

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, April 1, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 1, 2014, Mayor Annise Parker presiding, with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jerry Davis, Ellen R. Cohen, Dwight Boykins, Richard Nguyen, Oliver Pennington, Robert Gallegos, Mike Laster, Larry V. Green, Stephen C. Costello, David W. 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, and Ms. Stella Ortega, Agenda Office, present. Council Member Dave Martin absent due to death in family. Council Member Edward Gonzalez out of the city on city business.

At 1:50 p.m. Mayor Parker called the meeting to order, and recognized Council Member Boykins for the first Council presentation. Council Members Stardig, Cohen, Pennington and Robinson absent.

Council Member Boykins stated that the number of drowning related deaths in Houston and Harris County continued to be a concern every year with 32 deaths in 2010, 10 deaths in 2011, 13 deaths in 2012 and 25 deaths in 2013, highlighted the necessity of water safety education in Houston, the City of Houston had dedicated the Month of April to Pool and Water Safety Awareness, and Mayor Parker stated therefore, she, Annise D. Parker, Mayor of the City of Houston, hereby proclaimed April as Pool Water Safety Awareness Month in Houston, Texas, that it was a great opportunity, before they got out and in their swimming pools and out in the lakes and creeks and nice places to swim, to remind their children about water safety and that they engage in swimming lessons if at all possible, that she wanted to salute all of the organizations that were involved in this effort. Council Members Stardig, Cohen, Pennington and Robinson absent.

Council Member Boykins recognized Mr. Kyle Brown, Houston Apartment Association, who had teamed up with the Army Corp of Engineers.

Mr. Brown stated that with a million people living in apartments in the Houston area it was important that parents and children learn water education to prevent drowning's in and around the pools area.

Ms. Tracey Lehman, Safe Kids of Greater Houston, stated that she wanted to thank the City Council for recognizing April as Pool and Water Safety Awareness Month, Texas led the Nation in the number of drowning's each year and almost a third of those occurred in the greater Houston area, there were many layers of protection, drowning was preventable and if they took care of their water and kids and make sure that all of the parents knew CPR then they could help alleviate the number of drowning's in Texas. Council Members Stardig, Pennington and Robinson absent.

Council Member Green thanked them for really promoting water safety, they all knew that during the summer months often time they forgot to make sure they had safety, that he knew the City of Houston was hiring lifeguards, that bringing awareness to these drowning's was very important. Council Members Stardig, Pennington and Robinson absent.

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis asked how did they get the information out, and Ms. Lehman stated that there were two non-profit organizations in Texas, the Texas Drowning Convention Alliance, was a great one that was getting a pediatrician initiative out so that all the doctors could hand out safety tips to parents, and Texas Lone Star Life Savers was trying to approach parents and helping to make them aware of what they needed to do, it was also important that even though they had their pool safe and a fence around their pool and water watchers, when they send their children to a neighborhood pool or a birthday party at a neighbor's house, that

they were also aware. Council Members Stardig, Pennington and Robinson absent.

Mayor Parker stated they were looking for lifeguards, that was one of their best summer jobs and they always had difficulty filling that summer job, they needed lifeguards all summer long, they used their City pools and many kids learned where to swim and learned water safety, they were a full partner in this effort to try to prevent downing's. Council Members Stardig, Pennington and Robinson absent.

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis recognized Mayor Parker for the next Council presentation. Council Members Stardig, Pennington and Robinson absent.

Mayor Parker invited Mr. Walt McFadden, RSVP Project Director, and Ms. Mary Grace Landrum, One Star Foundation Director, to join her and stated that communities depended on volunteers, the City of Houston was blessed to have a strong and very active cadre of volunteers, there were volunteers all across America who were engaged in National Service, and those volunteers were tackling problems like supporting food banks and homeless shelters and restoring City parks, building homes, managing other community volunteers, providing health services, tutoring and mentoring, that there were National Service Members who helped cities across the Nation create sustainable and resilient communities, that National Service Members were not just in their local community, but were linked across the United States and those organizations included Ameri Corp, NCCC and Senior Corp, they were all programs sponsored by the Corporation for National and Community Service, that was a federal agency that helped millions of Americans improve the lives of their neighbors through service, that it's mission was to improve lives, strengthen communities and foster civic engagement, that on April 1, 2014 Mayor's from across the Nation would participate in the Annual Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service, they would spotlight the value and impact of national service in their Nations cities, and they hope, inspire other residents to serve their communities, whether through these national organizations or through other type of volunteer activities, that the City of Houston commended their National Service Members for their many contributions and commitments to civic engagement, that she would point out that her son spent two years in an Ameri Corp Program in Houston many years ago and it was an absolute life saver for him and it oriented him toward what he wanted to be as an adult, so she was a big fan of that particular program, and therefore, she, Annise D. Parker, Mayor of the City of Houston, hereby proclaimed April 1, 2014, as Mayor's Day of Recognition for National Service for Houston, Texas, and she wanted to thank them for what they did.

Ms. Landrum thanked Mayor Parker and the City Council for encouraging and supporting National Service Members as this was an extremely cost effective way, she thought, of meeting the many City needs that they had in Houston.

Mr. McFadden stated that they appreciated the opportunity to be recognized by the City of Houston, that he was the Director for RSVP of Southeast Texas, the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program in the greater Houston area, that he was also speaking on behalf of their Senior Companions Program and Foster Grandparents Program and together these programs represented about 1,400 older adult volunteers, 55 and over, who were making a difference in the greater Houston community, that he was also the President of the Texas Senior Corp Association, in addition to the 1,400 or so volunteers serving in Houston, there were an additional over 60,000 serving throughout the State of Texas.

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis, Council Members Christie, Boykins and Stardig thanked them all for what they did for the City of Houston, and Mayor Parker stated that they also had their own Chief Services Office for the City of Houston and they could go to the City's website and link up with Ms. Katie Price and she would be glad to refer them to the appropriate agencies as well.

Mayor Parker stated that there were a lot of folks in the audience, they were present to show support for national service, they did not do it to be thanked, but it was important for them to pause and thank not just the folks in the room, but the thousands of volunteers across their community who made a difference every day.

At 2:25 p.m. Mayor Parker recognized Council Member Bradford for the invocation and pledge of allegiance, and Council Member Bradford invited Reverend Dr. Michael T. Dunn, Senior Pastor of First Christian Church, for the invocation and Council Member Bradford led all in the pledge of allegiance. Council Member Pennington absent.

At 2:29 p.m. The City Secretary called the roll. Council Member Martin absent due to death in family. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business.

Council Members Bradford and Costello moved that the minutes of the previous meeting be adopted. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Martin absent due to death in family. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. Council Member Pennington absent. MOTION ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated that she wanted to note that Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez would be out Tuesday and Wednesday, on city business, that he was actually leading a trade mission to Basrah Province in Iraq, that she appreciated him volunteering to do that. Council Member Pennington absent.

Mayor Parker recognized Council Member Boykins for a point of personal privilege. Council Member Pennington absent.

Council Member Boykins stated that he wanted a group called the Golden Bunch, from District D, who took the opportunity and the time to come out and tour the City and meet some of their elected officials, to stand and be recognized. Council Member Pennington absent.

Council Member Boykins moved to suspend the rules for the purpose of adding Ms. Kelley Hodges to the speakers list, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Martin absent due to death in family. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. Council Member Pennington absent. MOTION 2014-0262 ADOPTED.

Council Member Stardig moved to suspend the rules for the purpose of hearing from Mr. Duane Kamins after Ms. Karen Jackson, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Martin absent due to death in family. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. Council Member Pennington absent. MOTION 2014-0262 ADOPTED.

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 Pennington absent.

Ms. Yolanda Navarro, 5008 Park Dr., Houston, Texas 77023 (713-924-4162) appeared and stated that she wanted to thank Mayor Parker and Council Member Gallegos, they had a town hall meeting last night with regard to preserving the Gus Wortham Golf Course versus the Botanical Garden, that she felt that based on the number of fans that she passed out, about 85%, in her opinion, were supporting the golf course, that she would have to apologize for the very few residents that did not follow the rules and procedures, but she thought they heard a lot of people and why they wanted to preserve the golf course, and she was present to tell them,

that she knew there were issues and why and when, that it was going to happen very soon, by April 30, 2014, she understood from the Mayor, but she wanted to say that they were committed as East End residents and a lot of groups were committed to raising the \$12 million to \$15 million for the golf course, that if they wanted to add a 25 acre park there was Mason Park that was only like 10 blocks away and it was so beautiful and so many of the amenities were there as well. Council Member Pennington absent.

Council Member Gallegos stated that they had a great crowd last night and overall was pretty civil, that he wanted to thank the Mayor for being there last night and staying the full two hours, and his colleagues that were there as well, that as he stated at the Quality of Life Committee last week, he did want a botanical garden in District I, the question was where were they going to place it, so that was what they were working on, that his goal was to improve District I. Council Member Pennington absent.

Mayor Parker stated that as she said last night, there were a lot of promises made, they were going to ask those different groups to put those problems in writing in terms of term sheets where they had firm commitments to the fund raising, because they had been talking about raising money for Gus Wortham for a long time. Council Member Pennington absent.

Ms. Kelley Hodges appeared, presented information, and stated that Sisters Network was the only National African American Breast Cancer Survivorship Organization and their national headquarters was in Houston's Historic Third Ward, in Council Member Boykins district, that she wanted to thank him for his support, that they wanted to invite them to their national walk in Houston on Saturday, April 5, 2014 at Discovery Green Park, that their Breast Cancer Assistance Program provided free mammograms for women who did not have health insurance or had high copays, to date they paid approximately \$5,000 in mammograms for women just in January alone, they provided financial support for women who had been diagnosed with Breast Cancer, they had paid approximately \$14,000 in the Houston community, that was in support of transportation, for survivors to get to and from clinic visits, they had also paid for housing for people outside of Harris County that were in rural communities and wanted to come into their medical center for treatments, that they wanted to thank them for their support. Council Member Pennington absent.

Mayor Parker stated that it was important to note that Breast Cancer was a problem for men and women, and women from all walks of life, racial and ethnic backgrounds, it was particularly prevalent among African American women and they were the least likely to be tested and screened for Breast Cancer, and Ms. Hodges stated that they made sure to educate women in the community so they would know that they were at the risk. Council Member Pennington absent.

Council Members Davis, Boykins, Green, Cohen and Stardig thanked Ms. Hodges for all she did for the community. Council Member Pennington absent.

After discussion, Council Member Bradford moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending time for questions of Ms. Kelley Hodges, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Martin absent due to death in family. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. Council Member Davis absent. MOTION 2014-0264 ADOPTED.

Ms. Karen Jackson, 2922 Rosedale St., Houston, Texas 77004 (281-748-4789) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Member Davis absent.

Mr. Duane Kamins, 5825 Kelley St., Houston, Texas 77026 (281-685-7166) appeared,

presented information, and stated that he was President, General Counsel and co-owner of Houston Transportation Services, which did business in Houston as Lone Star Cab, Liberty Cab and Square Deal Cab Company, that he wanted to bring some things to their attention as a follow up to the committee meeting on February 25, 2014, at the meeting a number of Council Members asked the question of ARA, were the activities of Huber and Lyft in Houston illegal, at that time they were advised that the activities were not illegal because they were not charging for their services, a representative of Huber testified before them and made the comment that they were not acting illegally because they were not charging for their services, that his hand out was his sworn affidavit that detailed a number of rides that he took shortly after that committee meeting in which he was charged by Huber and Lyft for his rides, so they clearly had two rogue operators in the City of Houston, that were operating in clear violation of Chapter 46 of the Code and his request was that some action be taken. Council Member Boykins absent.

After discussion by Council Members Davis and Bradford, Mayor Parker stated that they took very seriously any one operating illegally in the City of Houston and she would make sure that ARA followed up on his affidavit, they had to date issued 26 citations to Huber and Lyft drivers due to sting operations by the City of Houston, they believed that they were not in violation of the ordinances as long as they were not charging, but as soon as they started charging they were in clear violation of the law and they wanted to stop them from doing that, that the Council Members had requested a presentation by Dr. Mundy who did the taxi study, and it was going to Council Member Green's committee on April 9, 2014, that she would not be making any recommendations to Council until they had an opportunity to have their questions answered by Dr. Mundy, but she did intend, shortly thereafter, to resolve the issue with Council one way or another. Council Member Boykins absent.

Pastor Melvin Bradford, 2927 Robinson Rd., Missouri City, Texas 77459 (281-835-0015) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Member Boykins absent.

Mr. Andrew Okokhere, 7447 Harwin Dr., Houston, Texas 77036 (832-213-7362) appeared, presented information regarding Greatland NG Foundation, and stated that he was the CEO of Greatland Foundation in the City of Houston, they promoted tourism for peace, from country to country, that on April 19, 2014, they would be celebrating the relationship between the Nigerian Community and the American Community over the years, they were inviting the Mayor and Council Members to celebrate their relationship, they wanted to give some kind of gift to the City of Houston to appreciate their living side by side with them over the years, that the Nigerian Community was inviting the City Council to participate in their first annual peace event. Council Members Davis and Boykins absent.

Council Members Laster and Green thanked Mr. Okokhere for his contributions to the Houston community. Council Members Davis and Boykins absent.

Mr. Juan Moreno, 9810 Marydel, Houston, Texas 77076 (832-398-3442) appeared, presented information, and stated that he was a current student at the University of Houston Downtown, a common misconception that many future students had was that they believed the University of Houston Downtown was the main campus, that he planned to put banners around the school to showcase school pride and how they were very different from the main campus, that downtown was its own entity, that his proposal was to hang banners around the school, the benefits would be that the University of Houston Downtown would showcase that it was a spectacular center of higher learning, developmental platforms and a melting pot regarding the student body, that they could see from the last page of his handout those were the type of banners that they hoped to hang around the school, like the ones they had at the main campus, Rice and TSU, that the project would benefit the university and hopefully increase enrollment and hopefully increase school pride. Council Member Kubosh absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she thought a Banner District would be fine for the University of Houston Downtown, there was a fairly straightforward process within the City of Houston, they had to apply to be a Banner District, it was no something that they could jump over by coming to the Council meeting, so just submit his paperwork, that she was assuming that most Council Members would be supportive of the idea. Council Member Kubosh absent.

Council Member Laster stated that he would hope that the Public Works Department could find a way to make that work as well as possible, and Mayor Parker stated that the university had to formally make the application. Council Member Kubosh absent.

Council Member Boykins stated that he wanted to congratulate Mr. Moreno as a student taking on this initiative, that he was doing the right thing and whether it could happen or not they were proud of him.

Mayor Parker stated that Mr. Moreno could visit with Mr. Gary Norman, Public Works, about the process, that the reason that there was a formal process was that they actually did not own the poles, those were from CenterPoint, that they had to make sure that they understood what they were attaching to their light standards.

Ms. Claudia Rivera, 18206 Creswell Ct., Houston, Texas 832-405-2916) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called.

Mr. Benjamin Kitchens, 2120 Capital, No. 3129, Houston, Texas 77003 (956-371-2379) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called.

Ms. Megan Nguyen, 24918 Teal Lake Court, Katy, Texas 77494 (281-705-9950) 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.

Ms. Trisha Keel, 1624 Brae, No. 6, Houston, Texas 77006 (713-952-5429) appeared, presented information regarding the recent 5 alarm fire at an apartment structure, and stated that a week ago Sunday she stopped at the Magnolia Cemetery and was appalled how close the gravestones were to the patios of the new apartments going up, that she thought someone should do something about this, that she called the Mayor's office and one of her assistants recommended that she write a letter, and she wrote the letter and copied the Council Members, and copied Channel 11, and they called her and said to do a report, that they did the report and she said it was not good, that her concern was that the apartment structure had no room for emergency personnel to do what they needed to do in between the gravestones and the structure itself, the \$50 million building was lost and a hundred year old cemetery was severely damaged.

After discussion by Council Members Robinson, Cohen and Laster, Council Member Laster stated that he was a little surprised that there was not at least an emergency fire lane distance required between the exterior of that building, on the backside, and did Mayor Parker happen to know, and Mayor Parker stated that she did not, she would ask that question and get it back to everyone.

Council Member Gonzalez moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of adding Mr. Beau Fraga to the speakers list, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Martin absent due to death in family. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. MOTION 2014-0265 ADOPTED.

Mr. John Trotter, 1510 Freedonia, Houston, Texas 77055 (832-274-4520) appeared and stated that he was driving down Montrose when the fire was going on, and got a look at the actual structure on fire, that it was going like it was a bunch of old newspapers piled high, that they had a lot of buildings like that around now, that it would be nice for someone to take a look at how many buildings had been built like that, that it went up fast; that fifty years ago. At 17, he was a lifeguard at Cullen Memorial, and he learned a lot of things, but the main thing was children and water, watch them every last minute.

Mr. William Jacobs, 818 Pinemont Dr., No. 25, Houston, Texas 77018 (832-259-3218) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called.

Mr. James Thibodeaux, 6713 Capcart, Houston, Texas 77091 (617-363-6680) appeared and stated that he was the National Outreach Coordinator for NACA, Neighborhood Assistance Corporation of America, they were bringing the American Dream Event to the Houston area and if they had constituents that were faced with unaffordability with their mortgage they would be able to come to the event, they would be at the George R. Brown Convention Center for five days, they would have an opportunity to meet with their bank and work out a solution on the spot for free, that not only were they helping homeowners who were faced with foreclosure, but would also be providing the best mortgage they consider in America, no money down, no closing costs, 100%, lowest interest rate in town, and they do not look at the credit score in order to qualify, they would get the opportunity to meet with a counselor, if they had all of their ducks in a row and showed affordability they would have the opportunity to walk out with an approval letter, that he was requesting from the Council Members a letter of support and a tour of their event.

Mayor Parker stated that NACA was a private for profit corporation, and Mr. Thibodeaux stated that they were a not for profit organization, they were a HUD certified counseling agency, and Mayor Parker stated that they also arranged mortgage loans, and Mr. Thibodeaux stated yes, they were a nonprofit mortgage broker, they had a \$13 billion contract through Bank of America and City Bank, and they made a contract that after they provided counseling they did on the spot underwriting.

Council Members Gallegos stated that he had instructed his Director of Communications to write a letter of support and looked forward to attending and going on the tour as well.

Council Member Davis thanked Mr. Thibodeaux for the good work he was doing for the community.

Ms. Ekaterina Morzhueva, 1306 Cohn St., Houston, Texas 77007 (712-298-3484) appeared and stated that she was at the Safety Cycling Meeting on Tuesday, that just three days after the meeting a cyclist was hit downtown on Friday night, he was rear ended by a drunk driver, that along with the driver the cyclist was cited as well, that they had all heard a presentation done by HPD officers about cycling safety in Houston and they said they were providing internal training to HPD patrols, that she wondered exactly what they were teaching and when were they going to see the results of the training. Council Member Laster absent.

After discussion by Council Members Pennington and Bradford, Mayor Parker stated that she would point out that it was not illegal to text or speak on the phone while driving, although she thought that both should be, and that they did ticket drivers who violated the law, either the Safe Passing Ordinance, or the speed limit, but the prosecution did not rest with the City of Houston, it rested with the District Attorney's office.

Mr. John Noflin, 12903 Brent Rock Dr., Houston, Texas 77082 (832-208-1498) appeared

and played a recording, that was difficult to understand, of an incident and asked why did it happen to him, regarding Houston EMS.

Mayor Parker stated that her understanding was that Mr. Noflin was subject to panic attacks and that he was a regular consumer of EMS and his complaint was that when he called the EMS was that they did not take him to his preferred hospital, that she had to tell him that EMS did not provide a taxi service, and their policy was to take anyone they provided emergency service to the nearest appropriate medical facility, and that would continue to be the policy, that she also understood that Mr. Noflin may have been referred for services to see if they could stabilize him so that he would not need to access EMS services on such a regular basis, and asked if he wished to continue conversations with the City of Houston along those lines.

Mr. Noflin stated that if they were supposed to take him to the nearest hospital, they arrived at this house at 8:40 and he arrived at the hospital at 11:51, and Mayor Parker stated that if he wished to bring a formal complaint he had the ability to bring a complaint and the Legal Department could assist him with that.

Ms. Patricia Martin, 10802 Kingspoint, Houston, Texas 77075 (832-276-6470) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called.

Mr. Henry Brownlow, 2510 Trout, Houston, Texas 77093 (713-697-0487) appeared and stated that the police came to his house on Wednesday, they all had masks on and threw a bomb in his house, and shot the dog, one of the bullets went into the window and there were two grandkids sitting out on the steps, that they went around and broke windows and doors that they did not have to do, he told them he had keys, they spent four hours at his house and found not one thing of drugs, no money, and he put fifty years at Maxwell Coffee and was a senior citizen, they did not know who they were, nobody would give him information.

Mayor Parker stated that her understanding was that recently the HPD Narcotics Squad executed a search warrant on his residence, and they did arrest four suspects on site, that they were charged by a pit bull and shot the dog to defend themselves, there was a process if he wished to bring a complaint about the discharge of firearms and about the pit bull, by State Law there was a prescribed process for how to do that, that Sergeant Herndon was present and could assist him with filling out the complaint forms. Council Member Boykins absent.

After discussion by Council Member Bradford, Mayor Parker stated if he wished to file a complaint they could help him to that.

Mr. Hardy Roper, 6412A Taggart St., Houston, Texas 77007 (713-865-1124) appeared, passed out photographs, and stated that he was past president and current board member of Magnolia Cemetery located at 816 Montrose, that they were proud of their designation by the State as a Historic Texas Cemetery, that sadly their cemetery had been in the news recently as a result of the significant damage to their six acre property, caused by the five alarm fire at JLB Partners Apartments, that these apartments were under construction adjacent to the south and west sides of their cemetery, current City setbacks requirements in the apartment design allowed apartments to be built very close to their cemetery and within a few feet of historic graves, they were thankful to the Houston Fire Department for their excellent work in containing and fighting the messy blaze, and saluted their heroism, professionalism and skills, the perimeter of the apartment complex could not accommodate fire trucks so they used their cemetery as a staging area, thousands of gallons of debris and infused water retreated from the burn site, during and after the fire, flooding the cemetery grounds and leaving unknown amounts of toxic chemicals and waste on their roads, grass, plants, trees and grave spaces, that there was no doubt that they sustained significant damage, that they would ask the City to

respond to this disaster and any subsequent redevelopment on the site, in a manner that might better protect and respect the deceased and the future of a historic cemetery.

After discussion by Council Members Cohen and Stardig, Mayor Parker stated that it was clear from the photographs that the graves went right up to the property line, so was he asking that they rewrite City Codes to create a buffer around cemeteries and Mr. Roper stated that would be preferable, and Mayor Parker stated an alternative would be to require both properties to move back from the property line, including re-internment, and Mr. Roper stated that he had not heard of that, and Mayor Parker stated that she owned a house in Montrose that neighbors on both sides their houses were physically on the property line, hers was appropriately set back, but that was before they changed the Codes, they did change Codes periodically, that if the apartment builders were also within code why would it be their responsibility to move, that there were a number of properties across the City where either dwellings or gravesites were built closer than would currently be allowed under their existing Code, that at the request of Council they were going to get a briefing as to why there was not a larger setback, but it seemed to her that the graves themselves were part of the problem because they were also right on the property line, that they were going to try to figure out what the current status of the codes were. Council Member Christi absent.

Ms. Julia Whitley, 2601 Riverside Dr., Houston, Texas 77004 (832-279-1220) appeared, presented information, and stated that she was the author of a book called "A Girl Named Sue With A Secret", that it was dealing with Child Abuse, that she was attempting to make Child Abuse Awareness Month a chapter in the Houston area because it was being recognized in so many other states, that their children today were being abused daily, little girls keep secrets, and little boys do not tell, that it led to trauma, shame, isolation and the children were always looking for love in all of the wrong places, that it was always someone that they knew when they were being abused, so they keep the secrets, which eventually led them to be incarcerated, prostitution and death, if they could get their children to be educated, and the family units and the community for prevention of this it would make it a better place, that there was a book in the coming market called "A Boy Named Sam With A Secret" because it was the males and females, their children were their future, that she wanted to bring up Ms. Susie Stillwell, to give them some statistics. Council Member Christi absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she did have a copy of Ms. Whitley's book, she personally gave it to her. Council Member Christi absent.

Council Member Laster moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose adding Ms. Susie Stillwell to the speakers list, seconded by Council Member Boykins. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Martin absent due to death in family. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. Council Member Christi absent. MOTION 2014-0266 ADOPTED.

Ms. Susie Stillwell, on the Board of Directors for A Girl Named Sue With A Secret Organization, they were geared with helping their children, that she was present to give them the actual statistics of the population of Texas children 6,510,210, in Harris County alone 1,070,831, that the number of children abused and neglected the reports read 231,332 in Texas alone, in Harris County, 25,428, that confirmed findings of child abuse and neglect in Texas, the numbers were way to high, 24.3%, Harris County alone, 20.1, sexual abuse, Harris County, 11.7%, they were all somebody's children and was sure they all had children, she thought there was something the City of Houston should recognize to make this day, this month of April being Child Abuse and Preventive Month, something that the City would recognize. Council Members Christie absent.

Council Member Boykins stated that he wanted to commend Ms. Stillwell and Ms. Whitley

for all they did. Mayor Parker, Council Members Green and Christie absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding.

Ms. Michele Harris, 12731 Braewood Ln., Houston, Texas 77072 (832-876-0339) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Green and Christie absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding.

Mr. Bo Fraga appeared and stated that he wanted to thank Mayor Parker and Council Member Gallegos for the community forum last night on this challenging issue, but one that he thought was a very healthy one to have about the future of Gus Wortham, that many families with young children were in support of a vision of Gus Wortham as the place for the botanic garden, that a botanic garden would enhance the quality of life aspect and also the economic development, that for him and for many of them who did support placing the botanic garden at Gus Wortham it was essentially about families and their community and about the future. Mayor Parker, Council Members Green and Christie absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding.

Council Member Gallegos stated that he wanted to thank Mr. Fraga for sharing his vision regarding to the botanical gardens in District I, that like he mentioned to Ms. Navarro he too had a vision for a botanic garden, the issue was that they were trying to figure out where to place it. Mayor Parker, Council Members Green and Christie absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding.

President Joseph Charles, Post Office Box 524373, Houston, Texas 77052-4373 (713-928-2871) appeared and stated that he had a need request for emergency protection, and continued to voice his personal opinions until his time expired. Mayor Parker, Council Members Green and Christie absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding.

At 3:56 p.m. Mayor Parker stated that the City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 2, 2014. Council Member Martin absent due to death in family. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. Mayor Parker, Council Members Green and Christie absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding.

The Houston City Council reconvened at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 2, 2014, Mayor Annise Parker presiding, with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jerry Davis, Ellen R. Cohen, Dwight Boykins, Richard Nguyen, Oliver Pennington, 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, present. Council Member Dave Martin absent due to death in family. Council Member Edward Gonzalez out of the city on city business.

At 8:25 a.m. Ms. Barbara Guzman, City Secretary office, read the descriptions or captions of items on the Agenda.

At 9:14 a.m. Mayor Parker called the meeting to order and stated that as was mentioned yesterday Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez was out of the city on city business, they did want to offer their condolences to Council Member Dave Martin, who was out on personal business, the loss of his mother-in-law, but as he said in her exchange with him, she was in her 80 and she had a good life and family around, that they would offer their prayers. Council Members Davis, Gallegos and Bradford absent.

Mayor Parker requested Ms. Guzman to start with the consent agenda. Council Members Davis, Gallegos and Bradford absent.

MAYOR'S REPORT

CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 1 through 33

MISCELLANEOUS - NUMBERS 1 through 3

1. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following individuals to the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HOUSTON DOWNTOWN MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**, for terms to expire June 1, 2017:
Position Eight - **GENORA KENDRICK BOYKINS**, reappointment
Position Nine - **DIANE HASELL ENGLET**, appointment
Position Ten - **THOMAS NAULS**, appointment
Position Eleven - **JEREMY L. BROWN**, appointment
Position Twelve - **H. MILTON HOWE**, reappointment
Position Thirteen - **TONI NIECE**, reappointment
Position Fourteen - **THEODORE J. (TED) ZWIEG**, appointment
Position Fifteen - **GREGORY A. BROTHERS**, reappointment

- was presented, moved by Council Member Costello, seconded by Council Member Green. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Martin absent due to death in family. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. MOTION 2014-0267 ADOPTED.
2. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment of **COUNCIL MEMBER JERRY V. DAVIS**, as the City Council designee, for Position One of the **HOUSTON DEFERRED COMPENSATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE** – was presented, moved by Council Member Costello, seconded by Council Member Green. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Martin absent due to death in family. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. MOTION 2014-0268 ADOPTED.
3. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the reappointment of **ARTHUR JUAREZ** to Position Three of the **WATER ADJUSTMENT BOARD**, for the remainder of a three-year term – was presented, moved by Council Member Costello, seconded by Council Member Green. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Martin absent due to death in family. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. MOTION 2014-0269 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated that they had just affirmed the appointment of the Board of Directors of the Houston Downtown Management District and asked the appointees present to come forward, that obviously there was a lot of stuff going on in downtown Houston and it was an exciting time to be in the Management District and see the changes, that they appreciated the time they would put in and was glad to have their service.

Council Members Boykins and Laster congratulated Ms. Englet and Mr. Brown and thanked them for their service to the City of Houston. Council Member Gallegos absent.

ACCEPT WORK - NUMBER 4

4. RECOMMENDATION from Director Houston Airport System for approval of final contract amount of \$17,029,032.00 and acceptance of work on contract with **COMFORT SYSTEMS USA, SOUTH CENTRAL, INC** for Emergency Construction of Bypass Chilled Water Lines at George Bush Intercontinental Airport/Houston Project No. 622 - 0.23% under the original contract amount **DISTRICT B - DAVIS** – was presented, moved by

Council Member Costello, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Martin absent due to death in family. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. MOTION 2014-0270 ADOPTED.

PROPERTY - NUMBER 6

6. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering, reviewed and approved by the Joint Referral Committee, on request from Ferenc Dreef, on behalf of Raphaelle and Alrik Thiriet, declining the acceptance of, rejecting, and refusing the dedication of a ±15-foot-wide alley, from Fowler Street east to its terminus, adjacent to Lot 3, Block 1 of the Upper West End Section 16 Subdivision, and Lots 4, 5, 6 and 7B, Block 85 of the Brunner Addition, all out of the John Austin Survey, A-1, Parcel SY14-072 - **DISTRICT C - COHEN** – was presented, moved by Council Member Bradford, seconded by Council Member Cohen. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Martin absent due to death in family. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. MOTION 2014-0271 ADOPTED.

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS - NUMBERS 7 through 10

7. APPROVE spending authority increase of \$55,599.00 for purchase order with **TENNESSEE TRANSPORTATION AND LOGISTICS FOUNDATION** for the Administration and Regulatory Affairs Department – was presented, moved by Council Member Bradford, seconded by Council Member Cohen. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Martin absent due to death in family. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. MOTION 2014-0272 ADOPTED.
8. **EPIC AVIATION, LLC** for Aviation Gasoline and Turbine Fuel for the Fleet Management Department - \$2,666,205.95 - Fleet Management Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Bradford, seconded by Council Member Cohen. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Martin absent due to death in family. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. MOTION 2014-0273 ADOPTED.
9. **VALLEY SERVICES, INC** for Emergency Purchase of Congregate Meal Services for the Houston Department of Health & Human Services - \$65,000.00 - Health Special Revenue Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Bradford, seconded by Council Member Cohen. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Martin absent due to death in family. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. MOTION 2014-0274 ADOPTED.
10. APPROVE spending authority in an amount not to exceed \$2,011,305.00 to **ATKINS NORTH AMERICA, INC** for Bio-Monitoring, Chemical Testing & Reporting Services from the State of Texas Procurement Support Services Contract through the State of Texas Cooperative Purchasing Program for the Department of Public Works & Engineering - 48 Months - Enterprise Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Bradford, seconded by Council Member Cohen. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Martin absent due to death in family. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. MOTION 2014-0275 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES - NUMBERS 11 through 33

11. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing first amendment to contract between the City of Houston and **CHILD CARE COUNCIL OF GREATER HOUSTON**, providing up to \$500,000 in additional Community Development Block Grant Funds for the continuing

administration and operation of a Child Care Program – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Martin absent due to death in family. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. ORDINANCE 2014-0249 ADOPTED.

12. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing a first amendment to contract between the City of Houston and **CHILD CARE COUNCIL OF GREATER HOUSTON**, providing up to \$500,000 in additional Community Development Block Grant Funds for the continuing administration and operation of a Juvenile Delinquency Prevention Program – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Martin absent due to death in family. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. ORDINANCE 2014-0250 ADOPTED.
13. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing first amendment to contract between the City of Houston and **COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS OF HOUSTON/HARRIS COUNTY**, providing up to \$100,000.00 in Emergency Solutions Grant Funds for the continuing operation and maintenance of the Homeless Management Information System – was pulled from the agenda by the administration and was not considered.
14. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing eighth amendment reinstating, extending and amending the CDBG - Disaster Recovery Grant Contract, GLO Contract No. 09-6852-000-5275, formerly referred to as the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs Community Development Program Contract No. 70090001, between the City of Houston and the **TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE** for Hurricane Ike/Dolly funding under the Consolidated Security Disaster Assistance and Continuing Appropriations Act of 2009 – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Martin absent due to death in family. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. ORDINANCE 2014-0251 ADOPTED.
15. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing submission of an application for grant assistance to the **STATE OF TEXAS through the OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR'S CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION** for the FY2015 Police Storefront Crisis Team Grant; declaring the City's eligibility for such grant; authorizing the Chief of the Houston Police Department to act as the City's representative in the application process, to accept such grant funds, if awarded, and to apply for and accept all subsequent awards, if any, pertaining to the program – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Martin absent due to death in family. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. ORDINANCE 2014-0252 ADOPTED.
16. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing submission of an application for grant assistance to the **STATE OF TEXAS through the OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR'S CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION** to fund the FY2015 Paroled Offenders Initiative; declaring the City's eligibility for such grant; authorizing the Chief of the Houston Police Department to act as the City's representative in the application process, to accept such grant funds, if awarded, and to apply for and accept all subsequent awards, if any, pertaining to the program – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Martin absent due to death in family. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. ORDINANCE 2014-0253 ADOPTED.
17. ORDINANCE enlarging the boundaries of **REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER TEN, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS (LAKE HOUSTON ZONE) - DISTRICT E - MARTIN** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Martin absent due to death in family. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. ORDINANCE 2014-0254 ADOPTED.

- 17a. ORDINANCE approving fourth amended Project Plan and Reinvestment Zone Financing Plan for **REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER TEN, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS (LAKE HOUSTON ZONE)**; authorizing the City Secretary to distribute such plans - **DISTRICT E - MARTIN** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Martin absent due to death in family. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. ORDINANCE 2014-0255 ADOPTED.
- 17b. ORDINANCE appropriating \$827,448.99 out of Tax Increment Funds for **REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER TEN, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS (LAKE HOUSTON ZONE)** to the Lake Houston Redevelopment Authority pursuant to agreement authorized by Ord. No. 2014-0050 – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Martin absent due to death in family. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. ORDINANCE 2014-0256 ADOPTED.
21. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing three contracts between the City of Houston and 1) **ALVAREZ & MARSAL BUSINESS CONSULTING, LLC**, 2) **BRIDGEPOINT CONSULTING, LLC**, and 3) **WEAVER AND TIDWELL, L.L.P.**, respectively, for Consulting Services related to Citywide Enterprise Risk Management and Control Self-Assessment, for the Finance Department; providing maximum contracts amounts - 3 Years with 2 one-year options each - \$3,000,000.00 General Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Martin absent due to death in family. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. ORDINANCE 2014-0257 ADOPTED.
22. ORDINANCE appropriating \$2,892,200.00 out of Fire Consolidated Construction Fund and \$2,200,000.00 out of Police Consolidated Construction Fund to the In-House Renovation Revolving Fund for Renovation, Office Build-Outs and Facilities Condition Assessment Projects for various City facilities during Fiscal Year 2014 – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Martin absent due to death in family. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. ORDINANCE 2014-0258 ADOPTED.
24. ORDINANCE appropriating \$914,967.00 out of Police Consolidated Construction Fund for contract (Approved by Ordinance No. 2007-0972) between the City of Houston and **BL TECHNOLOGY, INC** for Safety and Security Improvements for Kingwood, Clear Lake, Northeast, Southeast, Westside and North Police Stations - **DISTRICTS B - DAVIS; D - BOYKINS; E - MARTIN and F - NGUYEN** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Martin absent due to death in family. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. ORDINANCE 2014-0259 ADOPTED.
25. ORDINANCE appropriating \$297,000.00 out of Metro Projects Construction DDSRF, awarding contract to **PERSONAL CARE, INC dba DEWALT CONSTRUCTION COMPANY** for Work Order Clearing and Grubbing; 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 CIP Cost Recovery, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by Metro Projects Construction DDSRF – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Martin absent due to death in family. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. ORDINANCE 2014-0260 ADOPTED.
26. ORDINANCE appropriating \$824,916.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **BLACK & VEATCH CORPORATION** for Northbelt Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery 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 Martin absent due to death in family. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. ORDINANCE 2014-0261 ADOPTED.

27. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,206,700.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **ARCADIS U.S., INC** for diversion and abandonment of Kirkwood #3 Lift Station to New Harvest Moon Lift Station; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT G - PENNINGTON** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Martin absent due to death in family. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. ORDINANCE 2014-0262 ADOPTED.
28. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,535,582.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **HAZEN AND SAWYER, P.C.** for facilities consolidation: Chelford City Diversion Package 1; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund **DISTRICT F - NGUYEN** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Martin absent due to death in family. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. ORDINANCE 2014-0263 ADOPTED.
29. ORDINANCE appropriating \$932,552.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **OTHON, INC** for Magnolia Point Unserved Area Sanitary Sewer Services Package 3; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT E - MARTIN** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Martin absent due to death in family. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. ORDINANCE 2014-0264 ADOPTED.
30. ORDINANCE appropriating \$112,000.00 out of Metro Projects Construction DDSRF as an additional appropriation to Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **HNTB CORPORATION** for the Design of Fulton Paving and Drainage from Tidwell Road to Parker Road (Approved by Ordinance No. 2007-0498); providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Metro Projects Construction DDSRF **DISTRICT H - GONZALEZ** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Martin absent due to death in family. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. ORDINANCE 2014-0265 ADOPTED.
31. ORDINANCE appropriating \$955,141.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding contract to **RELIANCE CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, L.P.** for Wastewater Collection System Rehabilitation and Renewal (Force Main); 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 (WW4235-67) – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Martin absent due to death in family. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. ORDINANCE 2014-0266 ADOPTED.

32. ORDINANCE annexing to the City of Houston, Texas territory located in the vicinity of **ALDINE WESTFIELD SOUTHEAST of RICHEY ROAD**, in Harris County, Texas; extending the corporate limits of the City of Houston, Texas, to embrace and include territory within such boundaries; instituting proceedings to annex to its corporate limits the territory included in such boundaries; adopting a service plan for certain area in the vicinity of Aldine Westfield Southeast of Richey Road; assigning the annexed area to adjacent district from which district council member is elected until such time as district boundaries may be changed pursuant to the City of Houston Charter; containing findings and other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; and providing for severability - **DISTRICT B - DAVIS - FIRST READING** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Martin absent due to death in family. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. ORDINANCE 2014-0267 PASSED FIRST READING IN FULL.
33. ORDINANCES Nos. 2014-202 to 2014-206, passed second reading March 26, 2014
ORDINANCES granting to the following listed as A through E, the right, privilege and franchise to collect, haul and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions and making certain findings related thereto **THIRD AND FINAL READING** - was presented. ORDINANCE No. 2014-202 to 2014-206 ADOPTED THIRD AND FINAL READING IN FULL.
COREY PETERS dba AFFORDABLE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE, a Texas Sole Proprietorship - (2014-202)
AMIR BENJAMIN dba JAYCO VACUUM SERVICES, a Texas Sole Proprietorship - (2014-203)
DANIEL RODRIGUEZ dba A-HAWK GREASE TRAP, a Texas Sole Proprietorship - (2014-204)
ADAM HUMBERTO BELMONT dba BETOS HYDRO SANITATION, a Texas Sole Proprietorship - (2014-205)
C4 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, LLC, a Texas Limited Liability Company - (2014-206)

MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA WERE CONSIDERED AS FOLLOWS:

ACCEPT WORK

5. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$910,294.64 and acceptance of work on contract with **CAAN CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, INC** for Streetscape Enhancements along Light Rail Lines 3.39% over the original contract amount and under 5% contingency amount - **DISTRICT I – GALLEGOS** – was presented, moved by Council Member Pennington, seconded by Council Member Green. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Martin absent due to death in family. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. MOTION 2014-0276 ADOPTED.

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18. ORDINANCE establishing the north and south sides of the 1600 block of Haver Street within the City of Houston as a special minimum lot size block pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT C - COHEN** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Martin absent due to death in family. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. ORDINANCE 2014-0268 ADOPTED.

19. ORDINANCE establishing the south side of the 1700 block of Haver Street within the City of Houston as a special minimum lot size block pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT C - COHEN** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Martin absent due to death in family. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. ORDINANCE 2014-0269 ADOPTED.
20. ORDINANCE establishing the northeast side of the 2600 block of Yupon Street within the City of Houston as a special minimum lot size block pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT C - COHEN** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Martin absent due to death in family. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. ORDINANCE 2014-0270 ADOPTED.
23. ORDINANCE appropriating \$150,000.00 out of Parks Special Fund; awarding construction contract to **CARRERA CONSTRUCTION, INC** for TIGER Project #4 Buffalo Bayou Path; 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 contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Parks Special Fund, Federal Government Grant - USDOT TIGER Discretionary Fund and other Government Grant - Buffalo Bayou Partnership Fund - \$3,576,704.00 Total - Grant Fund **DISTRICTS H - GONZALEZ and I - GALLEGOS** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Martin absent due to death in family. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. ORDINANCE 2014-0271 ADOPTED.

NON CONSENT AGENDA - NUMBERS 34 through 36

MISCELLANEOUS

34. RECEIVE nominations for Positions 10 and 12 of the **HOUSTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for the remainder of the two-year term that will end March 1, 2016 - was presented.

Council Member Gallegos stated that he nominated Ms. Ann Collum for reappointment to Position 10 of the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission Board of Directors.

Council Member Gallegos stated that on behalf of Council Member Gonzalez he nominated Mr. Charles Stava for reappointment to Position 12 of the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission Board of Directors.

Mayor Parker stated that she had received the nominations in writing, and asked if there were any further nominations, and hearing none requested a motion to close nominations.

Council Member Bradford moved to close nominations for Positions 10 and 12 of the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission Board of Directors, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Martin absent due to death in the family. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. MOTION 2014-0277 ADOPTED.

35. RECEIVE nominations for Positions 18, 20 and 21 of the **HOUSTON CENTER FOR LITERACY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for the remainder of the three-year term that will end January 1, 2017 – was presented.

Council Member Gallegos stated that on behalf of Council Member Gonzalez he

nominated Mr. John Canales Gorczynski for reappointment to Position 18 of the Houston Center for Literacy Board of Directors.

Mayor Parker stated that the nomination had been received in writing.

Council Member Cohen stated that she nominated Mr. Amitav Misra for appointment to Position 20 of the Houston Center for Literacy Board of Directors.

Mayor Parker stated that she had received the nomination and resume in writing.

Mayor Parker asked if there was a nomination for Position 21 to the Houston Center for Literacy Board of Directors, and hearing none requested a motion to close nominations for Positions 18 and 20 on the Houston Center for Literacy Board of Directors.

Council Member Bradford moved to close nominations to Positions 18 and 20 of the Houston Center for Literacy Board of Directors, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Martin absent due to death in family. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. MOTION 2014-0278 ADOPTED.

36. **SET A PUBLIC HEARING DATE** for amendments to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances relating to property addressing - **HEARING DATE - 9:00 A. M. - WEDNESDAY - APRIL 9, 2014** – was presented.

Council Member Laster moved to set 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 9, 2014 for a hearing on amendments to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances relating to property addressing, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Martin absent due to death in family. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. MOTION 2014-0279 ADOPTED.

MATTERS HELD - NUMBERS 37 and 38

37. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing an Interlocal Agreement between City of Houston and the **HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL** for administration of the City of Houston Summer Jobs Program - \$1,500,000.00 - General Fund – **(This was Item 18 on Agenda of March 26, 2014, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GREEN)** – was presented.

Council Member Green moved to amend the proposed Interlocal Agreement between the City of Houston and the Houston Galveston Area Council for administration of the Summer Jobs Program, and had submitted the amendment in writing.

Mayor Parker stated the amendment had been received and she appreciated his working to clarify what was the clear intent of the contract.

A vote was called on Council Member Green's written motion to amend Item No. 37. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Martin absent due to death in family. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. MOTION 2014-0280 ADOPTED.

A vote was called on Item No. 37 as amended. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Martin absent due to death in family. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. ORDINANCE 2014-0272 ADOPTED.

38. ORDINANCE appropriating \$4,629,300.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated

Construction Fund, awarding contract to **BRH-GARVER CONSTRUCTION, L.P.** for Lift Station Abandonment and Flow Diversion - Knox, Randolph and Grenshaw; 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 – (This was Item 41 on Agenda of March 26, 2014, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GREEN)** – was presented.

After discussion, Council Member Green stated that he had asked a question, why was it that once a waive was denied and subsequently granted, with regard to this, and he could not get an answer, that he had talked to both Public Works and OBO, either they were going to have a program or not, that he thought this may have been the first time that a denial from OBO, on a waiver, was granted, and when it was granted it was subsequently changed, that he would hope that the administration would look into this.

Mayor Parker asked Council Member Green if he would like to delay this for a week, because it did not come from her office.

Council Member Green moved to postpone Item No. 38 for one week and maybe he could get some answers, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Martin absent due to a death in family. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. MOTION 2014-0281 ADOPTED.

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Costello stated that he wanted to congratulate the Houston Astros, last night they won 6 to 2; that they had rolled out the financial policies last week as a draft and he wanted to encourage his colleagues to send their comments to his office; and announced events that he attended or would be attending.

Mayor Parker stated that she wanted to thank Council Member Costello for the work on the financial policies, that while there were a couple of minor things that caused her a little heartburn the administration had been moving aggressively in the same direction and she thought that was a very thoughtful effort and appreciated the hard work.

Council Member Cohen announced events that she attended or would be attending; and stated that she wanted to welcome Mr. Chris Newport as the Mayor's Chief of Staff, she thought it was a wonderful selection.

Council Member Pennington stated that he wanted to second the comments on Mr. Newport, that he thought he was a great executive and knew he would be a great help to Mayor Parker; that he was looking forward to the report, he thought it was due in June, on the effects of the Parking Management District on Washington Avenue, that parking was a terrific problem out there because of the length, it went over a long geographic area; that he expressed concerns when Council Member Costello presented the policies at the committee meeting, that his concern was if they started spending time and asking the Finance Department to spend time developing an elaborate amount of policies than they would be diverted from the simple things that he thought were real problems now, if the Mayor could assure him that those things, which he considered to be the major problems that they had, would not be diluted or the efforts to solve those problems would not be diluted, that would be fine. Council Member Stardig absent.

Mayor Parker stated that as she said the majority of the things in the post policy were

already either the internal policy of the Finance Department or they were moving aggressively in that direction and she appreciated Council Member Costello's thoughtful engagement with the Finance Department. Council Member Stardig absent.

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

Council Member Davis stated that he wanted to thank Mr. Tony Henshaw, Public Works Department, and the Director, last week they set out to honor the mentors and protégés within Public Works, so they went out and acknowledged all of the companies that they were partnering together with; that he wanted to give thanks to the Department of Neighborhoods, they had a common issue in District B where a tenant moves out, landlord cleans out the house, puts it in the front yard and everyone starts to dump in the front yard, so a couple of citizens in the Fontaine Community called his office and he asked that they draft a letter, put their signatures on it and they did it to HCAD and mailed it, that he also contacted Department of Neighborhoods and they held the property owner accountable for cleaning up his mess, that he wanted to give a shout out to the Department of Neighborhoods; and announced events that he attended or would be attending. Council Member Pennington absent.

Council Member Gallegos announced events that he attended or would be attending; that on Monday he and Mayor Parker hosted a community forum to discuss the future of Gus Wortham Golf Course, they were expecting 150 to 175 residents, but they ended up with over 300 people who attended the event, that they stayed until they heard from everyone, the meeting was meant to give the community another opportunity to speak and share their vision for the future of Gus Wortham. Council Members Boykins and Pennington absent.

Council Member Stardig stated that she wanted to thank everyone who participated in the Dress for Success Campaign; and announced events that she attended or would be attending, that Carbot Brewery, in her district at the Dacoma/Magnum area, was going to bring 100 new jobs in the area with their \$15 million expansion. Council Member Pennington absent.

Council Member Kubosh stated that he appreciated the Summer Work Program that they initiated to support the jobs program for young people; that he wanted to talk about the CSmart Program that they were going to have, he was really praying that it was going to work, it had been a real concern of his for the last few years, that they needed a functioning computer system that worked at the City of Houston Municipal Courts and other areas of the City. Council Member Pennington absent.

Council Member Christie announced events that he attended or would be attending. Council Members Stardig and Pennington absent.

Council Member Robinson stated hats off to the Houston Astros, not only did they win, but beating the Yankees, what a great way to start the season; and announced events that he attended or would be attending. Council Members Stardig and Pennington absent.

Mayor Parker stated that it was always great when the little leagues started it was a fun day. Council Members Stardig and Pennington absent.

Council Member Bradford stated that he wanted to thank Mayor Parker and the City Council Members for adopting Council Member Green's amendment on the Summer Jobs Program, that was a major fete moving forward in the City, that the number one thing he heard across the City were street and infrastructure issues and after that people were asking about youth and After School Programs and those type of activities, so for them to have as a body employed \$1.5 million to start a Summer Jobs Program, to help those students 16 to 21 years of age, he thought, was great and an admirable step forward in their City. Council Member

Stardig absent.

Council Member Boykins announced events that he attended or would be attending; and stated that he publicly wanted to thank BARC for picking up a loose pit bull in the South Park Community, one of their constituents called concerned about the dog and BARC picked that dog up and impounded the dog within 24 hours; and they were going to keep Mr. Tony Morrison in their prayers. Council Member Stardig absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she was also at Sunnyside for her Mayor's Office hours at the Johnson Library on Saturday afternoon and enjoyed that very much, they had a great turn out. Council Member Stardig absent.

Council Member Laster stated that on behalf of all of them he wanted to extend his condolences to Council Member Martin and his family as they grieved their loss; and announced events that he attended or would be attending. Council Member Stardig absent.

There being no further business before Council, the City Council adjourned at 9:57 a.m. Council Member Martin absent due to death in family. Council Member Gonzalez out of the city on city business. Council Member Stardig absent.

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

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

/S/Anna Russell

Anna Russell, City Secretary