and stated that he was Janab Shaikh Noorudin Yamani, President and Aamil of the Houston Chapter of Worldwide Dawoodi Bohras Community, that the Houston Chapter of Dawoodi Bohras Community was established in 1978 and had grown steadily over the years, in 1996 they had their leader and spiritual father, His Holiness Doctor Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin, who visited Houston for the opening ceremony of the Houston place of worship and community center, that at that time the City of Houston honored him with the key to Houston, then Mayor Bob Lanier stated that this was not just a key to the City, but a key to their hearts, that Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin's spiritual guidance and his message of peace, harmony, unity and duty defined their values, they were proud to be American and offered their commitment to Houston and Texas and to the United States of America, that today their community comprises a large number of professionals, teachers, doctors, architects and engineers, they invest in the City both economically and through philanthropically, that with a heavy heart he today would relate to them the demise of their beloved leader, who passed away in Mumbai, India, on January 17, 2014 at the age of 102 years, that his son, and successor, His Holiness Syedna Muffaddal Saifuddin, was now the worldwide leader and spiritual father of Dawdi Bohras and their source of strength in these difficult times. Council Members Davis, Martin,



Green and Costello absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she wanted to thank them for being present, they had a large and diverse community in Houston that followed many faiths and traditions, they would express their condolences to the community on the passing their spiritual leader, although at 102 years he lived a long and apparently quite productive life, they hoped that their new leader, Syedna Muffaddal Saifuddin, was able to visit in Houston, she wanted to thank him for giving them this information. Council Members Davis, Martin, Green and Costello absent.

Mr. Nooruddin Yamani stated that they had constructed a new mosque and thought some of the Council Members had visited with them, they hoped in March or April they would have an introduction and would like the Mayor and City Council to invite their leader to come and visit in Houston, and Mayor Parker stated that she thought many of them would be pleased to attend if they had the opportunity to greet him. Council Members Davis, Martin, Green and Costello absent.

Ms. Gladys House, 1605 Andrews, Houston, Texas 77019 – 832-781-9724 – appeared and stated that she was investigating an investigation on the booting of vehicles because when she was on State business on November 20, 2013, on behalf of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, she had a rude awakening, her vehicle had been booted, but when she talked to the agent for LAZ, the parking entity, he said they did not boot law enforcement, they violate the policy all the time, but they did not boot them, and she said she was with law enforcement and was on official State business, so why were they discriminating, and he shared that on Tuesdays and Wednesdays of each week, when they had massive number of people visiting their relatives at the County jail, 700 Block of San Jacinto, that was when they really came out to boot vehicles, it was like they pounced on disadvantaged people, because as many of them knew, most of the people incarcerated were low to moderate income individuals or minorities, that she hoped that City Council could review and revisit its present ordinance or create one so that all of the discrimination would not be going on. Council Members Davis, Martin, Green and Costello absent.

After discussion by Council Members Kubosh, Gonzalez and Bradford, Council Member Bradford moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending time for questions of Ms. Gladys House, seconded by Council Member Cohen. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Davis, Martin and Costello absent. MOTION 2014-0122 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated that JP Courts were County and did not have anything to do with the City of Houston, that while they did not routinely boot law enforcement vehicles, they boot vehicles owned by law enforcement officials and driven by law enforcement officials, whether or not they were on official business, if they had tickets, that she did not know if Ms. House was booted by the City of Houston, if she went through JP Court it did not sound like one of the City's tickets, but they had the policy of booting everybody that violated their minimum number of tickets, if she had specific questions Mr. Christopher Newport, ARA, was present. Council Members Davis, Martin and Costello absent.

President Joseph Charles, Post Office Box 524373, Houston, Texas 77052-4373 (713-928-2871) appeared and stated that he was requesting more time, and continued to express his personal opinions until his time expired. Council Members Davis, Martin, Pennington and Costello absent.

At 3:36 p.m. Mayor Parker stated that the City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 12, 2014. Council Members Davis, Martin, Pennington and Costello absent.

The Houston City Council reconvened at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 12, 2014, Mayor Annise Parker presiding, with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jerry Davis, Ellen R. Cohen, Dwight Boykins, Dave Martin, Richard Nguyen, Oliver Pennington, Robert Gallegos, Mike Laster, Larry V. Green, Stephen C. Costello, David Robinson, Michael Kubosh and Jack Christie, D.C.; Mr. Dave Feldman, City Attorney; and Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director, present. Council Member Edward Gonzalez out of the city on city business. Council Member C. O. "Brad" Bradford absent on personal business.

At 8:36 a.m. the City Secretary read the descriptions or captions of items on the Agenda.

At 9:07 a.m. Mayor Parker called the meeting to order, and stated that Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez was traveling today and would not be present, and requested the City Secretary to begin with the consent agenda. Council Members Davis, Gallegos and Green absent.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

### **CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 1 through 31**

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

1. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment of the following individuals to the **OFFICE OF BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY ADVISORY BOARD**, for terms to expire 1/2/2015
  - Position Three - **TROI L. TAYLOR**
  - Position Nine - **NICOLE C. WEST**

- was presented, moved Council Member Laster, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. Council Member Bradford absent on personal business. Council Member Gallegos absent. MOTION 2014-0123 ADOPTED.
2. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the reappointment of the following individuals to the **FIRE CODE BOARD OF APPEALS**, for terms to expire 12/31/2015:
  - Position Five - **REY DE LA REZA**
  - Position Eight - **MARGIA M. BLANKENSHIP**
  - Position Ten - **BRUCE J. MALCOLM**
  - Position Eleven - **LEONARDO CAMARGO**

- was presented, moved Council Member Laster, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. Council Member Bradford absent on personal business. Council Member Gallegos absent. MOTION 2014-0124 ADOPTED.
3. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the reappointment of **ABE S. GOREN** to Position Six to the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MIDTOWN REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**, for a term to expire 12/31/2015 - was presented, moved Council Member Laster, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. Council Member Bradford absent on personal business. Council Member Gallegos absent. MOTION 2014-0125 ADOPTED.
4. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the reappointment of **ABE S. GOREN** to Position Six to the **REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER TWO (ALSO KNOWN AS THE MIDTOWN ZONE), BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for a term to expire 12/31/2015 - was presented, moved Council Member Laster, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business.

Council Member Bradford absent on personal business. Council Member Gallegos absent. MOTION 2014-0126 ADOPTED.

5. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for payment of \$822,000.00 to the **HARRIS-GALVESTON SUBSIDENCE DISTRICT** for 2014 groundwater withdrawal permit fees - Enterprise Fund - was presented, moved Council Member Laster, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. Council Member Bradford absent on personal business. Council Member Gallegos absent. MOTION 2014-0127 ADOPTED.

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

6. RECOMMENDATION from Director General Services Department for approval of final contract amount of \$386,943.00 and acceptance of work on contract with **CARRERA CONSTRUCTION, INC** for Dow Park Basketball Court and Pavilion Restorations at Various Locations - 7.99% over the original contract amount and under 8% contingency amount - **DISTRICTS D - BOYKINS; H - GONZALEZ; I - GALLEGOS and K - GREEN** - was presented, moved Council Member Laster, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. Council Member Bradford absent on personal business. Council Member Gallegos absent. MOTION 2014-0128 ADOPTED.

#### **PROPERTY** - NUMBERS 7 through 9

7. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering, on request from Nedwan Winters, Ziegler Cooper Architects, on behalf of The Varnett Schools, Inc., (Dr. M. Annette Cluff, President) for the abandonment and sale of a 10-foot-wide water line easement, in exchange for conveyance to the City of a 20-foot wide water line easement and a 200-square-foot water meter easement, all located within Tract 45F, out of the Eli Nolan Survey, A-600, Parcels SY14-034, KY14-093A and KY14-093B - **DISTRICT B - DAVIS** - was presented, moved Council Member Laster, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. Council Member Bradford absent on personal business. Council Member Gallegos absent. MOTION 2014-0129 ADOPTED.
8. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering, **AMEND MOTION #2013-0524, 7/31/13** for the abandonment and sale of Rosalie Street, from Main Street to Travis Street, located within the Fair Ground First Addition, out of the Obedience Smith Survey, A-676, Parcel SY13-065 to appoint appraisers - **DISTRICTS C - COHEN and D - BOYKINS** - was presented, moved Council Member Laster, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. Council Member Bradford absent on personal business. Council Member Gallegos absent. MOTION 2014-0130 ADOPTED.
9. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering disclaiming, releasing and relinquishing the City's right, title, interest, claim and demand in on request from Camilo Parra of Urbaniza Limited Partnership, [Meoli, LLC (CAMILO Parra, Manager), General Partner] and to a ±2,756-square-foot section of Drew Avenue, out of the J.S. Holman Survey, Parcel SY14-049 - **DISTRICT D - BOYKINS** - was presented, moved Council Member Laster, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business.

Council Member Bradford absent on personal business. Council Member Gallegos absent. MOTION 2014-0131 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated that they appointed a number of members of Boards and Commissions, if any of the appointees were present they would recognize them, and seeing none Mayor Parker stated they would move on. Council Member Gallegos absent.

**PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS** - NUMBER 10

10. **M.E.K. INTERIORS & FLOORS, LLC** for purchase of Carpet Tile and Installation Services from the State of Texas Procurement and Support Services Contract through the State of Texas Cooperative Purchasing Program for the Houston Airport System \$61,276.37 - Enterprise Fund - was presented, moved Council Member Laster, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. Council Member Bradford absent on personal business. Council Member Gallegos absent. MOTION 2014-0132 ADOPTED.

**ORDINANCES** - NUMBERS 15 through 31

15. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing a lease agreement between **COLE REGENTS PARK, LTD.**, as landlord, and the City of Houston, Texas, as tenant, at 1335 Regents Park Drive, Houston, Texas, for use by the Houston Permitting Center - \$37,159.49 - Building Inspection Fund - 2 years with a renewal option - **DISTRICT E – MARTIN** – was pulled from the agenda by the administration and was not considered. Council Member Gallegos absent.
16. ORDINANCE directing the Department of Planning and Development to prepare a service plan that provides for the extension of municipal services into certain territory in the vicinity of Aldine Westfield southeast of Richey Road, in Harris County, Texas; calling public hearings at which interested persons will be given the opportunity to be heard on a proposal for the City of Houston to annex certain territory in the vicinity of Aldine Westfield southeast of Richey Road, in Harris County, Texas; providing for the publication of notice of such hearings; containing other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; providing for severability - **DISTRICT B – DAVIS - HEARING DATES WEDNESDAY - 9:00 A.M. - MARCH 5 AND 12, 2014** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. Council Member Bradford absent on personal business. Council Member Gallegos absent. ORDINANCE 2014-0098 ADOPTED.
17. ORDINANCE awarding contract **KENTECH, INC** for Maintenance, Repair and Testing of Emergency Power Units for Various Departments; providing maximum contract amount \$1,278,914.50 - 3 years with two one-year options - General , Enterprise and Other Funds - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. Council Member Bradford absent on personal business. Council Member Gallegos absent. ORDINANCE 2014-0099 ADOPTED.
18. ORDINANCE consenting to the addition of 5.6583 acres of land to **MORTON ROAD MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT**, for inclusion in its district - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. Council Member Bradford absent on personal business. Council Member Gallegos absent. ORDINANCE 2014-0100 ADOPTED.
19. ORDINANCE consenting to the addition of 123.768 acres of land to **EAST MONTGOMERY COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 6**, for inclusion in its

district - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. Council Member Bradford absent on personal business. Council Member Gallegos absent. ORDINANCE 2014-0101 ADOPTED.

20. ORDINANCE consenting to the addition of 235.932 acres of land to **EAST MONTGOMERY COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 7**, for inclusion in its district - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. Council Member Bradford absent on personal business. Council Member Gallegos absent. ORDINANCE 2014-0102 ADOPTED.
21. ORDINANCE consenting to the addition of 1.208 acres of land to **HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 205**, for inclusion in its district - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. Council Member Bradford absent on personal business. Council Member Gallegos absent. ORDINANCE 2014-0103 ADOPTED.
22. ORDINANCE consenting to the creation of **INTERCONTINENTAL CROSSING MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. Council Member Bradford absent on personal business. Council Member Gallegos absent. ORDINANCE 2014-0104 ADOPTED.
23. ORDINANCE making findings concerning the use of approximately 6,986 square feet of Stuebner-Airline Park for a sanitary sewer easement in connection with the abandonment of the Willow Run Wastewater Treatment Plant and Flow Diversion for the West Mount Houston and Rutherford Lift Stations - **DISTRICT B - DAVIS** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. Council Member Bradford absent on personal business. Council Member Gallegos absent. ORDINANCE 2014-0105 ADOPTED.
24. ORDINANCE issuing permit to **SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO.** 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 provision under which the permit is issued; providing for severability - **DISTRICT I - GALLEGOS** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. Council Member Bradford absent on personal business. Council Member Gallegos absent. ORDINANCE 2014-0106 ADOPTED.
26. ORDINANCE appropriating \$600,000.00 out of the Metro Projects Construction DDSRF and approving and authorizing professional engineering services contract between the City of Houston and **AIA ENGINEERS, LTD.** for Intersection Redesign & Safety Improvements; providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Metro Projects Construction DDSRF - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. Council Member Bradford absent on personal business. Council Member Gallegos absent. ORDINANCE 2014-0107 ADOPTED.
27. ORDINANCE appropriating \$3,779,652.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding contract to **PM CONSTRUCTION & REHAB, LLC** for Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation by Sliplining and Pipe Busting Methods; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines' providing funding for engineering and testing, and contingencies relating to

construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - (WW-4257-140) - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. Council Member Bradford absent on personal business. Council Member Gallegos absent. ORDINANCE 2014-0108 ADOPTED.

28. ORDINANCE appropriating \$4,296,651.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding contract to **REPIPE CONSTRUCTION, LLC dba IPR SOUTH CENTRAL, LLC** for Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation by Cured-in-Place Pipe Methods; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines providing funding for engineering and testing, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund (WW-4258-58) - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. Council Member Bradford absent on personal business. Council Member Gallegos absent. ORDINANCE 2014-0109 ADOPTED.
29. ORDINANCE appropriating \$3,404,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding contract to **MCKINNEY CONSTRUCTION, INC** for Water Line Replacement in Imperial Valley Area Package I; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines providing funding for engineering, testing, CIP Cost Recovery, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT B - DAVIS** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. Council Member Bradford absent on personal business. Council Member Gallegos absent. ORDINANCE 2014-0110 ADOPTED.
30. ORDINANCES Nos. 2014-89 to 2014-90, passed first reading February 5, 2014 for Ordinances granting to the following listed as A and B, 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 **SECOND READING** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. Council Member Bradford absent on personal business. Council Member Gallegos absent. ORDINANCES 2014-89 TO 2014-90 PASSED SECOND READING IN FULL.  
**LONE STAR DISPOSAL, LP**, a Texas Limited Partnership - (2014-89)  
**SUN COAST RESOURCES, INC.**, a Texas Corporation - (2014-90)
31. ORDINANCES Nos. 2014-64 to 2014-74, passed first reading February 5, 2014 for Ordinances granting to the following listed as A through K, 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 Gonzalez out of the city on city business. Council Member Bradford absent on personal business. Council Member Gallegos absent. ORDINANCES 2014-64 TO 2014-74 ADOPTED THIRD AND FINAL READING IN FULL.  
**A. FRESH CAN LLC D/B/A TEXAS WASTE CO.**, a Texas Limited Liability Company - (2014-64)

- B. TRUE BLUE SOLUTIONS, LLC**, a Texas Limited Liability Company - **(2014-65)**
- C. SNEAD’S, INC**, a Texas Corporation - **(2014-66)**
- D. CONTROL WASTE SERVICES, LTD.**, a Texas Limited Partnership - **(2014-67)**
- E. EVERGREEN ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, LLC**, a Texas Limited Liability Company **(2014-68)**
- F. SAFETY-KLEEN CORP.**, a Wisconsin Corporation - **(2014-69)**
- G. HOA TRAN DBA A-EVERGREEN VACUUM SERVICE**, a Texas Sole Proprietorship - **(2014-70)**
- H. DAVID PATTERSON DBA DUMPSTER DAVE**, a Texas Sole Proprietorship – **(2014-71)**
- I. PHILIP RECLAMATION SERVICES, HOUSTON, LLC**, a Texas Limited Liability Company **(2014-72)**
- J. NEXUS DISPOSAL, LLC**, a Texas Limited Liability Company - **(2014-73)**
- K. WASTE CONNECTIONS OF TEXAS, LLC**, a Delaware Limited Liability Company - **(2014-74)**

### **CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS**

11. **INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS OF HOUSTON** for Automotive, International Trucks, Gas/Diesel Replacement Parts and Repair Services for Various Departments - \$614,394.00 Fleet Management Fund - was presented, moved Council Member Costello, seconded by Council Member Robinson. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. Council Member Bradford absent on personal business. Council Member Gallegos absent. MOTION 2014-0133 ADOPTED.

#### **ORDINANCES**

12. ORDINANCE supplementing the City of Houston, Texas Combined Utility System Master Ordinance; providing for the issuance of Combined Utility System First Lien Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2014B and Combined Utility System First Lien Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2014C in one or more series or subseries as may be further designated; authorizing the Mayor and City Controller to approve the amounts, interest rates, prices, and terms thereof and certain other matters relating thereto; providing for the payment thereof; making other provisions regarding such bonds including the use of one or more Preliminary Official Statements and authorizing the preparation and distribution of one or more Official Statements and matters incident thereto; awarding the sale of the Bonds; authorizing the defeasance, final payment, and discharge of Certain Outstanding Combined Utility System First Lien Revenue Refunding Bonds; authorizing the execution and delivery of one or more Escrow Agreements; authorizing the purchase of and subscription for Certain Escrowed Securities; authorizing Escrow Verification and Engagement of an Escrow Agent; authorizing a Co-Bond Counsel Agreement, and a Special Disclosure Co-Counsel Agreement; authorizing the execution and delivery of a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement and other related documents; making other provisions regarding such bonds; and declaring an emergency – was presented. Council Member Gallegos absent.

Council Member Martin stated that he would like to tag Item no. 12, and would like to get some additional information on Bond Counsel and would like to talk with whoever in the department needed have an audience with him. Council Member Gallegos absent.

Mayor Parker stated that Bond Counsel came from the City Attorney’s office, that Item No.

12 had been tagged by Council Member Martin. Council Member Gallegos absent.

13. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing a reinstatement, renewal and extension agreement (second amendment) among the City of Houston, **PLEASANT HILL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION and PLEASANT HILL COMMUNITY APARTMENTS, L.P. DISTRICT B - DAVIS** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. Council Member Bradford absent on personal business. Council Member Gallegos absent. ORDINANCE 2014-0111 ADOPTED.
14. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing an Interlocal Agreement between the City and Harris County, Texas, for County Game Room Regulation Permitting and Enforcement within City Limits - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. Council Member Bradford absent on personal business. Council Member Gallegos absent. ORDINANCE 2014-0112 ADOPTED.
25. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,000,000.00 out of Water & Sewer Consolidated Construction Fund and \$500,000.00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF-A Fund for the Developer Participation Contracts (approved by Ordinance No. 2008-307) - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. Council Member Bradford absent on personal business. Council Member Gallegos absent. ORDINANCE 2014-0113 ADOPTED.

**MATTERS HELD** - NUMBERS 32 and 33

32. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing first amendment to Interlocal Agreement between the City of Houston and the **GREATER EAST END MANAGEMENT DISTRICT** for the Design and Construction of Projects funded by the US DOT TIGER Grant (approved by Ordinance No. 2013-433) - **DISTRICTS H - GONZALEZ and I – GALLEGOS – (This was Item 7 on Agenda of February 5, 2014, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER DAVIS)** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. Council Member Bradford out on personal business. Council Member Gallegos absent. ORDINANCE 2014-0114 ADOPTED.
33. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contracts between the City and **(1) AAR INCORPORATED, (2) R&A BUILDING SPECIALISTS, (3) ORTHO CONSTRUCTION/RENOVATION COMPANY INC., (4) TREBOR INCORPORATED, AND (5) WATSON CONSOLIDATED** for the City's Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Control Program; providing maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$12,500,000.00 - Grant Fund – **(This was Item 11 on Agenda of February 5, 2014, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS GREEN and LASTER)** – was presented.

Council Member Green stated that after meeting with the Health Department on this issue he thought they were able to get an answer regarding MWBE certification on this item, however getting to that point he had to say, was somewhat tumultuous with regard to getting the stories from OBO and the Health Department, that he hoped when they did consider granting these waivers, which they had been singling doing quite consistently lately, that they actually take the time to research this so that information given to Council would be clear, whereby what was provided to them was accurate, that he did accept the explanation given with regard to this particular contract, he just thought there should be an easier way and looked forward to working with Director Carlecia Wright, OBO, to making that a reality.

A vote was called on Item No. 33. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Gonzalez



out of the city on city business. Council Member Bradford out on personal business. Council Member Gallegos absent. ORDINANCE 2014-0115 ADOPTED.

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

Council Member Christi stated that he wanted to give a little report on the South African Trade Mission, put on by the Greater Houston Partnership, that South Africa was about to discover some oil and gas that they sorely needed and American companies that were there making contact, there was tremendous business to be made, because this was the number one exporting port in the Country and these trade missions were important because it developed relationships where they called upon the United States, Texas and Houston to do business, there was two and a half billion dollars done with South Africa right now, and post-Apartheid it was only going to grow; that the administration, whether the Mayor or Chief Development Officer or Airport Director, he thought they would be very proud on the conversations, the wording and the contacts that were made, the other countries were proud to be talking to Houston, Texas, but their folks did a tremendous job on developing relationships and that was so important with international trade, and their folks did a good job.

Mayor Parker stated one small correction, the Greater Houston Partnership was a partner in the trip, she was going as a Delegate to the C40, not at taxpayer expense, and they put a trade mission around it, but the meetings were actually coordinated and chosen by Mathew Shalier and Mr. Andy Icken's Office for International Development, and the coordination went through Saba Abushal at the Airport, the logistics of the trip and the people they met were worked through the City side, the Partnership brought the delegates, it was a good coalition working together.

Council Member Robinson stated that he wanted to give a shout out to Mr. Crain and the Houston Astros for bringing Mr. Nolan Ryan back home, it was great news for them and wanted to welcome their ace back to town in that capacity; that he wanted everyone to be sure of the good work that Scenic Houston had been up to, with the Mayor's Executive Order for the Complete Streets Initiative, there was a number of new tools in the tool box, and thought for those in the District Council seats were aware of the potential for some of those improvements like the ones they had seen on Bagby Street, to take place and impact a positive design in their communities, he thought the Scenic Houston Resource Guide Book, which he displayed, was a truly wonderful asset and resource for them to consider what to do and what not to do, generally speaking, that he knew they had also done some work recently, very proactively, trying to think about which districts and which streets CIP projects, in their minds, were especially appropriate to be considered for such design guidelines, and they had looked through those recommendations and there were a number of District Council areas that were on that list of their top ten, and he thought they needed to ask them to dig deeper so that all District Council areas have at least a couple of ideas about where they could build better and more complete streets in Houston, that he was looking forward to attending any of those meetings that the District Council Members would have their At Larges present for.

Council Member Boykins stated that they would welcome him in District D; and announced events he attended or would be attending.; and stated that he wanted to thank Neighborhood Protection for following up on a tear down off of Calhoun Road on Monday, that Ms. Katherine Herrin had been advocating for a tear down next to her home for the past 14 years, and it finally happened, it was not all on the City but they got it done and he wanted to thank Neighborhood Protection and their crew; that last night he was with many residents in the South Park area dealing with the high school closure being proposed through HISD, that Jones High School was located in District D and they had a strong turnout in opposition to the proposal to close the schools in the South Park area, as they all knew once they shut down schools they shut down communities, that Sterling and Jones High Schools were dear to the

communities and he stood in support of the communities to make certain they kept those schools open.

Council Member Martin stated that he wanted to wish a Happy Birthday to Ms. Lauren Lakey, his Deputy Chief of Staff, as she celebrates her birthday tomorrow; and their sincere condolences to Ms. Sally Alcorn and her family as they lost their mother-in-law; that he wanted to thank Council Member Costello's office for arranging a BFA crash course for their office, they enjoyed it and learned a lot; and announced events he attended or would be attending.

Council Member Laster announced events he attended or would be attending; that for the last year and a half the City had been involved in a major redevelopment of Bellaire Boulevard, with a \$25 million construction project, and that had in large part moved along very well, that he understood the project was somewhat ahead of schedule and was looking to be completed by the end of October 2014, so they were pleased, that the challenge was that within the last couple of months they had some accidents along that corridor that had been horrific and terrible, in fact there were two deaths of pedestrians, an elderly gentleman, and just this past weekend was a very young man, which appeared to have been a hit and run, so if anyone had any information about that event they would appreciate knowing about it, that he joined with Council Member Nguyen and they were in constant communications with the Public Works Department and all entities involved and they would be encouraging the Public Works Department to consider some other safety measures, that he would like to advise and remind the public that this was a construction site, and as all constructions sites it was a dangerous location, and they would encourage all the folks that traveled along that corridor to slow down, to drive responsibly and for all of the citizens and residents in the area who traveled back and forth across that road they encouraged them to please not cross in the middle of the road, cross at safe locations, these were two pedestrian accidents that appeared to have had jaywalking incidents involved with the, so they just asked that the entire community be more conscious of safety measures moving forward; that in the last couple of days they had an example of courage from a local young man who in his own words shred his own truth, Mr. Michael Sam from Hitchcock, announced another part of who he was as he moved forward in his career, sharing his sexual identity, that for those of them who had walked that trail and knew what fear and rejection could be like they also knew what the courage was for him to do that, and he just wanted to commend him and wish him God speed and a great career as he moved forward, and thanked him for being a role model for many of them.

Council Member Cohen announced events she attended or would be attending.

Council Member Pennington announced events he attended or would be attending; that he wanted to thank Mr. Patrick Walsh, Acting Director of the Planning Department, for coming by his office, that as he had mentioned before on some other matters, if they did not do some planning and list the things they wanted to do it was more unlikely that they would get those matters done, that he welcomed his agenda and looked forward to working with him.

Council Member Green announced events he attended or would be attending.

Mayor Parker stated that she wanted to point out for anyone who was interested in the Council Committees agendas, if they went to the City's website, the City Council page, there was a link to Council Committees and all of the Council agendas were there.

Council Member Davis announced events he attended or would be attending; and stated that it amazed him, how did they try to educate their kids and then in the last two years while he had been in District B they had closed down over 7 schools, that he elected to get on the bus and go to Lamar from Little York and take that 45 minute to an hour transportation experience, a lot of kids did not, that he did miss out on hanging out with this buddies in the neighborhood

for four years because by the time he got home it was time to go to bed, that they were destroying their communities, they were looking at Nat Q. Henderson, right next to Nat Q. Henderson they were about to put \$4 million into remodeling Cleme Manor Apartments, to steal words from Council Member Christi, it was the tax payers money, they pay taxes for school, they pay taxes for the City and it seemed like they could not come together, they should not close down a school when they were trying to remodel and build homes, so in actuality they were going to be putting over \$10 million in the area, so when he looks at "Hot on Homes" on Sunday, they talk about the house, amenities, the neighborhood and the school and school district, so when they were killing the community, by extracting these schools out of the area, and this school was only short in attendance by maybe 75 kids, as it related to River Oaks Elementary, so his question was what was the real reason why they were doing this, that he knew they were not the governing board over their school system, but they needed to be able to work together, that was not just with the County, but with HISD and other school districts that lay within the boundaries of the City of Houston, that he understood they were at Council to be efficient and effective, but they also had to think if they stopped educating their kids now, it was going to cost them so much more later.

Council Member Gallegos announced events he attended or would be attending; and stated that he received a phone call from Ms. Christina Bell's mother. Ms. Higdon, that her daughter Christina was the intellectually challenged 43 year old who was mauled by two pit bulls in early January in the Glenbrook Valley area, that Ms. Higdon said her daughter had a big heart and loved animals, that Ms. Higdon loves animals and wanted to get involved helping strays, and educating pet owners, that she wanted to do this in memory of her daughter, that he provided the contact to Barrio Dogs and she had called them and made arrangements to volunteer; that one question that was asked over and over at community meetings in District I was when was the City going to do something about the stray animal problem, in Garden Villas, prior to Ms. Bell's attack, a jogger was jogging in Garden Villas and was also attacked by several dogs while jogging in the neighborhood, the jogger was severely mauled by survived, and was in recovery, that this problem was nothing new, that recalled as a boy walking to his elementary school just two blocks away from his parent's home, he had to go out of his way to avoid a dog, not knowing if it was tied up or loose, this was something that they could no longer pretend was not happening in the fourth largest City in the Country, that BARC would soon present new ordinances to the Public Safety Committee and City Council and he urged them to listen to see what they could do resolve this issue.

Council Member Stardig announced events he attended or would be attending.

Council Member Kubosh stated that before he ran for City Council he realized how the City was structure, he realized that a Council Member voted for what was put on the agenda, he understood they had a strong mayoral form of government, that many of them were calling him and asking him why the City got involved in the firefighters and sued them, if they did not like the way things were going they would have to change the Charter, and that would not be until next year, that he was concerned that the citizens did not fully understand how Council worked, and how the government was structured, but he wanted them to know that he would be a voice for them, the power of the Council office, if there was any power, was either press releases, press conferences, town hall meetings, newsletters or what they were doing right now, pop off, where they had an opportunity to address them, citizens, and to make a record of where they stood, that the firemen were at Council yesterday and he told nearly every one of them that he was not behind the lawsuit, and he believed the firemen understood that, but that did not mean that they did not need to come to the bargaining table, the City needed financial stability, they needed to make sure that his children and grandchildren had a good place to be and at the same token they needed to keep their word to those they made covenants with, that he knew it was a dichotomy, but somehow or another they had to work together, that he believed if people just came together somehow or another they were going to work it out, that as Council Member

Gallegos stated they were the fourth largest City, but they were also the City that had the first name ever said from the moon, they could do things and they had to fix it, that for those of them who took the time to watch the committee meeting on Public Safety where they were talking about building a Justice Center, he was for a Justice Center or a new Courts building, he was just not for paying \$500 million to \$600 million for it, that if the citizens wanted it then that was fine, but he did not know how he could explain it to them if they got themselves into financial debt that they could never pay back, that he was concerned about that, that he told them yesterday in the committee meeting, he would like to drive a Cadillac SUV, but he drove a KIA, the truth of the matter was that he wanted to make sure they understood how this thing worked, that he appreciated be able to have a voice and wanted to represent them, keep calling and talking to them, but if they wanted to make changes in government they were going to have to get involved and there were ways of doing that, but they had work within the framework of the government they currently had. Council Member Martin absent.

Council Member Nguyen stated that he wanted to wish a belated Happy Birthday to Dillon Osborne; and announced events he attended or would be attending; and stated that he wanted to wish everyone a Happy Valentine Day. Council Members Stardig and Martin absent.

There being no further business before Council, the City Council adjourned at 9:52 a.m. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. Council Member Bradford absent on personal business. Council Members Stardig and Martin absent.

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

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

/S/Anna Russell

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Anna Russell, City Secretary