

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, June 17, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 17, 2014, with Mayor Annise Parker presiding with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jerry Davis, Ellen R. Cohen, Dwight Boykins, Dave Martin, Richard Nguyen, Edward Gonzalez, Robert Gallegos, Mike Laster, Larry V. Green, Stephen C. Costello, David W. Robinson, Michael Kubosh, C. O. "Brad" Bradford and Jack Christie, D.C.; Ms. Tracy Calabrese, Senior Assistant City Attorney, Legal Department; and Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director and Ms. Stella Ortega, Agenda Office, present. Council Member Oliver Pennington absent on city business.

At 1:51 p.m. Mayor Parker called the meeting to order and recognized Council Member Stardig for the first Council presentation. Council Members Davis, Cohen and Martin absent.

Council Member Stardig presented a proclamation to Deloitte University Courageous Principals Program, and Mayor Parker stated therefore, she, Annise D. Parker, hereby proclaim June 17, 2014 as Deloitte Courageous Principals Day in Houston, Texas, and thanked them for what they were doing. Council Members Davis, Cohen and Martin absent.

Council Member Stardig introduced the group of participants. Council Members Davis, Cohen and Martin absent.

Ms. Ann Taylor, Vice Chair and Managing Partner of Deloitte's Gulf Coast Practice, thanked Mayor Parker and the City Council for recognizing their investment in the Spring Branch District and the City of Houston. Council Members Davis, Cohen and Martin absent.

Council Member Christie stated that he wanted to give kudos not only to Spring Branch, but to principals throughout the City, that they could not have quality education without a good CEO, they needed courageous principals now days. Council Members Davis, Cohen and Martin absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that he wanted to congratulate Deloitte and Courageous Principals, they appreciated their leadership. Council Members Davis and Martin absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez recognized Mayor Parker for the next presentation. Council Members Davis and Martin absent.

Mayor Parker presented a proclamation to Mr. Bob Fretz and stated that Mr. Robert R. Fretz, Jr. was the President and third generation owner of Fretz Construction Company in Houston, that Fretz Construction was founded in 1923 and had a 91 year history of building several iconic commercial, educational, medical and religious buildings in the greater Houston area, designed by prominent developers and architects, that under Mr. Robert R. Fretz's Jr. leadership several of these structures had been designated as City and National historic landmarks, that Fretz Construction Company was committed to renovating, restoring and expanding many of their City's cherished buildings, churches and schools, that Mr. Robert R. Fretz, Jr. had received numerous awards of his work and served on the Board of Preservation Houston, and was chosen by her as the 2014 recipient of Mayor's Citizens Award for Historic Preservation for his invaluable service to the City, and stated, therefore, she, Annise D. Parker, Mayor of the City of Houston, hereby proclaimed, June 17, 2014, as Robert R. Fretz, Jr. Day in the City of Houston, and presented a gift of the Architectural Guide to Houston to him because he had truly made an impact on Houston. Council Members Davis and Martin absent.

Mr. Fretz stated that he wanted to thank Mayor Parker and the City Council, that he was

honored by the proclamation. Council Members Davis and Martin absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, Council Members Boykins, Laster, Gallegos, Robinson and Stardig congratulated Mr. Fretz and thanked him for his service to the City of Houston. Council Members Davis and Martin absent.

At 2:07 p.m. Mayor Parker recognized Council Member Gallegos for the invocation and pledge of allegiance, and Council Member Gonzalez invited Father Kevin Collins, Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, for the invocation and Council Member Gonzalez led all in the pledge of allegiance. Council Members Boykins and Martin absent.

At 2:09 p.m. Mayor Parker stated that she wanted to take a quick note, before they formally convened the meeting of the City Council, to update them on the status of the contract with Local 341, the Houston Fire Fighters Union, it was not posted so they could not discuss it, that she wanted to tell them what she knew and then she would give them an opportunity to contact the Legal Department if they had further questions, but the vote ended at 12:00 p.m. today and the proposed contract was overwhelmingly rejected, there was an existing contract that had an extension clause until 2016, and the interim contract that they passed in March was still in effect as well, that the short version of the story was that there was no immediate impact from not having a new contract, because they did have an existing contract, however, the proposed contract did have a pay raise of 4% for the firefighters, on top of the pay raise that they had received in the interim contract, and it had some additional restrictions on the use of unscheduled leave, which would have made it much easier to control excess overtime within the Fire Department, they would be monitoring overtime on a daily basis and weekly basis, and make adjustments early in the process, so they were not in the position they were last year, where very late in the year they saw the overtime begin to spike up, they were going to be on it on a regular and routine basis, and if there was no spike in overtime during the high usage months, and July would be a good test for this because a lot of folks went on vacation in July, if there was not a spike in overtime they may be fine with the existing budget, she would remind everybody that the proposed contract, while it did have a pay raise, was net neutral to the budget, it was offset by overtime savings, so the base pay for firefighters would not go up, but there was still overtime scheduled in the budget that should carry the department through the entire year without the necessity for drastic steps such as browning out vehicles, that she believed she shared with Council Members on Friday a memo from Fire Chief Garrison as to what the options would be if there were a significant run up in overtime, with a need to adjust the Fire Department Budget, that she was committed to not laying off firefighters and believed that obviously the Chief was as well, she and the Chief shared the belief that it was not a positive step to run fire apparatus short, that it was four firefighters on a truck, they made that commitment a long time ago, it was a matter of firefighter safety, and if they did not relax that, and it was not their intention to do so, if overtime began to spike the options were parking apparatus, a so called "brown out option" or a proposal that was within the administration's authority to convert to a three shift schedule instead of a four shift schedule, which would have the impact of driving down overtime costs, although it would not be as much of a savings as they had hoped to achieve through the caps on use of leave, they looked forward to sitting back down at the table, should Local 341 which to do that, and Mr. Sky-Eagle, after he reviews with his members what their particular concerns with the contract, would have the opportunity to approach the City and schedule further negotiations if he desired, but once the budget passed tomorrow, and while she did not know how Council Members were going to vote, considering last year's decision to take any excess revenue and put it into fund balance, her anticipation that might be the will of Council again this year, that would mean that there would be no new money in this budget for raises, so any proposal that came back that was not net neutral to the budget, would not be something, assuming Council made that decision, that she would be negotiating for in their Meet and Confer process, that Council Members may contact her individually or the Legal Department with specific questions, that she wanted to thank them for

their patience on that, that as she said, they could not debate the issue here because it was not posted, she was simply giving them an informational update, and formally called the meeting to order.

At 2:15 the City Secretary called the roll. Council Member Pennington absent on city business. Council Members Davis and Laster absent.

Council Members Gonzalez and Bradford moved that the minutes of the previous meeting be adopted. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on city business. Council Members Davis and Laster absent. MOTION CARRIED.

Council Member Costello stated that every summer the Public Works and Engineering Department had led a two week camp for juniors and seniors to allow them to get a hands on inside into the careers of City engineers and welcomed students participating in the camp, and asked that they stand and be recognized. Council Members Davis and Laster absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she wanted to thank Council Member Costello for highlighting these young people, this was a long standing program of the City of Houston and they appreciated their working with the City. Council Members Davis and Laster absent.

Council Member Bradford asked for a point of information regarding her declaration of non-discussion of an item, there was a speaker on the agenda that wished to speak to the firefighters contract, was it proper to say that Council could not deliberate or vote on it, but certainly they could engage citizens as they approached the microphone with a public issue or concern, and Mayor Parker stated absolutely, they could not address each other, but they may address the citizen. Council Members Davis and Laster absent.

Council Member Boykins stated that he too wanted to congratulate the young and talented men and women who were recognized by Council Member Bradford.

Council Member Boykins moved to suspend the rules for the purpose of hearing from Dr. Robert Gilmore out of order, seconded by Council Member Kubosh. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on city business. MOTION 2014-0548 ADOPTED.

Council Member Kubosh moved to suspend the rules for the purpose of hearing from Ms. Tomaro Bell out of order, seconded by Council Member Nguyen. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on city business. MOTION 2014-0549 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated that they were bumping up against the 150 minute limit, but they were not there, so everyone would have their scheduled time today.

Council Member Stardig moved to suspend the rules for the purpose of hearing from Ms. Meena Outlaw and Ms. Ruby Mosley out of order, seconded by Council Member Kubosh. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on city business. MOTION 2014-0550 ADOPTED.

Ms. Tomaro Bell, 3248 Charleston, Houston, Texas 77021 (713-825-8449) appeared and stated that she was present to get some clarity, she knew that they were going to be discussing the tax collection contract and from what she was reading in the newspaper and from coming to the Council meetings, the contract was currently with Linebarger and they wanted to have multi vendors on the contracts, that she knew Purdue was the name that she had been hearing and knew that in March they talked about multi-vendor contracts, and competition was a wonderful thing, but she was trying to figure out if they were going to do multi-vendors and were going to open it up, were they going to open it up to other firms or just one firm.

After discussion by Council Members Stardig, Kubosh and Boykins, Mayor Parker stated that the direct answer to Ms. Bell's question was that they solicited firms that were interested in this type of business and believed there were three firms that expressed interested in some portion of this particular contract, so there was an open request for qualifications; that this was the delinquent taxes contract, they would still pay their taxes in one place and that was through the Harris County Tax Assessor, that this was a back office operation and there would be no difference to the people. Council Members Cohen and Green absent.

Ms. Norma Rocha, 1818 Calumet #4, Houston, Texas 77004 (713-391-6053) appeared and stated that after graduating from Aldine Senior High School she went to a vocational training course and started working at Ben Taub in the Oncology Unit as a nursing assistant, that she was able to find out about Capital Idea from her parish, Assumption Catholic Church, and was with Capital Idea in the summer of 2010 and was accepted into the Occupational Therapy Assistant Program at the Houston Community College and graduated in May 2013 with an Associate's Degree in Applied Science, she took her board exam two weeks ago and found out she passed her exam in Occupational Therapy Assistant, that she would like to thank Mayor Annise Parker and the City Council for investing in her future, that there were other people like her wanting the same opportunities. Council Members Cohen and Green absent.

Council Member Davis asked what did Capital Idea do for her in this situation, and Ms. Rocha stated that they paid for her courses, all the tuition, board exams and expenses, she did not have to pay anything out of pocket, she did not have any money to pay and was grateful for everything they had done. Council Members Cohen and Green absent.

Council Members Boykins and Gonzalez congratulated Ms. Rocha and thanked her for being present and sharing her story. Council Member Green absent.

Mr. Victor Perales, 5827 Cartagena, Houston, Texas 77035 (832-545-3328) appeared and stated that he was 31 years old and had a great opportunity to continue his education with Capital Idea, that in the fall of 2010 he began to achieve his dream and it became a reality, in 2013 he graduated from Capital Idea with a Degree in Process Technology and now had a career as a Process Technician, that he wanted to thank the Mayor and City Council for investing in him and making his dream come true. Council Member Green absent.

Mayor Parker stated that they were excited about his academic progress and economic progress as well. Council Member Green absent.

Mr. Luke Manion, 101 Emerald Court, Houston, Texas 77009 (832-877-285) appeared and stated that was a 13 year firefighter with the City of Houston, that he could not speak for everybody but wanted to give them a few reasons about why there was a landslide "no" on the proposed contract, first, most firefighters understood there was a budget neutral contract and basically they felt they were robbing Peter to pay Paul to get a raise and there was not enough there, second, it appeared that their pension was under another attack by removing the pension share, that they understood it was negotiated but it did not set well with most of the members, and third, much of the benefit time was limited through the contract, the firefighters were just like any other City employee, they want to enjoy their holidays and everything else with their friends and family, they understood that the Charter caps were imminent, and that the City was in a situation, that he thought most firefighters would like to see the City come back to the table and negotiate a contract that felt a little more two sided, that was not so their giving up everything, they felt like they had a finite amount of benefits and every time they came to the table they just kept getting chopped a little bit down, more and more, and at some point where would it give, they understood the situation the City was in, he felt that as a citizen, but there had to be a deal there somewhere, they had their ups and downs over the years with different

administrations and before the real estate bubble burst there were a couple of very good contracts, but since then it seemed like almost every contract had been under duress, like they were going to lay somebody off, he understood many of those things were real, but it still did not set well with the membership sometimes. Council Members Davis and Green absent.

Upon discussion and questions by Council Member Stardig, Kubosh and Boykins, Mr. Manion stated that he did not believe the brownouts were acceptable at all, he thought there had to be some other solutions, he was not sure that some of the other things that were proposed really could work, and understood that FY15 was already balanced and it was going to be hard, but there had to be a deal in there somewhere, they just wanted a fair contract, they wanted something that felt like both sides gave a little bit, and thought that the rank and file felt that this contract was very one sided. Council Member Green absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she would point out that Council did vote a 2% raise in March. Council Member Green absent.

Ms. Debra Walker, 5022 Edfield St., Houston, Texas 77033 (832-282-7968) had reserved time to speak, bus was not present when her name was called. Council Member Green absent.

Mr. Erick Dick, 3701 Brookwoods, Houston, Texas 7709 (832-207-2007) appeared, presented information, and stated that it was his understanding that City Council was looking at the Sign Ordinance, and he happened to know a little bit about the Sign Ordinance, and reviewed Section 4602 if the Sign Ordinance. Council Members Davis and Green absent.

After discussion and questions by Council Members Kubosh and Boykins, Mayor Parker stated that she wanted to assure Mr. Dick that the enforcement was the same in City elections, as in the partisan elections, that he was misinformed, they were not amending the Sign Code, they were simply moving enforcement of the Sign Code from one department to another department, they were not touching the ordinance at all. Council Members Stardig, Davis and Green absent.

Father Kevin Collins, 7250 Harrisburg, Houston, Texas 77011 (713-921-1261) appeared and stated that he was present as the Co-Chair of the Metropolitan Organization and was speaking in support of Amendment 1.04, that would give more funds to Capital Idea Houston, they had the pleasure of hearing from two of their recent graduates, that he was proud of them and the other graduates that they had produced and they wanted to keep having more and more graduates, that the Metropolitan Organization they were an organization of churches, synagogues and other institutions, who advocated in a nonpartisan way for their families and for those who were poor in their areas, they were also part of a network of institutions throughout the State of Texas, that they brought Capital Idea to Houston about 5 years ago because they saw it working so well in their other cities where they had organizations, especially San Antonio and Austin, that Capital Idea paid for tuition and books for students who went to Community College to get an Associate's Degree or certificate to get themselves a better job, that they had been pleased to get CDBG Funding in the past and in this budget for Capital Idea, and now they had been working with Council Member Costello to find a way to get more funding and he had proposed the amendment to put some more funding into it from the City, that it also helped them to leverage more funds when they went to foundations, that most of their money came from foundations, they had money from the State and they may have seen an editorial in the newspaper a couple of days ago calling on the County to also put monies into their program. Council Members Stardig, Boykins and Green absent.

Mr. Bob Fleming, 5827 Cartagena, Houston, Texas 77035 (832-545-3328) appeared and stated that he was the Director of Capital Idea, that he wanted to thank them for their support, and wanted them to know that without the commitment of the City they could not have

succeeded, that they would start their budget year on October 1, 2014, they were able to use the fact that the City of Houston had given them a grant of \$250,000 through the CDBG Funding to leverage a half million dollars from the Texas Legislature last session, they were able to use their commitment handsomely and had just received notice last week of a \$100,000 grant from Chase Bank to expand their program, that should the amendment pass they would be able to add 50 students, that would be on top of the 200 students that would be with them on October 1, 2014. Council Members Stardig, Cohen and Green absent.

Council Member Costello stated that this was additional funding that the City was already giving them and it was primarily geared towards the construction type industry and asked Mr. Fleming how much money did their organization get from other cities, and Mr. Fleming stated that counting City and County government both, and Austin and Bexar and Travis County it was between \$2 million and \$3 million, it tended to vary a little bit annually, that the current graduation rate at Houston Community College for all of the students who intended to get an Associate Degree, was 15%, and for developmental education the graduation rate was 7%, their graduation rate on their first group of students that they accepted was 55% graduation rate. Council Members Stardig, Cohen, Laster and Green absent.

Bishop James Dixon, 1023 Pinemont, Houston, Texas 77018 (713-907-9512) appeared and stated that he was present on behalf of TMO and asked members present in the audience to stand, that TMO was a very vital organization, as they had heard they were present in support of Capital Idea amendment that had been proposed in the budget, he did not think that anyone present needed a sermon on how valuable it was to invest in human capital, he thought they all agreed that the best investment they could make in their City with their tax payer dollars was into people, if they were going to improve the City they had to improve the people, if they improved the people, families got better and neighborhoods got stronger and the City got stronger, that he was totally impressed with what Capital Idea was doing in other cities and now in Houston, that just recently another 100 students the Houston Community College just signed up again who wanted to enroll into the program, that this funding was going to assure those individuals that they could produce some more success stories, that this was not a hand out, it was a hand up. Council Members Laster and Green absent.

Council Members Boykins, Costello and Nguyen thanked Bishop Dixon for all he did for the City of Houston. Council Member Stardig absent.

Mr. Clyde Bryan, 10802 Pepper Ln., Houston, Texas 77079 (713-545-4878) appeared and stated that he wanted to share his experience when he ran for City Council regarding the Sign Ordinance, when the election was over, six week later, he received a letter from the City stating that he had 41 sign violations, maximum fine of \$500, that he received no notice whatsoever, that 24 hour notice was what the City Attorney stated in his letter to all of the candidates, that even if he had received 24 hour notice all of his citations happened on election day, along with all of the other campaign signs that were at polling places, they elected to give him citations, he was still fighting those citations, he had been found not guilty on five and had 36 more to go, and it had been two and a half years, that these were all day jury trials and the City had not collected a dime on these citations, that he thought it was a waste of money and a ridiculous charge in the first place, that Mr. Reggie Harris, the sign inspector that issued the citations stated under oath that they could not pull a permit for a sign and Mr. Harris also said that he did not give him 24 hours' notice so he was fighting the City. Mayor Parker, Council Members Cohen and Boykins absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

After discussion by Council Members Kubosh, Christie; Stardig and Bradford, Council Member Bradford moved to suspend the rules for the purpose of extending time for questions of Mr. Clyde Bryan, seconded by Council Member Laster. Council Member Pennington absent on city business. Mayor Parker, Council Members Cohen, Boykins and Martin absent. Mayor

Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. MOTION 2014-0551 ADOPTED.

After further discussion by Council Members Laster, Costello, Kubosh and Bradford, Council Member Laster asked if they could get a listing from the Legal Department of citations that had been issued in non-City elections to demonstrate the scope of enforcement in non-City elections, and Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that his understanding was that it did go beyond just local elections, but did not know what information the administration could provide, and Council Member Laster asked if they could get a report from the respective agency as to which campaigns had received notices and which had received citations, and Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that they would have the administration reach out and get some information. Mayor Parker, Council Members Cohen, Boykins and Martin absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

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

Mr. Robert Gilmore appeared and stated that earlier he had picked up a proclamation on behalf of Community Conversations Day that the Texas State Department was having on July 1, 2014, one of 16 conversations addressing mental illness and addiction in their society, that the latest editorial in the Houston Chronicle stated that the City and State of Texas was in a crisis and needed attention, because of the lack of services and the lack of treatment and education, and the White House Council on Mental Health this year was a direct result of the shootings in Connecticut, so the increase of support to address the issue of mental illness and substance abuse in their society, that yesterday he saw where heroin was now number one because of the cost being lower, that he had done this for many years and was saying that today in their society, particularly with the growth projected in the Gulf Coast they had to address it, that the national figures indicate that it was almost 25%, they were talking about people who had a severe crisis level, that he could tell them that people did not overcome, they had to be treated or they had to let the family or community know, that if they were going to have a City that was going to be complimentary to everybody they had to educate people about the ones who had mental illness or these kind of problems. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin and Laster absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

After discussion and questions by Council Members Boykins, Green, Kubosh and Bradford, Council Member Christie moved to suspend the rules for the purpose of extending questions of Dr. Robert Gilmore, seconded by Council Member Robinson. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on city business. Council Members Davis, Martin, Gonzalez and Laster absent. MOTION 2014-0552 ADOPTED.

Council Member Boykins moved to suspend the rules for the purpose of adding Ms. Jasmine Smith to the speakers list for one minute and to hear Ms. Sherry Browning out of order, seconded by Council Member Stardig. Council Member Pennington absent on city business. Council Members Martin, Laster and Costello absent. MOTION 2014-0553 ADOPTED.

Council Member Stardig moved to suspend the rules for the purpose of hearing Ms. Chitra Viswanathan out of order, seconded by Council Member Kubosh. Council Member Pennington absent on city business. Council Members Boykins, Martin and Laster absent. MOTION 2014-0554 ADOPTED.

Ms. Meena Outlaw, 1126 Oxford Mills Ln., Sugarland, Texas 77479 appeared and stated that she represented Ms. Wheelchair Texas Organization and was the runner up of Ms. Wheelchair Texas 2014, that she also represented the National Spinal Cord Injury Association

and was the Lead Coordinator for SEI Connections, which was a new peer mentoring program that she developed with two other leaders who mentored over 70 people who had been newly injured, that she was present in support of Huber and Lyft and stated that people with disabilities, including wheelchair users wanted to, needed to and had a right to use for hire taxi like services, such as Uber and Lyft, particularly if those vehicles were licensed to operate in the City, by the City of Houston. Council Members Cohen, Martin and Laster absent.

After discussion by Council Member Stardig, Council Member Kubosh moved to suspend the rules for the purpose of extending time for questions of Ms. Meena Outlaw, seconded by Council Member Stardig. Council Member Pennington absent on city business. Council Members Martin and Laster absent. MOTION 2014-0555 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated that she would point out that the ordinance pending before Council did create an advisory committee of the disabled community, although she thought Council was going to preempt that. Council Members Martin and Laster absent.

Ms. Ruby Mosley, 862 No. Victory Dr., Houston, Texas 77088 (281-447-6895) appeared and stated that they were depressed and disgusted, almost 12 years ago West Little York was put on the books to be widened, it had not been finished yet, that Fire Station No. 67 was falling apart, those firefighters, when they left that station they were going to save somebody's life or their home and maybe both, there was a vacant lot that was right next to it that she and another senior citizen called in every month to make sure the lot was cleaned that belonged to the City, because before the trucks came out of there they had to stop and look both ways to avoid being in a wreck, and that was uncalled for, they had City buses, traffic and school buses going down Little York, and children walking, practically in the ditch, they needed help, that she also wanted to call to attention to the fact that in 2011, at 4:33 p.m., one of their department heads received an email concerning the flooding in Acres Homes, that a portion of Acres Homes was annexed in 1972, there were stormed sewer and gutters out there that had not been changed or cleaned since Squatty Lyons was Commissioner, they needed assistance with City and County to avoid flooding, they had an elementary school that had been designated by the City as being in a flood plain area, their best City park, Lincoln Park, with six houses on that street had been designated and the houses had flooded, and trees were growing in the ditches. Council Members Martin and Laster absent.

Upon questions by Council Members Davis, Stardig and Boykins, Ms. Mosley stated that since the inception of the CIP residents had met with City officials, explained and told them what their problems were, at what point did these supervisors, and the employees, go out and look at those areas and come back and go to Planning, or someone else and say they were going to get busy at trying to get some of this done, they still had the mildew library, that she knew they could afford carpet and padding to go into that library, the roof was put on it and she needed to know who got the money because there was still a leak there. Council Members Martin and Laster absent.

Council Member Davis stated that he had put an amendment in the budget that they needed to take more money out of Rebuild Houston and get on that, that he hoped his colleagues were listening. Council Member Martin absent.

Council Member Laster moved to suspend the rules for the purpose of extending time for questions of Ms. Ruby Mosley, seconded by Council Member Boykins. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on city business. Council Member Martin absent. MOTION 2014-0556 ADOPTED.

Dr. Chitra Viswanathan, 3329 Drexel, Houston, Texas 77027 (713-470-8440) appeared and stated that she was proud to be a Houstonian and one of those reasons was the recent



passage of the Houston Equal Rights Ordinance by Mayor Parker and the City Council, that she was present today on behalf of the disabled community, to insure equal access to services provided by the transportation network companies, that she would like for Houston to have more transportation objections, including services such as Lyft and Uber, but not at the exclusion of people with disabilities, they were a group with the most significant transportation issues as they may have limited resources and may lack large support systems, that companies like Uber and Lyft should be aware that Houston was an all-inclusive City with no discrimination and provided excellent service to the people of Houston mandated provisions for people with disabilities, they should consider it an opportunity to have a dialog with them to make a difference in the City, that Houston was the home to one of the largest and most unique medical centers in the Nation and also home to one of the largest Veteran Administration Hospitals, that not only did she need transportation to the Medical Center to obtain her medical care, she also worked as a physician at one of the largest hospitals in the Medical Center, that their population was growing and for this reason they must insure equal access to transportation options for their fellow Houstonians and current residents and military veterans who had mobility limitations who were already treated here, as well as their veterans across the globe and other people who may come to Houston for excellent care, that right now she and the disabled community had limited options for transportation, overall if the City of Houston licensed the taxi like companies like Uber and Lyft and they really wanted to enhance the transportation options for Houston, they considered it critical that they demand that they allow equal access for all people with disabilities, have some vehicles equipped for the mobility impaired and have a requirement for people with disabilities. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Martin and Laster absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Council Member Stardig stated that they appreciated the input, they had some decisions to make with regard to the ordinance, and they wanted to make sure that everyone was included. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Martin and Laster absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that they were listening, there had been a lot of conversation around the issue. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Martin and Laster absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Ms. Wilma Morris, 8239 White Castle Ln., Houston, Texas 77088 (281-999-2182) appeared and stated that she was present to speak on potholes and drainage ditches, that normally when the workers come out and clean the drainage ditches were they libel to take the trash with them or were they to leave it there. Mayor Parker, Council Members Cohen and Martin absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that he was not sure what the level of responsibility was in terms of leaving the trash there or not, that he thought their main purpose was to clean out the culverts and some of the lines, but did not know if there was some illegal dumping taking place or did not know if they communicated with Solid Waste, that they would try to find out. Mayor Parker, Council Members Cohen and Martin absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

After questions and discussion by Council Members Davis, Boykins and Kubosh, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez asked Ms. Morris if she could visit with Mr. Gary Norman, Public Works Department, who was present in the audience, that maybe he could add some insight on what they did with the trash or culverts, or what they were supposed to be doing. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Cohen, Martin and Nguyen absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. Robert Valyan, 4631 Maggie, Houston, Texas 77051 (713-376-7597) had reserved

time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Cohen, Martin and Nguyen absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Ms. Agnes Johnson, 9407 Westheimer, No. 202, Houston, Texas 77063 (832-581-1559) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Cohen, Martin and Nguyen absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. John Cieslewicz, 1250 DuBarry, Houston, Texas 77018 (713-906-1725) appeared and read from a prepared statement regarding a swale that drained storm water from his and his neighbors back yards, that the City acknowledged the swale but said it was not dedicated, and continued to voice his personal opinions until his time expired. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Martin and Nguyen absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that they knew there was a fundamental disagreement between his position and the long standing position of the City. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Martin and Nguyen absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Ms. Nancy Strebeck, 302 Lincoln Dr., Streetman, Texas 75859 (903-389-6136) appeared and stated that her husband Lonnie Strebeck, Jr. retired from HPD in 2005 after 31 years of service, that she was also a Houston Police Officer and was currently a certified Texas Public School Teacher, that they were present to tell the of their experience with CIGNA Insurance, she had been diagnosed by her doctor, who was a spine specialist, to have a Lumbar Spinal Stenosis, this condition became worse last year in November and had steadily worsened every day, it was a common problem for older people who had arthritis in their bones, including the spine, that due to the stenosis her lower back was constantly in spasms and she had a sciatic nerve pain that went all the way down to her foot on her right leg, which made her whole body weak, she was unable to pick up her small grandsons, that she could no longer perform her daily activities, this was a common surgery, it was not anything experimental or risky, it was a common solution to a painful situation, that her spine specialist recommended a lumbar spinal fusion to relieve her discomfort, when her doctor requested this surgery from CIGNA it was denied, stating that the surgery was not medically necessary and was not covered, she had done everything she could to avoid the surgery, that surgery was now her last resort, that she was asking for any help they could give her to overturn this decision by CIGNA, they had started the appeal process. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Martin, Nguyen and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

After discussion by Council Members Bradford, Christie and Laster, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that they would get to the bottom of this and would connect them back with Human Resources, that he did follow up with Human Resources and they said they were familiar with the situation. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Nguyen, Green and Costello absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mr. Lonnie Strebeck, 302 Lincoln Dr., Streetman, Texas 75859 (903-389-6136) appeared and stated that they had stayed in the network, and had done everything they could possibly do, that her doctor had also filed an appeal and was willing to do a less evasive surgery, which he would put a Titanium Disc between the vertebrae and lift it up, the MRI showed she had bone against bone and that was what was hurting her right now, he was willing to do less and it was a lot cheaper surgery, but he was denied also. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Martin and Nguyen absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Ms. Bertha Hymon, 4931 Ventura Ln., Houston, Texas 77021 (713-747-0617) appeared

and stated that she was present to discuss aerial surveillance and it included the FBI, that in 2013 she contacted the FBI because she had been threatened with kidnapping, and continued to share her personal experiences until her time expired. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Martin, Nguyen and Costello absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. Ray Fields, 5910 Jackwood, Houston, Texas 77074 (713-297-1397) appeared and stated that he was present as a representative of thousands of CERT volunteers in the City of Houston, and read from a prepared statement regarding public safety and access at the Freedom Over Texas festival until his time expired. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Martin, Nguyen and Costello absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

After discussion and questions by Council Members Laster, Christie, Green and Bradford, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that this would follow under Mr. Storemski's office, Homeland Security, they managed the CERT teams and they could send him an email and let them know that Mr. Field had been to Council to discuss some suggestions and perhaps they could follow up with him. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Martin, Nguyen, Green and Costello absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Ms. Sherry Browning, P. O. Box 301162, Houston, Texas 77230 (832-287-5909) appeared and presented the new reigning Juneteenth Teenage Queen, Ms. Jasmine Smith. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Martin, Nguyen, Green and Costello absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Ms. Jasmine Smith appeared and stated that she wanted to thank everyone who participated in the Juneteenth celebration at Emancipation Park, Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Martin, Nguyen, Green and Costello absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Council Members Boykins and Kubosh stated that they wanted to congratulate Ms. Smith on being Ms. Teen Juneteenth, and thanked them for all they were doing. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Martin, Nguyen, Green and Costello absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Ms. Mamie Wells, 9714 Bertrand St., Houston, Texas 77016 (713-633-6777) appeared, passed out bottles containing water, and stated that she was present as to the replacement of the pipes in their water system, and asked those present from Shady Tidwell Timbers, a residential area, to stand, that she had talked to the Mayor about this and several of them met in November 2012 at Fiesta and talked about their water system, it had probably had never been replaced and that community started about 1960 or 1962, so it was over fifty years old and the pipes needed replacing, that at one time they were flushing the water on a daily basis at Anther and Birdwood and it left a rust residue on the cement, that Council Member Davis asked that she save her filter, because instead of lasting six to nine months, it got to the point that they were lasting three to six months and she had to replace them, that in November 2012 she was told that they were going to replace the pipes, they had replaced some in other areas in Scenic Woods, she was also told that they were going to replace the pipes in May 2014, before that it was March 2014, and actually they were going to get a group to sign a petition to replace them, but they were told they were going to replace them in May, so they decided not to, they loved their community, it was almost a retirement village, that it was her understanding that now they had a date, June 23, 2014, and the reason they came was to thank them for that date. Mayor Parker, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, Council Members Stardig, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Nguyen, Green and Costello absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

After discussion and questions by Council Members Kubosh and Bradford, Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis stated that there was a notice from Public Works Department that a notice to proceed would be issued to the contractor on June 23, 2014, the work was expected to be completed in mid to late July 2015, that he would make sure that they would start on this project this time, and as her Council Member he would be out there petitioning with her in the neighborhood, as well at City Council, if they did not get started this time. Mayor Parker, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, Council Members Stardig, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Nguyen, Green and Costello absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mr. Roy Grant, 8009 Carolwood Dr., Houston, Texas 77028 (832-322-7504) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Parker, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, Council Members Stardig, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Nguyen, Green and Costello absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Ms. Bobbie Jones, 6127 Antha St., Houston, Texas 77016 (713-631-2582) appeared, displayed pipes that she had brought from her house and stated that she had been a resident of her community for 48 years and she had steadily seen the promises, that she received a phone call today and would like to thank Mr. Gary Norman, Public Works, for letting her know that something would be done, but it was unfortunate that it had taken them so long to get something done, that she was present to thank Mr. Norman on behalf of their civic club, and to thank Council Member Davis for allowing them the opportunity to work through this thing, and that was what was important, working through and working together, that she would like for them to see what they had to live through, that water could not possibly flow through the pipes, that when they replace the hot water heaters it was amazing the crud that was in them, that she would like for them to be aware of them fact that they were not wasting water, water was not coming through with those rusted pipes. Mayor Parker, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, Council Members Stardig, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Nguyen, Green and Costello absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Ms. Ruby Bennett, 744 Boeneman Dr., Houston, Texas 77091 (713-697-1709) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Parker, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, Council Members Stardig, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Nguyen, Green and Costello absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Ms. Ada Jones, 1563 Fashion Hill Dr., Houston, Texas 77088 (281-591-0157) appeared and asked the people present from Acres Homes to stand, and stated that the Lift Station on DePriest and DeWald, that they did not order, and there was nothing they could do about it but talk about it, they did not think it was very healthy for their neighborhood because it was just sitting right by an old lady's house that was 90 years old and she had been very disturbed about it; the second thing she wanted to talk about was Stuebner Airline Park, a park that was very useful in their neighborhood, that she went to the park a lot of mornings, there were no bathrooms there, and she saw people going behind cars and trees and using the bathroom, the park was too busy, it was a very nice park, they had a soccer field and they were playing soccer out there, they needed bathrooms and more parking, a lot of people had been parking at Walgreens and they had started having cars towed away, that she wished she could get Mr. Joe Turner, Director, Parks and Recreation, to take a walk through with her, or may her City Council Member to do that, that also there was a lot of underbrush that needed to be cleaned up, it was a good walkway, but there was a lot of underbrush that when people walked around people could get lost, and maybe somebody could be hiding in the underbrush and it was very dangerous, they wanted the park, but please give them the stuff she was asking for. Mayor Parker, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, Council Members Stardig, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Nguyen, Green, Costello and Kubosh absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis stated that he knew Ms. Jones had been talking about the park for some time and some of the requirements that the Parks Department had set up, or criteria, for a restroom, were based upon the lighted ball field areas, where they had bathrooms or port-a-cans, that what they did in their community and parks sometimes did not match the Parks Department guidelines, that last week Council Member Bradford set forth an amendment for District Council Members to have a service budget, and even when the Parks Department felt that they did not have the funds to put those port-a-cans in, this would allow District Council Members to step in and allow for the Parks and Recreation Department to pull out of the fund to help, that he would tell his At Large and District Council Members that they needed support and help in a big way, that they would be working on that and he saw that it was about a \$1.3 million Capital Improvement project at the park, so they would be talking to her and Mr. Turner about this. Mayor Parker, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, Council Members Stardig, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Nguyen, Green and Costello absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Ms. Susan Chadwick, 4121 Mandell, No. 3, Houston, Texas 77006 (832-814-8618) appeared, presented information and stated that she did not believe the Mayor or the Members of City Council knew how much of Buffalo Bayou would be destroyed when they voted last June to spend \$2 million to bulldoze nearly one and a half miles of the wild banks and forest of the bayou in and around the people's Memorial Park, that \$6 million was being thrown away on a project that would have no benefit whatsoever to the people of Houston, it would not improve water quality or reduce sediment or bacteria in the water or even stop erosion, it would kill hundreds of trees and wildlife and ruin their southern bayou, that she would urge them to withdraw from the bizarre costly project before it was too late, it would take away more with machines than the bayou would ever do by erosion in a hundred years. Mayor Parker, Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis, Council Members Stardig, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Nguyen, Green and Costello absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Council Member Christie asked Ms. Chadwick if they were very conscientious of the native species of trees that they would clear out and put back in, was that good enough, and Ms. Chadwick stated no, why bulldoze the forest in order to do that, that she had a video tape of Mr. Dave Roskins, the consultant to the Flood Control District, saying in 2009, that part of the bayou was perfectly fine, wonderful, natural and stable, a wonderfully functioning part of the bayou and they should leave it alone. Mayor Parker, Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis, Council Members Stardig, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Nguyen, Green and Costello absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Ms. Jan Cobler, 12953 Trail Hollow Dr., Houston, Texas 77079 (713-468-1626) appeared and asked if they really wanted future generations to remember them as the generation that tore down a sanctuary, and destroyed a part of a forest that was an area that was 18,000 years old, was that how they wanted to be remembered, they wanted to destroy all of that for an experiment, that it was very cleverly disguised as a demonstration, but it was not, that somehow she believed that the City Council had been misled, they had experts leading them down a wrong path, that would it not be better to take the \$6 million and repair their City, and read a poem from the Lorax by Dr. Suess. Mayor Parker, Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis, Council Members Stardig, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Nguyen, Green and Costello absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mr. Frank C. Smith, 147 Glynn Way, Houston, Texas 77056 (713-965-0842) appeared and stated that in a way he represented Ms. Ima Hogg, because she personally asked him many years ago to look after Memorial Park after she was gone, he was the only remaining member of the group she asked who was still able to speak to them today, that Ms. Hogg was responsible for Houston having this wonderful park and she had veto power over proposals to alter it, that she kept the park as natural as possible, and she asked him to do that same, so he

felt that he should try to prevent any necessary alteration of the natural aspect of the park, that when he first learned about the Demonstration Project he was told that it was intended to control erosion through a method called "Natural Channel Design", it sounded like a good idea and he originally supported the plan, as it developed, however, he learned that "Natural Channel Design" was a totally misleading name, it was artificial engineered and extremely controversial, that recently a letter to the editor published in the Chronicle reminded him that the Memorial Park Conservancy developed a conservation master plan, which was approved by the City Council in 2004, a mere ten years ago, apparently he and many others had forgotten that it addressed the erosion problem specifically, and stated "the bayou was vertically and horizontally stable, it was not deepening it's channel, nor was it dramatically widening its path, the recommended course of action for the bayou was simply to leave it alone and consider it a symbol of dynamic natural process, the bayou could serve as a valuable education tool that depicted the change inherent in nature", the proposed Demonstration Project conflicted directly with this master plan and no one seemed to know why the master plan was being ignored, there was no emergency in the park at this time, and no reason why the Demonstration Project could not wait for the completion of the new master plan. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Nguyen, Green and Costello absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Ms. Olive Hershey, 2415 Yupon, Houston, Texas 77006 (713-529-0095) appeared and stated that it was not too late for the City to back out of the \$2 million plan to radically reshape Buffalo Bayou and the forest along its edges, how could any planner, designer or engineer assert that if they only laid back the banks on the bayou, cut the trees down and reshape them that everything would be beautiful in about 100 years, that Buffalo Bayou riparian forest already did everything that the Memorial Park Demonstration Project was supposed to do, that she would urge that they withdraw their support for the needlessly destructive plan. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Nguyen, Green and Costello absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

After discussion by Council Member Christie, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that he was speaking for himself and had not gotten any information from the administration, but it was his understanding that this was not a plan being put forth by the Memorial Park Conservancy, he believed it was probably a tri party effort between the City of Houston, Harris County Flood Control District and the River Oaks Country Club, that the challenge in the situation was if one party got out it did not mean that the others still would not move forward with their plans, they would still have adverse impact, so it was important for everybody to be on the same page and that they do listen to community input as well and hopefully come up with the best way. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Nguyen, Laster, Green, Costello and Kubosh absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mr. William Heins 5459 Darnell St., Houston, Texas 77096 (832-623-3351) appeared and stated that there was not an erosion problem in Memorial Park and they should not pay \$2 million for a problem that was not there, that he would give them the data that was supplied by the Harris County Flood Control District in their permit application, they had surveyed, did a phase 3 bank assessment of the erosion status of the bayou, the 1.3 mile section that they wanted to engineer, to see how much sediment did it generate, and along that 1.3 miles there was about 10 acres of banks, and it was important to note that they were only surveying and only affecting the banks, that there were less than 10 acres of banks that were covered by this project and they should compare that to the 215,000 acres of watershed upstream from the Shepherd Creek Bridge, which supplied sediment to the bayou, how much sediment did those 10 acres actually contribute to the bayou, according to their data it gets 276 cubic yards of sediment every year, that was 1.3 miles of bank, one whole year, 276 cubic yards, or 359 tons, was that a lot or not. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Nguyen, Laster, Green and Costello absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO

QUORUM PRESENT

After discussion by Council Members Robinson and Christie, Mr. Heins stated that when he first saw the description and saw the presentation that was put out by the Flood Control District, he thought great, Natural Channel Design, that was good, they were planting trees and putting in the same kind of vegetation, more native than what was coming out, what could be bad about it, the problem was that they only found out the problems when they dug really deeply into the guts of the issue. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Nguyen, Laster, Green and Costello absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Ms. Janet Wagner (no address given) (713-961-4688) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Nguyen, Laster, Green and Costello absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mr. Frank Salzhandler, 1813 Missouri St., Houston, Texas 77006 (713-520-1985) appeared and stated that Buffalo Bayou was a natural paddling trail, unique to any major City in the United States, that the Council must not go forward with the deceptive agreement, recklessly claiming that bulldozing the bayou through Memorial Park would somehow be a miraculous cure all for water quality when EPA and TCEQ both site waste treatment upstream and sediment further upstream, due to development in the Katy area, was the culprit, that River Scientists throughout the United States denounced the re-engineering project, that the Flood Control's own statements regarding the risky plan included the words "if it works", that the Flood Control's own 700 page document to the Army Corps of Engineers said erosion on that part of Buffalo Bayou was insignificant, remember that before Houston quality of life space, and Ms. Ima Hogg's legacy were literally destroyed. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Nguyen, Laster, Green and Costello absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Ms. Katy Emde, 6033 Glen Cove, Houston, Texas 77007 (713-880-0872) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Nguyen, Laster, Green and Costello absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mr. Arvin C. Conrad, 2415 Yupon, Houston, Texas 77006 (713-529-0095) appeared in opposition to the Bayou Demonstration Project, read a poem and read from a contract, and stated that the project was flawed and over budgeted. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Nguyen, Laster, Green and Costello absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Upon questions by Council Member Christie, Mr. Conrad stated that they had a way to bail out of the project, it was built in. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Nguyen, Laster, Green and Costello absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Ms. Daphne Scarbrough, 2016 Richmond Ave., Houston, Texas 77098 (713-523-8413) appeared and stated that she was present to show support for the group, Save Buffalo Bayou, that she was not sure if City Council understood that they would be asked to vote on this, that this was \$2 million that the City had contributed, that Harris County Flood Control District was \$2 million, that was their money, she always followed the money because it was always interesting where it went, there was not any reason to push the project. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Nguyen, Laster, Green and Costello absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Upon questions by Council Member Kubosh, Ms. Scarbrough stated that unfortunately the money had been approved, but they as City Council could be the stopping point, because without their approval they could not proceed with the project. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Nguyen, Laster, Green and Costello absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Ms. Susan Knight, 19 Crestwood, Houston, Texas 77007 (713-494-0372) appeared and stated that she lived literally on the bayou and every afternoon she walked out the back and sat down and watched the river go by, unfortunately if the project went through she would not be able to do that anymore, they were taking the bayou away from them, it was being moved half a mile downriver, they were literally cutting out the entire horseshoe, so it would be gone, that even though they were moving the bayou half a mile away her property was outside the scope of the project, that she would ask them to consider other options. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Nguyen, Laster, Green and Costello absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mr./Coach R. J. (Bobby) Taylor, 3107 Sumpter, Houston, Texas 77026 (FA3-4511) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Nguyen, Laster, Green and Costello absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mr. Armando Alejandro, 6829 Avenue T, Houston, Texas 77011 (713-443-0180) appeared and stated that on Mario Garcia and Wayside he had been having a problem with 18 wheelers, that SALS, a trucking company, their trucks had been going superfast and hitting cars, they hit a little girl a couple of weeks ago, that what else of an issue were they going to have. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Nguyen, Green, Costello, Kubosh and Christie absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Council Member Gallegos asked Mr. Alejandro if one of his staff members had spoken with him, and Mr. Alejandro stated yes, that in fact he called a couple of months ago and they said he needed to go through the process and when he called 3-1-1, they told him he needed to get a report through HPD, he went to do that and they were already processing all the stuff and Officer Hurt told him he was going to give him a paper on the actions that were happening at the site, and Council Member Gallegos asked that Mr. Alejandro see him after the public session. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Nguyen, Green, Costello, Kubosh and Christie absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mayor Parker asked that Mr. Alejandro also visit with Sergeant Herndon, who was present in the audience, so they could see if there was a need for more enforcement. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Nguyen, Green, Costello, Kubosh and Christie absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Ms. Bridget Alexander-McDaniel, Post Office Box 53993, Houston, Texas 77052 (713-987-3854) appeared and stated that she was still homeless, that she was employed with Aramark, and they contract employees for the Texans, and continued to voice her personal opinions until her time expired. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Nguyen, Green, Costello, Kubosh and Christie absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mr. Steven Williams (no address, no phone) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Nguyen, Green, Costello, Kubosh and Christie absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mr. Mark Smith, Post Office Box 896, Bellaire, Texas 77402-0896, (no phone) appeared,



presented information, and stated that he was present on Metro's Reimagining Project, that Metro decided what they wanted to do and went about justifying it, that Metro had a park and ride system that they were not including in the Reimagining Project, that they were going to take a whole system that had been build up over many years, scrap it, and redraw routes and maps, cut out service in many areas, they were calling it simpler. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Nguyen, Green, Costello and Christie absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Council Member Gonzalez stated that Council would be listening to Metro's plan on Thursday, they would be presenting to committee so they would have an opportunity to better understand what they were proposing and see what it was all about, that it was a public meeting. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Nguyen, Green, Costello and Christie absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Ms. Shere Dore, 2401 Woodland Park Dr., Houston, Texas 77077 (713-882-2623) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Nguyen, Green, Costello and Christie absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mr. Harold Tippins, 11923 Medicine Bow Circle, Houston, Texas 77067 (832-407-9949) appeared and stated that he was present to ask Mayor Parker and City Council about the police staffing and seeing about recognizing the jailers that had been working three plus years and recognizing them to go into the Police Academy, that they were real short of officers on the street and he had always wanted to be a police officer for the City of Houston. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Nguyen, Green, Costello and Christie absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mayor Parker asked Mr. Tippins if he was currently working for the City of Houston as a jailer, and Mr. Tippins stated yes, he had done seven years with HPD, and Mayor Parker stated that she would suggest if he was qualified as a police officer that he go ahead and apply, he just had to enter the application process for the academy, and Mr. Tippins stated that he had 24 college hour credits, and Mayor Parker stated that he had to be qualified, he had to have military service or applicable credits, but she appreciated the work he did for the City of Houston, and she would encourage him to pick up a few more community college credits, that also since he was a City of Houston employee they did offer some credit classes through the E.B. Cape Center. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Nguyen, Green, Costello and Christie absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Council Member Gonzalez stated that he wanted to encourage him to not give up, that it was a great pipeline that he was already a City employee, that many times civilians did decide that they wanted to pursue a career in law enforcement, do not give up on his classes. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Nguyen, Green, Costello and Christie absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mr. Fered Tesfahiwo, 6220 Alder Dr., No. 3940, Houston, Texas 77081 (817-350-9005) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Nguyen, Green, Costello and Christie absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mr. Louie Comella, 3601 White Oak, Houston, Texas 77007 (did not wish to give #) appeared and stated that he owned a company called Heights Ice Cream Company in the Houston Heights at 3601 White Oak Drive, he had owned the property about 10 years, that most recently they opened up the ice cream shop and were greeted with a number of harassments from an Assistant City Attorney who lived across the street, that after they

obtained their occupancy permit they received 10 subsequent inquiries from the building department, of which they had three on video, they started videoing the perceived harassment after the complaints became repetitive, additionally four police officers showed up after they obtained their occupancy permit for an ice cream shop to investigate the validity of their permits, that he had contacted the Mayor's office and had not heard back from her assistant, that he went to her office to let them know they would be at public session, and someone was going to get back with him, so he was going to be patient and wait before he took other positions to let this selective enforcement be heard to the world, that there was a sailboat with illegally parked vehicles across from his property, there were a number of bars down the street that had many violations, it took them a year and eight months to obtain the permits necessary to open their ice cream shop, that he was going to let the process of Building Code enforcement see that all of the permits were issued a month prior. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Nguyen, Green, Costello and Christie absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mayor Parker stated that she did not know what Assistant City Attorney lived across from him, that he had an occupancy permit and asked if he received all of the requisite health permits and parking permits in order to operate, and Mr. Comella stated absolutely, and Mayor Parker stated that there was no place for differential enforcement, that it was a little bit late, and Mr. Carmello stated that he left upstairs the first page of the stack of documents of the Assistant City Attorney's communications to third parties, and Mayor Parker stated that if in fact there had been differential enforcement or abuse of power she would certainly want to know about it, that she would make sure they follow up. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Nguyen, Green, Costello and Christie absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Council Member Kubosh asked if Mr. Carmello had been issued a citation as a result of these visits and Mr. Camello stated yes, that he had one citation, and they modified some plans. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Nguyen, Green, Costello and Christie absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Ms. Leigh Rubino, 3601 White Oak, Houston, Texas 77007 (did not wish to give #) appeared and stated that she too was a partner of the ice cream shop, that one night someone decided to call the cops that they were serving alcohol, it had just gotten crazy the things that people were insinuating, that one claim was that they illegally tapped into the City water service, that they had changed some parking in the back and reinstated it as the approved plans had noted initially, that the effort started in April 2012, and they finally got a Certificate of Occupancy in April 2014, that it was a long process and they put a ton of money into the place. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Nguyen, Green, Costello and Christie absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mayor Parker asked Ms. Rubino if she had her Occupancy Permit since April 2014 and they began operating as an ice cream shop in April of this year and that was when it ratchet up, and Ms. Rubino stated that they started hearing about problems in mid-May 2014, and Mayor Parker stated that Ms. Moseley was present in the audience and asked that she get everything she could from Ms. Rubino. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Nguyen, Green, Costello and Christie absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Council Member Laster asked if Ms. Rubino had received numerous visits by City inspectors and Ms. Rubino stated yes, that she had followed all of the building codes and they got a Certificate of Occupancy, and Council Member Laster asked if she had kept records of what each visit was supposedly about, and Ms. Rubino stated yes. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Nguyen, Green, Costello and Christie absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

President Joseph Charles, Post Office Box 524373, Houston, Texas 77052-4373 (713-928-2871) appeared and stated that he was President Joseph Charles of the US that they had knowledge of, and continued to voice his personal opinions until his time expired. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Nguyen, Green, Costello and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mr. James Partsch-Galvan, 1611 Holman, Houston, Texas 77004 (713-528-2607) appeared and stated that his condolences were with the family of former City Council Member John Castillo, they ran for the same District I seat in 1995, and continued to voice his personal opinions until his time expired. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Nguyen, Green, Costello and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mr. Eric Barvin, 5500 El Camino Del Rey, No. 101, Houston, Texas 77081 (832-847-0974) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Nguyen, Green, Costello and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mr. Alex Nivni, 3262 Westheimer, No. 136 Houston, Texas 77098 (713-269-0206) appeared and stated that through a painful experience that affected his family's honor and hurt their property values, he and his wife, learned that the Department of Public Works and Engineering was mismanaging the City, the issues involved negligence falsification of public records, violation of property rights and discrimination, that he had spent the last three weeks of his life on a hunger strike protesting in front of City Hall every weekday trying to get Mayor Parker to investigate the matter that she had known about for nine months and to take corrective and preventive action, but to this day she had done nothing, that this was the third time that he was speaking before the City Council, today was day 21 of his protest and he had not eaten for three weeks. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Nguyen, Green, Costello and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Council Member Kubosh stated that he had been out to Mr. Nivni's home three times and was trying to figure it out, that he knew they got the sign changed down the street by the neighbor who called him a name and she apologized to him, that he was trying to figure out what they as Council Members could do to help him to resolve this matter, and Mr. Nivni stated that his house was not worth a million dollars because of what happened with the traffic signs that restricted their property use. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Nguyen, Green, Costello and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

At 5:58 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that the City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 18, 2014. Council Member Pennington absent on city business. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Nguyen, Green, Costello and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. NO QUORUM PRESENT

The Houston City Council reconvened at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 18, 2014, Mayor Annise Parker presiding with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jerry Davis, Ellen R. Cohen, Dwight Boykins, Dave Martin, Richard Nguyen, Oliver Pennington, Edward Gonzalez, Robert Gallegos, Mike Laster, Larry V. Green, Stephen C. Costello, David Robinson, Michael Kubosh, C. O. "Brad" Bradford and Jack Christie, D.C.; Mr. Dave Feldman, City Attorney, Ms. Deborah McAbee, Senior Assistant City Attorney, Legal Department; Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director and Stella Ortega, Agenda Office, present.

At 8:22 a.m. Ms. Anna Russell, City Secretary, read the descriptions or captions of items on the Agenda.

At 9:25 a.m. Mayor Parker called the meeting to order and recognized Council Member Costello for a point of procedure.

Council Member Costello moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of considering Item Numbers 5, 6 and 7 out of order at this time, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0557 ADOPTED.

5. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the reappointment of **BARBARA E. HARTLE** as Presiding Judge of the Municipal Courts Department, for a two year term - was presented, moved by Council Member Martin, seconded by Council Member Costello.

After discussion by Council Members Kubosh, Pennington, Green, Davis, Laster, Cohen, Bradford and Boykins, Mayor Parker stated that she thought Judge Hartle had done an exemplary job, both the management of the court system and in the provision of justice through the Municipal Courts, that she was a Municipal Court Judge, both part time and then a full time judge for several years prior to her appointing Judge Hartle.

Council Member Laster moved to call the question on Item No. 5. Council Members Laster, Costello, Bradford and Christie voting yes, balance voting no. MOTION 2014-0558 FAILED.

After further discussion by Council Members Pennington and Kubosh, a vote was called on Item No. 5. Council Members Pennington and Kubosh voting no, balance voting aye. MOTION 2014-0559 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker congratulated Judge Hartle and stated that they looked forward to another two years of service.

Judge Hartle stated that she would listen to the comments and do what she could to improve and continue to improve the courts, that it was an honor to serve the City in this role.

Mayor Parker stated that Judge Hartle had her complete confidence, as clearly she had the confidence of the majority of Council Members, that as she was well aware, many of the changes that were made at the Municipal Courts, were done at her direction in consultation with the Chief of Police, they also both knew that she did inherit CSmart, she had tried to put lipstick on that pig and she appreciated it, that this was a two year appointment and she had heard nothing but praise from the men and women who worked for her at the courts.

Council Member Boykins asked if Judge Hartle would be open, on his dime, with Council Member Kubosh, he would take them to dinner and the three of them would try to work out whatever issues, and Judge Hartle stated that she would prefer to pay for her own dinner, as an appointed official, but would enjoy breaking bread with any of the Council Members.

Mayor Parker stated that none of her Department Directors would go and have Council Member Boykins pick up the tab.

Council Member Kubosh stated that he would be happy to eat with Council Member Boykins and Judge Hartle.

6. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the reappointment of **MEGAN A. MCLELLAN** as Full-Time Municipal Court Judge, for a two year term – was presented, moved by

Council Member Costello, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0560 ADOPTED.

7. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the reappointment of the following individuals as Associate Judges of Municipal Courts Department, for two year terms.

**BERTA ALICIA MEJIA**  
**RONI M. MOST**

– was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0561 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated that she did not know if these judges were present in the audience, but they had reappointed Judge Megan McLellan, Judge Bertha Mejia and Judge Roni Most.

Judge Hartle stated that they were not present, they were hard at work, that she was going back and issue their oaths of office.

Mayor Parker stated that the City Controller had reported back with Item Numbers 4 and 4a, and requested a motion to proceed to that next.

Council Member Gonzalez moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of considering Item Numbers 4 and 4a out of order, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0562 ADOPTED.

#### **APPROXIMATELY 10:30 A. M.**

4. Announcement by City Controller of the results of the electronic auction-style bidding for the sale of \$200,000,000.00 Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes, Series 2014

Mayor Parker stated that they had distributed a statement from the City Controller, they did a competitive sale this morning and recognized Mr. Ronald Green, City Controller.

Mr. Green stated that for the benefit of the new Council Members and those in the audience, each year they issue tax revenue anticipation notes to bridge the gap between the time they received their tax payments in January or February, until then they had to do some short term borrowing, that this morning they issued \$200 million in a competitive sale and had six firms that came in as low bidders, Citi came in for \$25,000,000.00, Goldman Sachs for \$50,000,000.00, Bank of America for \$50,000,000.00, RBC Capital for \$20,000,000.00, FTN came in at two different tranches FTN \$10,000,000.00, FTN \$10,000,000.00 and JP Morgan at \$35,000,000.00 for a total of \$200,000,000.00, that the average tick on this was about 13 basis points and they were asking that the City Council approve the award of the sale.

- 4a. MOTION awarding the Sale of \$200,000,000.00 Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes, Series 2014, based on the lowest true interest cost, ratify and confirm the use of the Preliminary Official Statement provided to prospective bidders in connection with the offering for sale of the Notes, and authorize the distribution of the Official Statement – was presented, moved by Council Member Pennington, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez.

After questions and discussion by Council Members Kubosh, Boykins, Nguyen, Costello, Martin and Pennington, a vote was called on the motion to award the sale. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen absent. MOTION 2014-0563 ADOPTED.

#### **HEARINGS - 9:00 A.M.**

1. **PUBLIC HEARING** to provide a Resolution of No Objection for the 4% tax credit application of **CHRISTIAN CHURCH HOMES** for renovation of Woodland Christian Tower located at 600 E. Tidwell Road - **DISTRICT H – GONZALEZ** - was called. Council Members Davis and Cohen absent.

The City Secretary stated that no speaker had reserved time for the hearings listed as 1, 2 or 3. Council Members Davis and Cohen absent.

Mayor Parker asked if there was anyone present who did not sign up, but was present to speak specifically to that issue. Council Member Davis absent.

Mr. Brett Vaughn, Christian Church Homes, appeared and stated that they were the sponsors of Woodland Christian Tower at 600 East Tidwell, that their project that they had operated was over 40 years, the 236 that the project was financed with had gone away and they were struggling to find a way to renovate, they had some challenges from Hurricane Ike and they were looking for funds to be able to renovate the facility and increase the affordability for the facility, that what they were proposing to do was to renovate the facility, participate in the permanent support of housing program with the City of Houston, and dedicate 72 of their 84 studio units for the use of homeless folks in the City, they were very pleased to do that and hoped it would increase the affordability of the housing on Tidwell and they also wanted to partner with other organizations like the Houston Area Community Services to create a federally qualified health center on the side, they were very excited about the project and asked for their support. Council Members Davis and Gallegos absent.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that he was familiar with the project and was fully supportive of it, he had met with the Housing Department on it, the building was dated, he thought it was a 1970 structure and definitely in need of some upgrades, but appreciated what they did out there and the collaboration with HACS, Houston Area Community Services, who were great partners and did a wonderful job operating FQHCs and having a clinic presence to serve the needs of the community and those who lived there, he thought, was very important, and this would also have some permanent supportive housing as well, that he thought it was a win win for everyone, and hoped they could get it passed. Council Members Davis and Gallegos absent.

Mayor Parker stated that her grandparents had a unit there in the very early days when it was built. Council Members Davis and Gallegos absent.

Mayor Parker asked if there was anyone else present to speak on that item, and hearing none, requested a motion to close the public hearing. Council Members Davis and Gallegos absent.

Council Member Green moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Council Member Christi. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Davis and Gallegos absent. MOTION 2014-0564 ADOPTED.

2. **PUBLIC HEARING** to provide a Resolution of No Objection for the 4% tax credit application of **KISSITO HEALTHCARE, INC** for Kissito Riverside located at 4320 Old Spanish Trail - **DISTRICT D – BOYKINS** – was called.

The City Secretary stated that no one had reserved time to appear on this hearing.

Mayor Parker asked if there was anyone present to speak on the issue. Council Member Davis absent.

Ms. Sheila Turner appeared and stated that she was present representing both Volunteers of America National Services and Kissito Healthcare, that they were proposing an innovative project that would be for seniors and Volunteers of America was asking for a waiver for the State to provide senior housing, that it would include healthcare components and social services on site, that it was going to be at 4320 Old Spanish Trail and would also have a PACE Program, it was a program for all inclusive care for the elderly and it would allow the seniors to age in place, it would have 66 PSH units, going with the City of Houston PSH initiative, they would also have social service, behavioral health services, activities, nutrition assistance and health expertise, that this was not a medical model but a lifestyle model.

Council Member Boykins stated that he was excited about the project, that as most of his colleagues knew, and his good friends at the Housing Department, he was not a big fan of multifamily units, he was more into the single family, but for his seniors, and what they were doing in partnering with the University of Texas Health Science Center, and the way they were putting the program together, he was so supportive, and he wanted to tell all of his seniors, help was on the way. Council Member Laster absent.

Mayor Parker asked if there was anyone else present to address the item, and hearing none, requested a motion to close the public hearing. Council Member Laster absent.

Council Member Gonzalez moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Council Member Christi. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Laster absent. MOTION 2014-0565 ADOPTED.

3. **PUBLIC HEARING** to provide a Resolution of No Objection for the 4% tax credit application of **THE WOMEN'S HOME** Phase 2 located at 2060 Jacquelyn Drive - **DISTRICT A - STARDIG**

The City Secretary stated that no one had reserved time to appear on this hearing.

Mayor Parker asked if there was anyone present to speak on the issue. Council Member Davis absent.

Ms. Marsh Tapp appeared and stated that she represented the Board of Directors and the staff at the Women's Home, she was present to ask for their support again for an 87 unit apartment complex that would be participating in the permanent supportive housing project of the Mayor and be targeted for families, two and three bedroom homes in the East Spring Branch area, they already had an apartment complex just down the street that they had been maintaining and managing, it opened four years ago, that had a very similar model, affordable housing and permanent supportive housing and housing the chronically homeless, they were excited to add this component because they were working with the neighborhood and school district, to help provide and reduce the mobility that was going on in their schools and provide those apartments that were so necessary for people who were near homelessness, vulnerable to homelessness and those who had already experienced it, that the Women's Home had been operating in Houston since 1957 and had a large and long track record of assisting this population and asked that they support continuing their work.

Council Member Pennington stated that his question related to the size of their units and the impact on the schools, she was talking about two and three bedrooms with 87 units, that could be as many as 180 to 200 children that would maybe be going to a local school, which was a substantial part of the population of any school and wondered how they worked that out.

Ms. Tapp stated that they already had many conversations with the principle of the school,

and they anticipated that they would actually be relocating people who were in substandard housing in that area into their apartments, that of course they would be reaching out to the rest of the community, but believed there were people who would benefit from those apartments who were already living in the community, and the principle and school were in full support, they were also working with them to build a service center across the street from the school that would extend much needed after school facilities that they could not currently provide, and Council Member Pennington stated that was a great business plan to serve people who were already living there, it would not be adding to the population.

Mayor Parker asked if there was anyone else present to speak on the issue, and seeing no one requested a motion to close the public hearing.

Council Member Gonzalez moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Council Member Pennington. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0566 ADOPTED.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

### **CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 5 through 71**

#### **MISCELLANEOUS** - NUMBERS 8 AND 9

8. RECOMMENDATION from Fire Chief for Extension of Injury on Duty Leave for **CAPTAIN WILLIAM R. DOWLING** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Pennington. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0567 ADOPTED.
9. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for designation of a banner district in the Midtown Management District - **DISTRICTS C - COHEN; D - BOYKINS and I - GALLEGOS** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Pennington. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0568 ADOPTED.

#### **ACCEPT WORK** - NUMBERS 11 through 15

11. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$1,910,068.93 and acceptance of work on contract with **CONRAD CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD.**, for Manchester and Japhet Paving: Manchester Street from 97th to Port Terminus and Japhet Street from Clinton Drive to Dick Street - 0.68% over the original contract amount - **DISTRICTS H - GONZALEZ and I - GALLEGOS** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Pennington. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0569 ADOPTED.
12. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$184,201.66 and acceptance of work on contract with **CONGO LLC** for Wastewater System/Substitute Service Support-Peden, Bomar - 7.48% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICT C - COHEN** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Pennington. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0570 ADOPTED.
14. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$1,878,156.20 and acceptance of work on contract with **REYTEC CONSTRUCTION RESOURCES, INC** for On-Call Rehabilitation to Large



Diameter Water Lines, Valves and Appurtenances Package #9 - 6.09% under the original contract amount **DISTRICTS A - STARDIG; B - DAVIS; C - COHEN; D - BOYKINS; E - MARTIN; F - NGUYEN; G - PENNINGTON; I - GALLEGOS and K - GREEN** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Pennington. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0571 ADOPTED.

15. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$1,176,728.76 and acceptance of work on contract with **PEPPER-LAWSON CONSTRUCTION, L.P.** for Rehabilitation of Chlorine Scrubbers at East Water Purification Plant - 3.27% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICTS E - MARTIN and G – PENNINGTON** – was pulled from the agenda by the administration and was not considered.

#### **PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS** - NUMBERS 16 through 23

16. **MOBILE CONCEPTS TECHNOLOGY, LLC** for Computers and Installation Services through the Texas Department of Information Resources for the Houston Fire Department - Total amount not to exceed \$2,501,738.78 - Grant Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Pennington. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0572 ADOPTED.
18. **SECURELOGIX CORPORATION** for Professional Services and Software for the Houston Information Technology - \$155,485.45 - Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Pennington. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0573 ADOPTED.
19. **RELIABLE CHEVROLET, LP** for Utility Vehicles from the State of Texas Procurement and Support Services Contract through the State of Texas Cooperative Purchasing Program for the Houston Police Department - \$55,534.00 - Asset Forfeiture State Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Pennington. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0574 ADOPTED.
20. **ELLIOTT ELECTRIC SUPPLY, INC** for Emergency Variable Frequency Drive Replacement and Startup Services for the Department of Public Works & Engineering - \$73,976.10 - Enterprise Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Pennington. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0575 ADOPTED.
21. ORDINANCE appropriating \$3,516,574.65 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund for Generator Readiness Improvements Project for the Public Works & Engineering Department – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0610 ADOPTED.
- 21a. **MNL DIESEL, INC** for Generator Readiness Improvement Project for the Department of Public Works & Engineering - \$3,057,891.00 and contingencies for a total amount not to exceed \$3,516,574.65 – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Pennington. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0576 ADOPTED.
22. **DELL MARKETING, LP** - \$864,154.00, **JMATHEWS, LLC dba JEFFERSON ASSOCIATES** - \$1,251,975.00 and **DYONYX, LP** - \$4,121,423.00 to purchase Electronic Plan Review Software, Cloud Computing Services, Professional Services, Maintenance and Support for the Department of Public Works & Engineering - Special Revenue Fund –

was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Pennington. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0577 ADOPTED.

23. **R.S. TECHNICAL SERVICES, INC** for a Sewer Camera Truck Body through the Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Purchasing with the Houston-Galveston Area Council for the Department of Public Works & Engineering - \$76,091.90 - Enterprise Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Pennington. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0578 ADOPTED.

**RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES** - NUMBERS 24 through 71

24. RESOLUTION adopting guidelines for the City's participation in public-private partnerships – was pulled from the agenda by the administration and was not considered.
26. ORDINANCE authorizing the issuance of City of Houston, Texas, Convention & Entertainment Facilities Department Hotel Occupancy Tax and Special Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2014; authorizing the Mayor and City Controller to approve certain terms thereof and certain other procedures relating thereto; providing for the payment thereof; authorizing the defeasance, final payment, and discharge of certain outstanding bonds; making other provisions regarding such bonds and matters incident thereto; awarding the sale of the bonds; approving a Preliminary Official Statement and authorizing distribution thereof; approving preparation and distribution of a final Official Statement; authorizing a Bond Purchase Agreement, an Escrow Agreement and a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement; and declaring an emergency – was pulled from the agenda by the administration and was not considered.
27. ORDINANCE relating to employment terms and conditions of Classified Firefighters of the City of Houston; ratifying the 2014 Agreement between the City of Houston and the **HOUSTON PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION, also known as the INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIREFIGHTERS, AFL-CIO-CLC, LOCAL UNION 341**, containing provisions relating to compensation and benefits of Classified Fire Fighters and containing other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; suspending the operation of certain ordinances; providing for severability – was pulled from the agenda by the administration and was not considered.
28. ORDINANCE appropriating \$7,426,583.00 out of Tax Increment Funds for Reinvestment Zone Number Two, City of Houston, Texas (Midtown Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Three, City of Houston, Texas (Main Street/Market Square Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Eight, City of Houston, Texas (Gulfgate Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Nine, City of Houston, Texas (South Post Oak Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Eleven, City of Houston, Texas (Greater Greenspoint Zone), and Reinvestment Zone Number Fifteen, City of Houston, Texas (East Downtown Zone) for administrative expenses, payment of project costs, and payments to certain redevelopment authorities as provided herein – had not been received, and the City Secretary announced it would be considered at the end of the Agenda if received during the meeting.
29. ORDINANCE appropriating \$84,978,301.54 out of Tax Increment Funds for Reinvestment Zone Number One, City of Houston, Texas (Lamar Terrace Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Two, City of Houston, Texas (Midtown Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Three, City of Houston, Texas (Main Street/Market Square Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Five, City of Houston, Texas (Memorial Heights Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Six (Eastside Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Seven, City of Houston, Texas (Old Spanish Trail/Alameda Corridors Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Eight, City of Houston, Texas (Gulfgate Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Nine, City of Houston, Texas (South Post

Oak Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Ten, City of Houston, Texas (Lake Houston Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Eleven, City of Houston, Texas (Greater Greenspoint Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Twelve, City of Houston, Texas (City Park Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Thirteen, City of Houston, Texas (Old Sixth Ward Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Fourteen, City of Houston, Texas (Fourth Ward Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Fifteen, City of Houston, Texas (East Downtown Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Sixteen, City of Houston, Texas (Uptown Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Seventeen, City of Houston, Texas (Memorial City Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Eighteen, City of Houston, Texas (Fifth Ward Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Nineteen, City of Houston, Texas (Upper Kirby Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Twenty, City of Houston, Texas (Southwest Houston Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Twenty-One, City of Houston, Texas (Hardy/Near Northside Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Twenty-Two, City of Houston Texas (Leland Woods Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Twenty-Three, City of Houston Texas (Harrisburg Zone), and Reinvestment Zone Number Twenty-Four, City of Houston Texas (Greater Houston Zone), for payment of affordable housing costs, payment of administrative expenses, payment of project costs, payment to Houston Housing Finance Corporation, and payments to certain redevelopment authorities as provided herein – had not been received, and the City Secretary announced it would be considered at the end of the Agenda if received during the meeting.

30. ORDINANCE appropriating \$54,477,182.65 out of Tax Increment Funds for Reinvestment Zone Number One, City of Houston, Texas (Lamar Terrace Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Two, City of Houston, Texas (Midtown Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Three, City of Houston, Texas (Main Street/Market Square Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Five, City of Houston, Texas (Memorial Heights Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Six, City of Houston, Texas (Eastside Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Seven, City of Houston, Texas (Old Spanish Trail/Almeda Corridors Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Eight, City of Houston, Texas (Gulfgate Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Nine, City of Houston, Texas (South Post Oak Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Ten, City of Houston, Texas (Lake Houston Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Eleven, City of Houston, Texas (Greater Greenspoint Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Twelve, City of Houston, Texas (City Park Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Thirteen, City of Houston, Texas (Old Sixth Ward Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Fourteen, City of Houston, Texas (Fourth Ward Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Fifteen, City of Houston, Texas (East Downtown Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Sixteen, City of Houston, Texas (Uptown Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Eighteen, City of Houston, Texas (Fifth Ward Zone), and Reinvestment Zone Number Nineteen, City of Houston, Texas (Upper Kirby Zone), for affordable housing, administrative expenses, payment of project costs, payments to Houston Independent School District and Humble Independent School District, payment to Houston Housing Finance Corporation, and payments to certain redevelopment authorities as provided herein – had not been received, and the City Secretary announced it would be considered at the end of the Agenda if received during the meeting.
  
36. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,020,000.00 from the Police Consolidated Construction Fund (4504) to the HAS-Sub Lien Bond 1998B AMT Construction Fund (8006) for the transfer of approximately 20 acres of land at 16318-16426 Luthe Lane, Houston, Harris County, Texas, (Parcel Numbers EY6-608, EY6-013, EY7-001, EY5-142, EY5-130, EY5-149 and EY5-116) from the Houston Airport System to the Houston Police Department - **DISTRICT B - DAVIS** – was pulled from the agenda by the administration and was not considered.

37. ORDINANCE appropriating \$519,383.00 out of Police Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Architectural Services Contract between the City of Houston and **HUITT-ZOLLARS, INC** for the Relocation of the Houston Police Department Vehicle Compound; providing funding for the Civic Art Program; financed by the Police Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT B - DAVIS** – was pulled from the agenda by the administration and was not considered.
38. ORDINANCE appropriating \$27,000.00 out of Police Consolidated Construction Fund and awarding Construction Management at Risk Contract to **JAMAIL & SMITH CONSTRUCTION, LP** for Relocation of the Houston Police Department Vehicle Compound - **DISTRICT B - DAVIS** – was pulled from the agenda by the administration and was not considered.
42. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing submittal of a grant application to the **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION** for the Medical Monitoring Project Grant; declaring the City's eligibility for such grant; authorizing the Director of the Health and Human Services Department to act as the City's representative in the application process; authorizing the Director of the Health and Human Services Department to accept the grant and expend the grant funds, as awarded, and to apply for and accept all subsequent awards, if any, pertaining to the grant – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0611 ADOPTED.
46. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Interlocal Agreement between the City of Houston and the **HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL SECURITY DISTRICT** to support the operational costs of the Houston Police Department's Helicopter and Marine Patrols within the Ship Channel Region - \$787,752.00 - Grant Fund – had not been received, and the City Secretary announced it would be considered at the end of the Agenda if received during the meeting.
47. ORDINANCE appropriating \$140,000.00 out of Park and Recreation Dedication Fund; approving and authorizing Interlocal Agreement between the City and the **HOUSTON PARKS BOARD LGC, INC** for the construction of improvements to Avenue Place Park - **DISTRICT H - GONZALEZ** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0612 ADOPTED.
48. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City and **CERIDIAN HCM. INC** for Administration of Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act Services for the Human Resources Department; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$235,000.00 - Health Benefits Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0613 ADOPTED.
49. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City and **THE SEGAL COMPANY (Western States), INC, known as SEGAL WATERS CONSULTING**, for Consulting Services for Market Comparisons of total compensation for the Human Resources Department; providing a maximum contract amount - \$385,000.00 - General Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0614 ADOPTED.
50. ORDINANCE awarding contract between the City of Houston and **WESTERN UNION FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC** for Automated Bill Collection and Local Agent-Network Processing for the Public Works & Engineering Department – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0615 ADOPTED.

51. ORDINANCE appropriating \$13,200.00 out of Solid Waste Consolidated Construction Fund for Emergency Remediation and Cleanup of Hazardous Waste for the General Services Department on behalf of the Solid Waste Management Department - **DISTRICT I - GALLEGOS** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0616 ADOPTED.
53. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **LINEBARGER GOGGAN BLAIR & SAMPSON, LLP** for the Collection of Delinquent Ad Valorem Taxes – had not been received, and the City Secretary announced it would be considered at the end of the Agenda if received during the meeting.
55. ORDINANCE appropriating \$816,500.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **SHRADER ENGINEERING, INC** for 69th Street Wastewater Treatment Plant Electrical Equipment Replacement and Upgrade; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT I - GALLEGOS** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0617 ADOPTED.
56. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **AECOM TECHNICAL SERVICES** for Engineering Services to support Drinking Water Operations for Treatment Optimization and Distribution Technical Sustainability Support - \$1,000,000.00 - Enterprise Fund – had not been received, and the City Secretary announced it would be considered at the end of the Agenda if received during the meeting.
57. ORDINANCE appropriating \$752,925.00 out of Metro Projects Construction DDSRF and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **ENTECH CIVIL ENGINEERS, INC** for Dunlavy Paving and Drainage from West Main to Richmond and Houston Avenue Paving and Drainage from Washington Avenue to Memorial Drive; providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Metro Projects Construction DDSRF - **DISTRICTS C - COHEN and H - GONZALEZ** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0618 ADOPTED.
58. ORDINANCE appropriating \$495,700.00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF-A as an additional appropriation to Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **HALFF ASSOCIATES, INC** for Pleasantville and Glendale Area Drainage and Paving (Sub-Project I) and (Sub-Project IA) (Approved by Ordinance No. 2011-0596); providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF-A - **DISTRICT B – DAVIS** – had not been received, and the City Secretary announced it would be considered at the end of the Agenda if received during the meeting.
60. ORDINANCE allocating additional funds to Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **ESPEY CONSULTANTS, INC d/b/a RPS ESPEY** for Professional Engineering Services relating to Water Resource Management (Approved by Ordinance No. 2012-32) - \$240,000.00 - Enterprise Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0619 ADOPTED.
61. ORDINANCE appropriating \$547,468.00 out of Metro Projects Construction DDSRF and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of

Houston and **DANNENBAUM ENGINEERING CORPORATION** for T. C. Jester Reconstruction from Washington Avenue to IH-10; providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Metro Projects Construction DDSRF - **DISTRICT C - COHEN** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0620 ADOPTED.

62. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,382,600.00 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 Holmes Road Sanitary Sewer - Buffalo Speedway to Knight Road; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT K - GREEN** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0621 ADOPTED.
64. ORDINANCE appropriating \$4,946,000.00 from Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, and \$12,420,220.00 from Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF-A and \$443,420.00 from Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF awarding contract to **REYTEC CONSTRUCTION RESOURCES, INC** for Neighborhood Street Reconstruction Project 465; 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 Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF-A, and Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF - **DISTRICT A – STARDIG** – had not been received, and the City Secretary announced it would be considered at the end of the Agenda if received during the meeting.
66. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,308,200.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **CSA CONSTRUCTION, INC** for Bar Screen and Odor Control Renewal/Replacement for FWSD #23 Wastewater Treatment Plant; 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, 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. ORDINANCE 2014-0622 ADOPTED.
67. ORDINANCE appropriating \$16,552,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **CYMI INDUSTRIAL, INC**, for SEWPP Sedimentation Basins A & B Improvements (TM1), Flocculator Rehabilitation in Basins A & B (TM1), Rehabilitation of Transfer and Distribution Pumps and Motors; 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, construction management and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT E - MARTIN** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0623 ADOPTED.
68. ORDINANCE appropriating \$11,470,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **INDUSTRIAL TX CORPORATION** for East Water Purification Plant - Chemical Feed Systems Improvements Bid Package 1 - Plant 3 Improvements; 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, construction management and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT E - MARTIN** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0624 ADOPTED.

69. ORDINANCE appropriating \$3,064,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **PEPPER-LAWSON WATERWORKS, LLC**, for East Water Purification Plant Sludge Management, Land Application Road Improvements and Levee Repair at Plant 1 & 2; 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 E - MARTIN** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0625 ADOPTED.
70. ORDINANCE appropriating \$4,111,400.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **MURPHY PIPELINE CONTRACTORS, INC** for Katy Addicks Pump Station Scenic Ridge Well Collection Line Rehabilitation; 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, contingencies, and construction management relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT A - STARDIG** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0626 ADOPTED.
71. ORDINANCE NO. 2014-554, passed second reading June 11, 2014  
ORDINANCE granting to the **OUTHOUSE BOYS, LLC, A TEXAS LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**, 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 **THIRD AND FINAL READING** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0554 ADOPTED THIRD AND FINAL READING IN FULL.

**MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA WERE CONSIDERED AS FOLLOWS:**

**ACCEPT WORK**

10. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$4,840,835.53 and acceptance of work on contract with **JFT CONSTRUCTION, INC** for Neighborhood Street Reconstruction Project 446A - 4.62% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICT K – GREEN** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford.

After discussion by Council Member Green, a vote was called on Item No. 10. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0579 ADOPTED.

13. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$2,065,760.10 and acceptance of work on contract with **SCOHIL CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, LLC** for Water Line Replacement in

Memorial Plaza Area 3.71% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICT G - PENNINGTON** 17. **CUSTOM LOGIC DESIGN, INC** for Emergency Alert System and Dispatch Software Licenses Upgrades, Maintenance and Support Services for the Houston Fire Department - \$360,725.00 General and Grant Funds – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Pennington. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Costello absent. MOTION 2014-0580 ADOPTED.

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

17. **CUSTOM LOGIC DESIGN, INC** for Emergency Alert System and Dispatch Software Licenses Upgrades, Maintenance and Support Services for the Houston Fire Department - \$360,725.00 General and Grant Funds – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford, and tagged by Council Member Green.

### **RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

25. ORDINANCE authorizing the issuance of one or more Series of City of Houston, Texas Public Improvement Refunding Bonds as may be further designated, described and provided herein; authorizing the payment and security thereof and certain designated City Officials to approve the principal amount, interest rates, prices, terms and sale thereof; authorizing such officials to determine the outstanding obligations to be refunded and/or defeased; approve certain other procedures, provisions and agreements related thereto, including authorizing the execution and delivery of one or more purchase contracts, Paying Agent/Registrar Agreements, Escrow Agreements, and other agreements; approving the use of a Preliminary Official Statement and authorizing the preparation and distribution of an Official Statement in connection with such offering; authorizing the engagement of Bond Counsel and Special Disclosure Counsel; making certain findings and other declarations necessary and incidental to the issuance of such refunding bonds; and declaring an emergency – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Martin.
31. ORDINANCE appropriating \$224,985.84 out of Fund 7508, Lamar Terrace Public Improvement District No. 2 Fund, for payment to **SAINT GEORGE PLACE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY** pursuant to Ordinance No. 2003-0432 – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0627 ADOPTED.
32. ORDINANCE approving and adopting an Updated Ongoing Service and Assessment Plan for and on behalf of the Lamar Terrace Public Improvement District No. 2, covering the period 2014 through 2023 pursuant to Chapter 372 of the Texas Local Government Code - **DISTRICTS G - PENNINGTON and J - LASTER** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0628 ADOPTED.
33. ORDINANCE approving the Project Plan and Reinvestment Zone Financing Plan for **REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER TWENTY-FIVE, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS (HIRAM CLARKE/FORT BEND HOUSTON ZONE) - DISTRICT K - GREEN** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0629 ADOPTED.
34. ORDINANCE repealing City of Houston Ordinances 2006-289 and 2008-358; providing for a consolidated Houston Airport System-Wide Passenger Facility Charge not to exceed \$4.50 – was presented.

After discussion by Council Members Green, Davis, Pennington, Christie, Boykins, Gonzalez and Nguyen, Mayor Parker stated that they certainly appreciated the support around



the Council table and she wanted to publicly offer her appreciation to United for working so closely with the City, that their international terminal was an embarrassment compared to other major international airports, that they could have gone it alone, but it was much better working in close coordination with United Airlines so that they could improve their terminal, the City could improve theirs for the foreign flight carriers and make it a seamless process, so this was a great step forward.

A vote was called on Item No. 34. Council Member Stardig voting no, balance voting aye. ORDINANCE 2014-0630 ADOPTED.

34a. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Houston and **UNITED AIRLINES, INC** for Redevelopment of terminals at George Bush Intercontinental Airport/Houston to support international service – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0631 ADOPTED.

35. ORDINANCE appropriating \$7,000,000.00 out of Airports Improvement Fund as an additional appropriation to three On-Call Professional Aviation Planning Consulting Services Contracts between the City of Houston and **HNTB CORPORATION, LEIGHFISHER, INC** and **RICONDO & ASSOCIATES, INC** (Project Nos. 688A, 688B and 688C); amending Ordinance No. 2012-677 to increase the maximum contract amount - **DISTRICTS B - DAVIS; E - MARTIN and I - GALLEGOS** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0632 ADOPTED.

39. ORDINANCE appropriating \$125,000.00 out of Fire Consolidated Construction Fund, \$1,253,000.00 out of Parks Consolidated Construction Fund, \$294,000.00 out of Solid Waste Consolidated Construction Fund, \$312,000.00 out of Police Consolidated Construction Fund, \$348,000.00 out of Public Library Consolidated Construction Fund, \$594,000.00 out of the Public Health Consolidated Construction Fund and \$360,000.00 out of General Improvement Consolidated Construction Fund for Project Management Costs for FY2014 Capital Improvement Plan Projects - was presented.

Council Member Martin asked if this was the first year they were doing this or was it an ongoing practice of moving the dollars from Project Management into the CIP, and if they moved the dollars within a General Fund Budget into the CIP, where was the offset with a decrease in the budget expenditures.

Mayor Parker stated that this was a routine practice, they did this at this time every year and it was designed to capture the associated project cost, they were managed internally so it offset the staffing cost for managing the project, and Council Member Martin stated that his issue was that they had \$3.3 million that was moving from General Fund to CIP, but yet General Services kept their expenditures at the same level, they did not send the offset to that by decreasing their budget, so if his budget, for instance, was \$5 million in a year and he was sending over a million into the CIP there was some way there should be an offset to that, it was a credit and debit issue and that was what he had a little bit of a fundamental problem with, when they saw money flowing from General Fund to CIP, with no drop down on the General Fund within that particular department, that was where his question came about.

Mayor Parker asked Mr. Kelly Dowe, Director, Finance Department, to respond, and Mr. Dowe stated that the majority of these people would not be General Fund employees, they had salary recovery funds where people who primarily work on capital projects, such as these, that they intended to recover them all year long from the construction funds, so by and large these actually would not be General Fund employees, that they would find these in the Revolving Funds, not in the General Fund, and Mayor Parker stated that that they kept Revolving Funds because they knew there were going to do this each year, so it was an in and

out through the Revolving Fund of the budget, and Council Member Martin stated that maybe he did not understand Revolving Funds as he should, and Mr. Dowe stated that the source of the revenue for those funds was not General Fund, it would be from bond funds and charges to other sources, that they would be happy to sit down and work through this issue, and Council Member Martin stated that he had confidence in what they were trying to do, he was just looking for an offset to the movement of the appropriation of money, and Mr. Dowe stated that the majority of these would not be General Fund employees.

Council Member Laster stated that some people might confuse Item Numbers 39 and 40 as some element of the CIP Budget, but that was not what they were doing, they were just adjusting accounts, and Mayor Parker stated that was correct, they were just adjusting accounts, although it came from the bond side, this was not the CIP Budget.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that this prioritized or highlighted Priority One and Priority Two deficiencies that were outlined in the Facility Assessment Report, these were buildings that had extreme or accelerated deterioration or were at risk of failing, or having interrupted operations, he thought that the supplemental funding came from the various department budgets, so it was just the supplemental funding that was needed, and then the appropriations also came, as Mr. Dowe stated, from the various bond funds that were in place, that these were allocated through the Fiscal Year 2014 through 2018 Capital Improvement Plan and then the supplemental allocations were the ones that came from the different department budgets.

Mayor Parker stated that she had confirmed with Director Scott Minnix, General Services Department, all of these employees were 100% funded by the CIP, so if they wanted to find these projects in the budget they would be under the CIP, they just put the money into the Revolving Fund so that they could pay them appropriately through the City system.

A vote was called on Item No. 39. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0633 ADOPTED.

40. ORDINANCE appropriating \$40,944.00 out of Parks Consolidated Construction Fund, \$211,910.00 out of Police Consolidated Construction Fund, and \$1,972,595.00 out of Public Health Consolidated Construction Fund as an additional appropriation to the Task Order and Job Order Contracting Program to address FY2014 Facility Condition Assessments Priority 1 and 2 Deficiencies (Approved by Ordinance No.2013-1202) – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0634 ADOPTED.
41. ORDINANCE appropriating \$447,810.20 out of Parks and Recreation Dedication Fund (4035); approving and authorizing Purchase and Sale Agreement between **RIDGEWOOD PROPERTIES, LP**, Seller and the City of Houston, Texas, Purchaser for 7.933 square feet of land for use as public park land - **DISTRICT C – COHEN** – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Kubosh. (Note: Council Member Kubosh released his tag later in the meeting.)
43. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing substantial amendments to the Annual Action Plans for 2005, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013 relating to the Community Development Block Grant Program Grant Applications, as amended, and to the Annual Action Plans for 2001, 2003, 2006, 2007, 2011 and 2013 relating to the Home Investment Partnerships Program Grant Applications, as amended, submitted to the **UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0635 ADOPTED.

44. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Loan Agreement between the City of Houston and **NAUTICAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING, INC**, to provide a \$15,300,000.00 Performance-Based Loan of Federal Community Block Grant Disaster Relief Program - Rental Housing Projects Round 2 Funds, to assist with site acquisition and construction of a 222 unit Affordable Housing Community, located in Houston, Texas, near the intersection of Griggs Road and Martin Luther King Boulevard - **DISTRICT D - BOYKINS** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0636 ADOPTED.
45. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,000,000.00 out of TIRZ Affordable Housing Fund and approving and authorizing Repair Agency Agreement between the City of Houston and **REBUILDING TOGETHER HOUSTON, as Repair Agency**, for performance of minor critical emergency repairs to homes owned by qualified households; **approving administrative guidelines for the Minor Critical Emergency Home Repair Program** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0637 ADOPTED.
52. ORDINANCE appropriating \$142,000.00 out of Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund for Professional Services supporting the SAP Strategy Management Project for Houston Information Technology Services – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0638 ADOPTED.
54. ORDINANCE approving an amended agreement for Legal Services between the City of Houston and **BECK REDDEN LLP, Formerly BECK REDDEN & SECREST LLP** for representation of the City in matters pertaining to a Contractual Dispute with **CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC LLC** related to maintenance of street lights and delivery of lumens; establishing a maximum contract amount - \$1,633,265.01 - Property and Casualty Fund - was presented.

After discussion by Council Members Bradford, Martin and Green, Council Member Martin stated that he was curious as to the source of funding being the Property and Casualty Fund for something that was in a legal category, and Mayor Parker stated that was the fund that was used for settlements of legal issues, it was a long standing dispute with CenterPoint Energy, that she would have the experts have that conversation; and Council Member Green stated that he saw the value of this contract was about \$1.6 million, therefore would be subject to the City's MWBE Program and he did not see a vendor on this and would like to know why. Council Member Boykins absent.

Mayor Parker stated that Item No. 54 had been tagged by Council Members Bradford, Kubosh and Costello, with questions from Council Members Martin and Green. Council Members Boykins and Martin absent.

59. ORDINANCE appropriating \$18,278,100.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing first amendment to Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **LOCKWOOD, ANDREWS & NEWNAM, INC** for Engineering Services associated with the Surface Water Transmission Program – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Green.
63. ORDINANCE appropriating \$7,372,343.55 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF-A, and \$538,875.85 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF, and \$913,780.60 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **SER CONSTRUCTION PARTNERS, L.L.C.** for Rampart Street Drainage and Paving (Sub-Project 1); 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 Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF-A, and Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF and the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS C - COHEN and J - LASTER** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0639 ADOPTED.

65. ORDINANCE appropriating \$14,625,200.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **HUFF & MITCHELL, INC** for Sanitary Sewer Force Main Renewal and Replacement-Eppes, Frawley & Bintliff Force Mains; 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, construction management and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS F - NGUYEN; H - GONZALEZ and I – GALLEGOS** – was presented. Council Members Boykins and Martin absent.

Council Member Laster stated that it may be more in the form of a point of inquiry or reference, the point that he was trying to make was that in looking at the ordinance they noticed that it appeared as though part of the work that was being talked about was referencing an old City Council District map and showing District F, when in fact he believed the work was actually being completed or working in District J, that he thought they pointed that out to the administration, that he wanted to call to their attention that the correction would be made.

Mayor Parker stated that she would make sure it got followed up on, the only reason that they referenced the districts was so that the public would generally be able to follow this things on the map, that not to substitute the item, but certainly they never wanted to make that mistake, so she would confirm that. Council Member Martin absent.

A vote was called on Item No. 65. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0640 ADOPTED.

### **NON CONSENT AGENDA** - NUMBERS 72 and 73

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

72. **MOTION TO SET A DATE** not less than seven days from June 18, 2014, to receive nominations for Positions 10 and 11 of the **HOUSTON MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES PENSION SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES**, for a three year term - was presented.

Council Member Gonzalez moved to set Wednesday, June 25, 2014, to receive nominations for Positions 10 and 11 of the Houston Municipal Employees Pension System Board of Trustees, seconded by Council Member Christi. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0581 ADOPTED.

73. **MOTION TO SET A DATE** not less than seven days from June 18, 2014, to receive nominations for Positions 2 and 4 of the **REBUILD ADVISORY COMMITTEE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for a three year term – was presented.

Council Member Gonzalez moved to set Wednesday, June 25, 2014, to receive nominations for Positions 2 and 4 of the Rebuild Advisory Committee Board of Directors, seconded by Council Member Christi. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0582 ADOPTED.

**MATTERS HELD** - NUMBERS 74 through 79A

74. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **PERDUE, BRANDON, FIELDER, COLLINS & MOTT, LLP AND GREENBERG TRAURIG, LLP**, functioning as a Joint Venture for the collection of delinquent ad valorem taxes – **(This was Item 57 on Agenda of June 4, 2014, DELAYED BY MOTION #2014-499)** – was presented

Mayor Parker stated that they had some breakthrough discussions with the Linebarger firm and believed there was a mutually agreed set of contracts to come forward, but they had not directly received that at the table yet, that she was going to call on Council Member Costello for a procedural motion to allow them a little more time to see if they could come to a resolution on Item No. 74.

Council Member Costello moved that Item No. 74 be moved to the end of the agenda pending the receipt of the Linebarger contract, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez.

Mayor Parker stated that it would not go to the end of the agenda, but was pending the receipt of the Linebarger contract and they could take it up later in the agenda if it became timely, but it would be considered today.

Upon questions by Council Member Davis, Mayor Parker stated they had a contract with Purdue on the agenda, Item No. 74, which Council Members had seen and believed were ready to vote up or down, there had been further conversations and negotiations with Linebarger, and that had given them indication that there should be some minor changes to the Purdue, Brandon contract, they would like to bring the two contracts forward together so that Council Members could fully view them side by side, but she wanted to make sure the Purdue Brandon item stayed on the agenda timely for today to make sure that those contract negotiations did not end, and then at that point Council Members could either vote them up or down, that the Linebarger item would be taggable, and certainly, while it would be a difficulty for Purdue Brandon, the Purdue Brandon item would either be taggable or could be delayed as well.

After a lengthy discussion by Council Members Boykins, Bradford, Costello, Stardig, Green, Gonzalez and Laster, Council Member Laster moved a substitute motion that they delay both the Purdue Brandon and Linebarger to be considered at the same time next week, seconded by Council Member Pennington.

Mayor Parker stated that the motion was out of order because the Linebarger item had not been received by the administration, if and when the Linebarger item was in he could make that motion, and Council Member Laster moved to delay the Purdue Brandon item until next week, and then when they got to the Linebarger item they could delay that until next week, that was his secondary motion, seconded by Council Member Bradford, Mayor Parker stated that she would respectfully request that they vote down Council Member Laster's motion or that Council Member Laster withdraw his motion, he may make that motion when all of the items were before the Council, because Purdue Brandon had negotiated in good faith, this item had been before Council previously, it was an item that the administration was comfortable with, and believed they could do the job, this was intended to reflect the fact that it had taken them a long time to work through both Linebarger's items and some of the items that Council Members had, if they could support Council Member Costello motion, it gave them an opportunity to place both items before Council at the same time, and then they could be dispensed with in a professional and organized manner.

After further discussion by Council Members Laster, Martin, Cohen, Kubosh, Pennington,

Boykins, Stardig, Bradford, Gonzalez and Davis, Council Member Green moved to call the question on Council Member Laster motion to delay Item No. 74, seconded by Council Member Laster. Council Members Cohen and Gonzalez voting no, balance voting aye. MOTION 2014-0583 ADOPTED.

A roll call vote was called on Council Member Laster motion to delay Item No. 74 for one week.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mayor Parker voting no	Council Member Gallegos voting no
Council Member Stardig voting aye	Council Member Laster voting aye
Council Member Davis voting aye	Council Member Green voting aye
Council Member Cohen voting no	Council Member Costello voting no
Council Member Boykins voting aye	Council Member Robinson voting no
Council Member Martin voting aye	Council Member Kubosh voting aye
Council Member Nguyen voting aye	Council Member Bradford voting aye
Council Member Pennington voting aye	Council Member Christi voting aye
Council Member Gonzalez voting no	MOTION 2014-0584 ADOPTED.

Note: Motion 2014-0584 was reconsidered by Motion 2014-0590.

Mayor Parker stated that by a vote of 6 to 11 Item No. 74 had been delayed for one week.

75. ORDINANCE **AMENDING SECTIONS 28-38 and 28-39 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, relating to the regulation of signs in the City's rights-of-way; authorizing certain departments of the City to enforce such provisions; declaring certain conduct unlawful and providing penalties therefore – **(This was Item 12 on Agenda of June 11, 2014, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LASTER and KUBOSH)** – was presented.

After discussion by Council Members Bradford, Kubosh and Davis, a vote was called on Item No. 75. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0641 ADOPTED.

76. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing amendment to agreement for Towed Vehicle Reporting Management System between the City of Houston and **UR INTERNATIONAL, INC** (Approved by Ordinance 2009-0630) to extend the contract term for Houston Police Department – **(This was Item 21 on Agenda of June 11, 2014, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BRADFORD)** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0642 ADOPTED.
77. ORDINANCE appropriating \$734,010.00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **PIERCE, GOODWIN, ALEXANDER, AND LINVILLE (PGAL), INC** for Woodshire Area Drainage and Paving; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF **DISTRICT K - GREEN** – **(This was Item 31 on Agenda of June 11, 2014, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GREEN)** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0643 ADOPTED.
78. ORDINANCE appropriating \$11,550,300.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding contract to **OSCAR RENDA CONTRACTING, INC** for Northside Sewer Relief Tunnel Rehabilitation Area No. 5; 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, construction management and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT B - DAVIS** – (**This was Item 45 on Agenda of June 11, 2014, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER DAVIS**) – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0644 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated that there had been some items received that were previously listed as not in, she was going to ask that they dispense with those before they began going through the budget matrix; that they would be scheduling a lunch break, that question was whether they wanted to take the lunch break before they began to plunge into the budget, that unless there was an objection they would go to the item that were not previously in. Council Member Cohen absent.

**Items received during the meeting.**

28. ORDINANCE appropriating \$7,426,583.00 out of Tax Increment Funds for Reinvestment Zone Number Two, City of Houston, Texas (Midtown Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Three, City of Houston, Texas (Main Street/Market Square Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Eight, City of Houston, Texas (Gulfgate Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Nine, City of Houston, Texas (South Post Oak Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Eleven, City of Houston, Texas (Greater Greenspoint Zone), and Reinvestment Zone Number Fifteen, City of Houston, Texas (East Downtown Zone) for administrative expenses, payment of project costs, and payments to certain redevelopment authorities as provided herein – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen absent. ORDINANCE 2014-0645 ADOPTED.
  
29. ORDINANCE appropriating \$84,978,301.54 out of Tax Increment Funds for Reinvestment Zone Number One, City of Houston, Texas (Lamar Terrace Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Two, City of Houston, Texas (Midtown Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Three, City of Houston, Texas (Main Street/Market Square Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Five, City of Houston, Texas (Memorial Heights Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Six (Eastside Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Seven, City of Houston, Texas (Old Spanish Trail/Almeda Corridors Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Eight, City of Houston, Texas (Gulfgate Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Nine, City of Houston, Texas (South Post Oak Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Ten, City of Houston, Texas (Lake Houston Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Eleven, City of Houston, Texas (Greater Greenspoint Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Twelve, City of Houston, Texas (City Park Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Thirteen, City of Houston, Texas (Old Sixth Ward Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Fourteen, City of Houston, Texas (Fourth Ward Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Fifteen, City of Houston, Texas (East Downtown Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Sixteen, City of Houston, Texas (Uptown Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Seventeen, City of Houston, Texas (Memorial City Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Eighteen, City of Houston, Texas (Fifth Ward Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Nineteen, City of Houston, Texas (Upper Kirby Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Twenty, City of Houston, Texas (Southwest Houston Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Twenty-One, City of Houston, Texas (Hardy/Near Northside Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Twenty-Two, City of Houston Texas (Leland Woods Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Twenty-Three, City of Houston Texas (Harrisburg Zone), and Reinvestment Zone Number Twenty-Four, City of Houston Texas (Greater Houston Zone), for payment of affordable housing costs, payment of administrative expenses, payment of project costs, payment to Houston Housing Finance Corporation, and payments to certain redevelopment authorities as provided herein – was presented.

All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen absent. ORDINANCE 2014-0646 ADOPTED.

30. ORDINANCE appropriating \$54,477,182.65 out of Tax Increment Funds for Reinvestment Zone Number One, City of Houston, Texas (Lamar Terrace Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Two, City of Houston, Texas (Midtown Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Three, City of Houston, Texas (Main Street/Market Square Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Five, City of Houston, Texas (Memorial Heights Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Six, City of Houston, Texas (Eastside Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Seven, City of Houston, Texas (Old Spanish Trail/Almeda Corridors Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Eight, City of Houston, Texas (Gulfgate Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Nine, City of Houston, Texas (South Post Oak Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Ten, City of Houston, Texas (Lake Houston Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Eleven, City of Houston, Texas (Greater Greenspoint Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Twelve, City of Houston, Texas (City Park Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Thirteen, City of Houston, Texas (Old Sixth Ward Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Fourteen, City of Houston, Texas (Fourth Ward Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Fifteen, City of Houston, Texas (East Downtown Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Sixteen, City of Houston, Texas (Uptown Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Eighteen, City of Houston, Texas (Fifth Ward Zone), and Reinvestment Zone Number Nineteen, City of Houston, Texas (Upper Kirby Zone), for affordable housing, administrative expenses, payment of project costs, payments to Houston Independent School District and Humble Independent School District, payment to Houston Housing Finance Corporation, and payments to certain redevelopment authorities as provided herein – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen absent. ORDINANCE 2014-0647 ADOPTED.
46. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Interlocal Agreement between the City of Houston and the **HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL SECURITY DISTRICT** to support the operational costs of the Houston Police Department's Helicopter and Marine Patrols within the Ship Channel Region - \$787,752.00 - Grant Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen absent. ORDINANCE 2014-0648 ADOPTED.
56. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **AECOM TECHNICAL SERVICES** for Engineering Services to support Drinking Water Operations for Treatment Optimization and Distribution Technical Sustainability Support - \$1,000,000.00 - Enterprise Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen absent. ORDINANCE 2014-0649 ADOPTED.
58. ORDINANCE appropriating \$495,700.00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF-A as an additional appropriation to Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **HALFF ASSOCIATES, INC** for Pleasantville and Glendale Area Drainage and Paving (Sub-Project I) and (Sub-Project IA) (Approved by Ordinance No. 2011-0596); providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF-A - **DISTRICT B – DAVIS** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen absent. ORDINANCE 2014-0650 ADOPTED.
64. ORDINANCE appropriating \$4,946,000.00 from Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, and \$12,420,220.00 from Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF-A and \$443,420.00 from Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF awarding contract to **REYTEC CONSTRUCTION RESOURCES, INC** for Neighborhood Street Reconstruction Project 465; 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 Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF-A, and Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF - **DISTRICT A – STARDIG** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen absent. ORDINANCE 2014-0651 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated that the only item pending before the City Council was Item No. 53 if it was received during the course of the agenda.

Council Member Bradford moved that the City Council break for lunch, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0585 ADOPTED.

At 11:22 a.m. Mayor Parker stated that they would take an hour recess, that would be 12:20 p.m. that they would reconvene.

At 12:30 p.m. the City Council reconvened, and Mayor Parker stated that she was going to start with a very brief Mayors Report and would do a quick setup of the budget, and layout the rules of procedure and then they would start moving through it as rapidly as possible.

Mayor Parker stated that she had distributed for them a reminder of what would confront them in the out years of the budget, the four years next after this one, they had an update of a report presented to them previously by Chief Business Officer Mr. Kelly Dowe, if they looked at page 2 of the hand out they could see their General Fund Five Year Forecast and they had helpfully highlighted in yellow the two appropriate lines, that they could see while they had balanced the current budget, they clearly showed that it included \$43 million of onetime expenditures, which got them to a zero in Column Year FY2015, they could see that largely because of the combination of increases in debt and a projected tax rollback next year, they saw a projected budget deficit of \$139 million, \$158 million, \$200 million and then \$179 million, it was their desire to retain as much revenue as possible to next year's budget to offset some of those challenges, but that had been difficult to achieve, their current budget before them had an amount of projected Fund Balance in excess of their expected reserves, 7.5% of about \$5.5 million, so they drew revenue down close to the reserve, but there was a little bit above the reserve, that page 3 of the handout was a reminder of where the budget increased, and if they went to the top of the page they would see an incremental increase in the budget of \$169 million, it was the third line down, and then going down they could see what made it up, contractually mandated increases, including pay contracts, pension requirements and debt service took \$71 million of that increase, \$20 million was just in and out, revenue went up and expenses went up, so they got down about a third of the page and would see that approximately 8% of the increase, year over year, in the budget was discretionary, and they had laid out for them those items that went up in this budget, starting with the CSmart contract, \$1.5 million, they increased maintenance on their buildings, still not at sufficient levels they believed, but were incrementally increasing it at \$2.5 million, a \$2.6 million increase in BARC funding, Fire Work Demand Analysis, etc., so of the \$169 million the amount that was not covered by contract or other obligations was less than \$12.5 million increase year over year, and that would be considered the discretionary increases overall in the budget, and then page 4 was a reminder, she wanted them to visually see when they talked about the debt hump, the purple at the top of the chart was the debt that had been issued over the last four and a half years, when many of them had been around the Council Chamber, and the red was debt issued by previous administrations, and if they looked at their purple debt they were very low in the early years because they were in the middle of the recession, but generally the debt issued by the administration went down over time, and unfortunately a lot of the previous debt administered by the City was back loaded, that was why they had that big red mountain going up, again with the debt that they had taken on, it was also why the shift in creating the Rebuild Houston

Program and a Pay-As-You-Go Program had been so significant for the City, and then Chart 5 was their normal look at changes in pension expenditures over time, just a reminder they had gone up significantly and were really driving a significant part of the increase in their year over year budget, because as a service organization the largest expense was personnel related, in fact the pension increase by itself was 27% of the increase year over year of their spending, that with that in mind they presented a budget, as she said, with just about \$12 million in discretionary additional spending this year, they thought it was a budget that met all of the City's needs, but it was not a budget with a lot of new elements to it, and she would caution Council Members as they were thinking about this year, to think how they would be spending over the next five years.

### **FISCAL YEAR 2015 BUDGET MATTERS HELD**

79. Consideration of proposed amendments to Item 79A below, submitted in writing on June 11, 2014 by Council Members Costello, Robinson, Bradford, Christie, Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez, Gallegos, Laster and Green, as set forth in the attached Exhibits 1-13 (Amendments will be considered in the order of a matrix prepared by the Administration) – was presented.

Mayor Parker stated that for the benefit of the new Council Members, they had a fairly consistent policy of how they handled budget amendments, Council Members presented their amendments and if they looked at the matrix, which they should have received late last night, they had new ones available this morning if they needed them, the order had not changed from what was present to them, but if they looked at the number in the lower left hand corner it was 6/17/2014 at 10:14 p.m., that was the latest version of the matrix, they would move down by line number, not by amendment number, so if they wanted to call something out of order or reference a budget amendment, they would go to the line item, which was the first column, and then they had the amendment number by Council Member, the text that was presented by the Council Member, and then an administration response, that as in previous years they had tried to tee up the ones that had overall budget impact, and then work their way through the ones that had less budget impact, or were more specific in nature, rather than the overall budgetary impact, that for each one of these she would recognize the maker of the budget amendment to speak first, there was no need to move for consideration, after consideration when there was nobody in the queue she would call the item for a vote, they did not need to make a motion to call the question, unless they were literally trying to end debate on an item, because as soon as Council Members were done they would tee it up, they did not need to move an item, they would take it as an item before them, they could withdraw their amendment, when they got to them, they could move to substitute or move to table to a committee, all of their normal procedural motions were in order, that as to the administrative response, she reserved the right to speak on each of these items, but generally they tried to put their concerns in the administration response in the far right column so they could see what their major concerns about the items were.

Upon questions by Council Member Bradford, Mayor Parker stated that line 41 and 42 had been reversed, and the only other changes would be in the administrative response, that she did not realize they had done that, that they blocked the text of the Council Members amendments as presented into the main matrix, that it would be their intention to go through them in this order, but they could be pulled out of order if Council so desired.

Council Member Davis moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of considering Line 14 - Amendment 4.01 - Bradford, Line 29 – Amendment 4.02 – Bradford and Line 42 – 7.01 – Davis, out of order at this time, seconded by Council Member Pennington.

Mayor Parker stated that would have the effect of moving them above motions to reduce spending in the current budget.

After discussion by Council Members Martin, Stardig, Davis, Bradford, Pennington, Mayor Parker stated that this was not an administration motion, it was a Council motion, that it was sort of a funnel where those things that had a broad impact on the budget, such as a reduction in the tax rate, would be considered first so they could logically walk through, and they would not get to a point later in the budget where items of spending were considered and then they would also perhaps cut the budget and they would have to figure out, at the table, what offsetting cuts to make, that the only funds that were not specifically allocated in the budget to date, were those amounts in unallocated reserve above the 7.5%, and as she understood it, it was the intention of some Council Members to pass either the Martin, Pennington, Costello amendment or Costello, Pennington, Martin amendment, she did not care which it was, but where that money was forwarded to next year, it was not expended this year, but for those Council Members who wanted to tap into money without impacting other existing services, that would be the only way to do it, and she suspected they might have a desire to spend that revenue; that she felt compelled to say that as they could tell from the matrix, while they created the funnel, clearly the administration was opposed to some of the items high up on that funnel, but they did it in such a way that it exactly allowed Council to make those informed decisions, that if Council cut the revenue side of the budget, and raises the expense side without an offsetting cut, then it was within the administrations authority to make the decision solely on how to redistribute that cut, that where the money would come from was always the administration's preference would be part of the amendment, as she said earlier, in anticipation of a motion to help beef up next year's finances they did not completely spend down the unallocated reserve, there was something north of \$5.5 million of unallocated reserve, above the 7.5% that they maintained by practice, that would be available to spend this year, absent that there would either be, as part of the motion from Council, a request that money be taken from some specific line item, or program, and most of the budget amendments that had additional spending, had made suggestions on where they thought that money should originate, but absent an action by Council, if Council says they had to fund something, it was up to her to determine what they cut in order to do that, Council had no input if they did not to it at the Council table.

A vote was called on Council Member Davis motion to move items out of order. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Kubosh and Christie voting no, balance voting aye. MOTION 2014-0586 ADOPTED.

79 – Line 14 – Bradford – 4.01

In order to establish a legal, but faster and more simplified method to quickly address minor neighborhood issues, this Amendment allocates from the General Fund \$11,000,000.00 to establish a Council District Service Budget. Each of the eleven District Council Members shall be allocated \$1,000,000.00 to be utilized by district council members based on neighborhood needs and constituents' input in determining what money (from this specific allocation) would be spent on what issues. City Council approval would still be needed. If any District Council Member does not accept or rejects their respective allocation, that portion shall be further divided on a pro rata basis among other supporting District Council Members. A Council District Service Budget could be used to quickly address neighborhood issues such as, including but not limited to, mowing weeded lots, loose animals, minor infrastructure repairs, cameras for illegal dumping sites, neighborhood clean-ups, demolishing abandoned and dangerous buildings, etc.

The Council District Service Budget shall be funded no later than thirty (30) days after the FY2015 Budget is approved.

**Funding Option:** General Fund No. 2000, FY2015 projected revenues \$2,411, 126,650.00.

**Alternate Funding Option:** General Fund No. 1000/General Government 9900 / Commitment Item 520755 Contingency, FY2015 assigned revenue \$6,068,277.00.

**Alternate Funding Option:** General Fund No. 1000 / FY14 Ending Fund Balance-Unassigned \$199,782,277.00 – was presented.

Mayor Parker stated that as they indicated in the administration response, this amendment as it stood was not a legal motion, but understood that there was some language that the administration believed could make it a legal motion.

Council Member Bradford stated that they should have in front of them a copy of an amendment establishing a Council District Service Priority Program, that it was an \$11 million project, bifurcated funding request, \$5 million of it from the General Fund Unreserved Balance, that was in excess of the 7.5%, and \$6 million to be designated out of the CIP Fund Balance, that it was not a slush fund, it was an opportunity for the District Council Members to service needs in their particular areas, Council Members would still have to propose specific projects, they would still need City Council approval and would say that for Council Members not wanting to take such allocations, he would ask that they not hinder those other Council Members who would like to have this opportunity to make a difference in a timely manner or in their districts.

Mayor Parker stated that as she had indicated in some discussions in the Chamber with some Council Members, they could not make an amendment to the CIP, the CIP was not before them, that part of the motion was not a legal motion at this time, she understood the intent and would be happy to consider this motion during the CIP, and if they could work out a method of dealing with this in the General Fund, she was happy to work with him on the CIP part of the budget, and asked that Council Member Bradford limit his motion to the budget that was in front of them.

Council Member Bradford moved to remove the CIP portion until the CIP Budget was presented to Council for consideration.

After discussion by Council Members Costello, Pennington, Robinson, Stardig, Boykins, Laster, Davis, Martin, Gonzalez, Christie, Cohen and Nguyen, Mayor Parker stated that they had distributed to Council the clear legal opinion of three City Attorney's dating back to 1962, referencing the administrative authority of the Mayor's office and that Council Members had no authority over any City employee directly, other than those obviously employed in their offices, and that action within the City close to the Mayor's office, with that said she was not an expert on what was needed in each Council district, and she assumed that District Council Members were, if this fund was created they would maintain, essentially, a ledger for each Council Member and they would submit to her their priority projects that could fit within this category, that she believed it gave her ten days to accept or reject, and if they believed that was an appropriate expenditure of funds and they could get it done they would move it forward, that respected her authority under the Charter, and allowed District Council Members to have a more immediate responsiveness to issues in their districts, that she did not believe there was anything wrong with the system now, because what happened was that today she was the referee among competing requests from across the City, that what this would do was allow District Council Members to decide within their own districts what requests should be prioritized for their districts and perhaps move them up higher on the list than they would otherwise fall, that this was drafted in full discussion with the Legal Department to see if they could come up with a motion that would make this legal, otherwise she would have had to rule it entirely out of order, and asked Mr. Feldman to respond.

Mr. Dave Feldman, City Attorney, stated that he had already looked at the memos and prior opinions, and had blessed the opinion that went out over Ms. Debra Mc Abee's signature, that he did have some questions about the new 4.01 that had been offered by Council Member Bradford, it may be that there were some words missing, if they read it carefully it said that each of the 11 District Council Members shall be allocated \$1 million to be utilized by District Council Members based on neighborhood needs and constituents input in determining what money would be spent on what issues and approval by the Mayor, and asked if it meant that the Mayor had to approve the expenditure, and Council Member Bradford stated that he left the cleanup language for the Legal Department, and Mayor Parker stated that they did send some language over, but the Council Members chose to use his own language, that while the discussion was going on they were trying to tweak the language, but she had been very clear and believed that the District Council Members were very clear that they had money set aside specifically for their districts for these projects, that they had to submit those projects to her for her signature and approval, and Mr. Feldman asked what would happen if she did not approve, and Mayor Parker stated that then they would have no recourse, and if it was an expenditure of less than \$50,000 was it still accomplished through SPD, and Mayor Parker stated yes, that was already within her authority, but if it required expenditures over \$50,000 it would have to go to the full Council anyway, and Mr. Feldman stated that the answer was, assuming the cleanup of the language, he did not think they had to be worried about being twerked by the City Attorney Office. Council Members Stardig and Boykins absent.

After further discussion by Council Members Green, Costello, Pennington, Christie Boykins and Robinson, Council Member Bradford stated that they had enough work to do tonight on other amendments, that it was really suitable to him to just clean this up and come back to it before they finished the next two amendments that were taken out of order.

Mayor Parker stated that they could either take a quick break, or allow her to lay Amendment 4.01 on the table; Council Member Kubosh stated that he would release his tag on a previous item and they could dispense with that.

41. ORDINANCE appropriating \$447,810.20 out of Parks and Recreation Dedication Fund (4035); approving and authorizing Purchase and Sale Agreement between **RIDGEWOOD PROPERTIES, LP**, Seller and the City of Houston, Texas, Purchaser for 7.933 square feet of land for use as public park land - **DISTRICT C – COHEN** – was again before the City Council.

Council Member Kubosh stated that the administration and Parks Department spoke with him about Item No. 41, and that was why he was removing his tag.

A vote was called on Item No 41. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0652 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated that they still had Item No. 53 shown as not in, and Mr. Feldman stated that the contract had been signed, and they were going to be bringing it forward, that he wanted to see if there was a way to go back to the Purdue Brandon item, Item No. 74, and Mayor Parker stated that all they did was a procedural motion, so they could reconsider that procedural motion, and Mr. Feldman stated that they were all pieces of the same puzzle, and Mayor Parker stated that they would do it when they actually received the item.

Mayor Parker stated that if Item No. 53 was not coming before them immediately, she would ask that they continue to lay the budget amendments on the table, and moved to Line 29 – Bradford – 4.02. Council Member Cohen absent.

79. – Line 29 – Bradford – 4.02

As of April 3, 2014, the Houston Police Department documented 320 Gangs and 20,515 Gang Members in the Houston area. This represents a 33% increase in documented gang memberships in just the last three (3) years. While Summer Jobs assist juveniles 16-21 years of age, After-School Programs meet the needs of younger children and adolescents. Recognizing that summer jobs and after-school programs are effective crime prevention strategies, this Amendment addresses a real need to assist parents, program planners and youth by establishing a recurring, dependable funding source to leverage the full benefits of out- of-school time activities.

The unpredictability of grant dollars as a funding source does not allow for planned, ongoing, structured-type activities that are needed to help protect youth from crime, general victimization, or other destructive activities. Also, a General Fund source would place the proper, and much needed, priority on After-School Programs as effective crime prevention strategies. This Amendment requires the Administration to identify \$550,000.00 to fund or assist with funding after-school activities. Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) shall be allocated to each of the eleven council districts to support after-school programs at locations designated by respective District Council Members and managed by the Harris County Department of Education's after-school division, the Cooperative for After-School Enrichment (CASE) to ensure program quality. CASE will facilitate a request for proposals process, review and present applications to City Council Members, collect data, conduct site visit and prepare reports.

The After-School Programs allocation shall be funded no later than thirty (30) days after the FY2015 Budget is approved.

**Funding Option:** General Fund No. 1000, FY2015 projected revenues \$2,411, 126,650.00.

**Alternate Funding Option:** Police Department Asset Forfeiture Fund No. 2202/2203/2204/1000, FY2015 projected revenues \$11,600,000.00.

**Alternate Funding Option:** Housing Department's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) – was presented.

After discussion, Council Member Bradford stated that this amendment required the administration to identify \$550,000 to fund After School activities, that the Harris County Department of Education had stepped forward and said they would help manage the program, in that they would solicit and facilitate the proposal process, collect data, conduct site visits and prepare reports to take some of the burden off of administration of the program, that the funding source was the Unreserved General Fund in excess of 7.5%. Council Member Kubosh absent.

Mayor Parker stated that Council Members had before them a distributed list of the expenditures proposed in the current budget under Asset Forfeiture Funds, it was a two page list, that as indicated in the administrative response, the City of Houston already spent \$5.1 million annually on After School Programs, in the Asset Forfeiture dollars they were already spending approximately \$220,000 under Gang Prevention, both through the Boys and Girls Club, and through the GREAT Program, they did not believe that the broader After School Programs would fall appropriately under the use of Asset Forfeiture Funds, that it would require removal of one of the listed in order to spend Asset Forfeiture Funds, there were no unallocated CDB Funds.

Council Member Bradford stated that he had two funding sources in his amendment, and neither involved Asset Forfeiture Funds or CDBG Funds, that he had a substitute amendment, that the funding source was Optional General Fund dollars or the Unreserved General Fund Balance in excess of the 7.5%, and Mayor Parker asked if the base amendment was the same, and Council Member Bradford stated yes, and Mayor Parker stated that he was asking that the administration find

it somewhere or they would add it to the Unrestricted Fund Balance, which would be \$550,000, which could be accommodated, it would leave approximately \$250,000 in the Unallocated Fund Balance, that it was up to City Council.

After discussion by Council Members Davis, Boykins, Christie, Costello, Kubosh and Nguyen, Mayor Parker stated that she needed Council Members to clarify the funding source for Amendment 4.02 and believed they could proceed to a vote. Council Member Laster absent.

After further discussion by Council Members Bradford and Costello, Council Member Costello moved to amend 4.02, that the specific funding source would be the General Government Line Item Contingency, 5.20755, seconded by Council Member Pennington.

Mayor Parker stated that it was not going to come out of Fund Balance, it was going to come out of General Fund Contingency.

After discussion by Council Members Green, Costello, Stardig and Nguyen, Council Member Bradford stated that he would accept Council Member Costello's friendly motion to amend 4.01 to take the \$550,000 out of the General Government Line Item Contingency 520755.

A vote was called on Council Member Bradford's amendment 4.02, as amended. Mayor Parker, Council Members Martin and Christie voting no, balance voting aye. MOTION 2014-0587 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated that they were going to have to take a break to switch out the recording equipment; that they were back to Line 14 – Bradford – 4.01, they had distributed a cleaned up version, they could take it up before the break or after the break, that she wanted to give Council Members an opportunity to read the cleaned up copy, and Council Member Bradford stated that there was another version, and Mayor Parker stated that Line 14 – Bradford – 4.01 was not ready to take up again, they were going to take a 10 minute break to redo the equipment.

At 2:15 p.m. the City Council recessed for 10 minutes.

At 2:27 p.m. the City Council reconvened and Mayor Parker stated that Line 14 – Bradford – 4.01 was back before the Council and Council Member Bradford had distributed another version, with his signature at the bottom, and it referred to the Council District Service Project Program, that while the language was that there was an equal amount from the \$5,000,000.00, the way they would read this, unless there was an objection, if what a District Council Member wanted to do was more on the CIP side and she could offset it against another Council Member who wanted to do something else, that the goal was that they all had the same amount of money to spend, but somebody may want to do a little bit more on the CIP side and less on the General Operating side, they would try to work with Council Members to make sure they stayed in budget, that if any District Council Member did accept or reject their respected allocation it could be redistributed, that it was her understanding that the goal was that each Council Member had a million dollars to spend, equally distributed against the \$5,000,000.00 and equally distributed against the \$6,000,000.00 that would come up through the CIP process, that this was intended to be within the boundaries of her authority to make it work for Council Members. Council Members Laster and Christie absent.

79 – Line 14 – Bradford – 4.01

In order to establish a legal, but faster and more simplified method to quickly address minor neighborhood issues, this Amendment allocates from the \$5,000,000.00 from the unreserved Fund Balance above 7.5% to establish a Council District Service Project Program. Each of the eleven District Council Members shall be allocated an equal amount from the \$5,000,000.00 to be utilized by district council members based on neighborhood needs and constituents' input in determining what money (from this specific allocation) would be spent on what

issues, subject to approval by the Mayor. The Mayor's consideration shall be finalized no later than 10 business days after a council member's specific project proposal. If any District Council member does not accept or rejects their respective allocation, that portion shall be further divided on a pro rata basis among other supporting District Council Members. A Council District Service Project Program could be used to quickly address neighborhood issues such as, including but not limited to, mowing weeded lots, loose animals, minor infrastructure repairs, cameras for illegal dumping sites, neighborhood clean-ups, demolishing abandoned and dangerous buildings, etc.

The Council District Service Budget Program shall be funded no later than thirty (30) days after the FY2015 Budget is approved.

**Funding Option: Unreserved General Fund Balance in Excess of 7.5%: (\$5,000,000.00)**

After discussion by Council Members Bradford, Martin, Laster and Pennington, a roll call vote was called on Line 14 – Bradford – 4.01 as substituted by Council Member Bradford.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Mayor Parker voting aye	Council Member Gallegos voting aye
Council Member Stardig voting aye	Council Member Laster voting aye
Council Member Davis voting aye	Council Member Green voting aye
Council Member Cohen voting aye	Council Member Costello voting no
Council Member Boykins voting aye	Council Member Robinson voting aye
Council Member Martin voting aye	Council Member Kubosh voting aye
Council Member Nguyen voting aye	Council Member Bradford voting aye
Council Member Pennington voting aye	Council Member Christi voting no
Council Member Gonzalez voting aye	MOTION 2014-0588 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated that Bradford – 4.01 passed 15 to 2 votes.

Mayor Parker stated that she understood from the City Attorney that the Linebarger contract was signed and received, it was her understanding that both the representatives of Purdue Brandon and Linebarger were present in the Chamber, and further understood that they had worked out contracts that were agreeable to the three parties, and understood that Council Members were interested in seeing whether or not there was a committee process in place, and Mr. Feldman stated that what was being circulated right now was the amendment to the Purdue Brandon contract, which he believed addressed all of the concerns that were raised with respect to the City Attorney's authority and Council's authority, that it set forth clearly, in the redline version, that in order for there to be a reassignment of accounts it was done through a committee process consisting of the City Attorney, the Director of Finance and a representative of the Mayor's office, also for termination of convenience, it could only be done by the City Attorney with the approval of City Council.

Mayor Parker stated that she was going to leave the amendments before the Council, they would continue with the amendment they had previously called, and would ask them to call the item back before them.

Council Member Green asked Mr. Feldman if he could indicate where the language change was with regard to the committee, and Mr. Feldman stated that it was his understanding that what had been handed out was the red line version of the Linebarger contract, and Council Member Green stated that it was on pages 4 and 5.



79. – Line 42 – Davis – 7.01

Within 30 days of City Council's approval of the FY2015 Budget the administration shall:

- (1) Purchase 25 surveillance camera systems for monitoring of chronic illegal dumping areas throughout council districts B, D, H, I, and K. These Council Districts have been identified by the Solid Waste Department as having the greatest issues with illegal dumping. Each council district shall receive 5 camera systems for sole use within each said council district's boundaries for illegal dumping surveillance. The camera systems cost approximately \$10,000.00 per unit for a total funding amount of \$250,000.00.
- (2) Establish a neighborhood anti-dumping program to allow eligible law enforcement agencies to enter into an interlocal agreement with the Houston Police Department to lease surveillance equipment in order to assist the City of Houston in combating illegal dumping.

Funding source: Asset Forfeiture Fund

Alternative Funding Source: FY2015 Ending Fund Balance-Unassigned

**Proposed Substitute Amendment:**

Within 30 days of City Council's approval of an Interlocal Agreement or Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Houston and another local law enforcement agency for a monitoring plan by Council District and at no cost to the City of Houston, the administration shall:

- (1) Purchase 25 surveillance camera systems for monitoring of chronic illegal dumping areas throughout council districts B, D, H, I, and K. These Council Districts have been identified by the Solid Waste Department as having the greatest issues with illegal dumping. Each council district shall receive 5 camera systems for sole use within each said council district's boundaries for illegal dumping surveillance. The camera systems costs approximately \$10,000.00 per unit for a total funding amount of \$250,000.00.

Funding source: FY2015 Ending Fund Balance above the 7.5% reserve.

Council Member Davis stated that the Mayor had put forth a substitute amendment, and they were in agreement with that, that Council Districts B, D, H, I and K had been pointed out by Solid Waste and HPD as the hottest spots for illegal dumping, that within the last year or two they had been working, from their nine month Illegal Dumping Task Force, with other different law enforcement agencies and they had gone on to push the program forward in the County, as well as the City, that Constable Allen Rosen had been pushing and making headway throughout the City because he was over the Environmental Department with the Constables Office, they were asking for his office, or other Constable offices to engage in an interlocal agreement to move the program forward.

Mayor Parker stated that this item also proposed taping into the Ending Fund Balance above the 7.5% reserve, that amount was currently approximately \$700,000.

After discussion by Council Members Green, Kubosh, Stardig, Nguyen, Davis, Gonzalez, Pennington, Boykins, Christie, Laster, Bradford, Gallegos, Council Member Stardig moved that all districts have an allocation of the resources and have an opportunity to work with the local constables who were willing to do that, seconded by Council Member Green. Council Members Boykins, Pennington, Gonzalez and Laster absent.

Mayor Parker stated that it had been moved to take the 25 cameras mentioned in Council Member Davis amendment 7.01 and work to distribute them as appropriate based on MOUs across Council Districts. Council Members Boykins and Laster absent.

Mayor Parker stated that Council Member Davis offered a substitute as presented in the Matrix and asked for a second, seconded by Council Member Bradford. Council Members Boykins and Laster absent.

Mayor Parker stated that Council Member Stardig proposed an amendment to the substitute and was seconded by Council Member Green, the item on the floor was to amend the substitute, based on the availability of law enforcement monitoring personnel, potentially broadened the distribution of cameras. Council Members Boykins and Laster absent.

After further discussion by Council Members Kubosh, Cohen, Stardig and Davis, Mayor Parker stated that the motion that she heard Council Member Stardig make was “that they take these resources and make them available to other areas based on the availability of law enforcement partners”, if that was not the motion that Council Member Stardig intended to make then they needed to amend that.

After discussion, Council Member Stardig stated that if this was going to be a pilot program she would be happy to withdraw her motion, but it needed to be time limited and subject to results and then put it throughout the City, that she would like to have a report after six months of effectiveness of the cameras.

Council Member Davis stated he would ask any law enforcement agencies that had taken on the responsibility to give them a report at the Public Safety Committee, after six months of operation, seconded by Council Member Kubosh.

After discussion, Council Member Costello moved that they take the funding source out of the General Government Contingency Line Item, rather than what was being proposed, seconded by Council Member Christie.

After discussion by Council Members Martin, Costello and Boykins, a vote was called on Council Member Costello’s motion to change the funding source. Council Members Cohen, Pennington, Gonzalez, Gallegos, Laster, Costello, Robinson and Christie voting aye, balance voting no. MOTION 2014-0589 FAILED.

Mayor Parker stated that while she was in some sympathy with Council Member Costello desire not to spend down the excess fund balance, to remember that they did leave that in there with the intention of sending it to next year, the contingency amount was also a dangerous amount to draw down, she would remind Council Members that they had a rejection of their firefighter contract yesterday, which was budget neutral, but it had a pay raise offset by additional restrictions on unscheduled leave, not scheduled leave, and the potential was that while with reasonable use of unscheduled leave, like not everybody taking the same holiday off, there was plenty of money in the firefighter budget to go through the year without browning out apparatus or major disruption, the only place they could cover that, if they took away fund balance, was in the government contingency fund.

After further discussion by Council Members Martin and Costello, a vote was called on Davis – 7.01 as substituted and verbally amended. Council Member Costello voting no, balance voting aye. MOTION 2014-0589 CARRIED.

At 3:25 p.m. Mayor Parker stated that she would request that they pause the budget for a moment and deal with the previous item having to do with the Linebarger and Purdue contracts,

that she was not suggesting that they had to deal with it today, although she thought that the parties were present and were in support of that, that she wanted them to help her to what they were trying to do earlier as to line the two contracts up, they had received the Linebarger item, it had been distributed Council, she would like to put the companion Purdue on the table as well, and would ask Council Member Martin for a procedural motion.

Council Member Martin moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of reconsidering Item No. 74 at this time, seconded by Council Member Costello.

Mayor Parker stated that was the Purdue item that they had delayed for a week, they were bringing it back to the table.

After discussion by Council Members Laster, Pennington, Green and Boykins, Mayor Parker stated that she was not trying to get them to vote on it today, she was just trying to get the Purdue substitute so that they could delay both of them, that she was just trying to get everything in a neat package.

A vote was called on Council Member Martin's motion to reconsider Item No. 74. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0590 ADOPTED.

74. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **PERDUE, BRANDON, FIELDER, COLLINS & MOTT, LLP AND GREENBERG TRAURIG, LLP**, functioning as a Joint Venture for the collection of delinquent ad valorem taxes – **(This was Item 57 on Agenda of June 4, 2014, DELAYED BY MOTION #2014-499)** – was again before City Council.

Mayor Parker stated that the short version, with the red on it, were proposed amendments offered by Council Member Gonzalez.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that everyone had the red line version, indicating that they were amendments to Item No. 74.

Mayor Parker stated that if it was not Council's wish to take these items up today, then it would be appropriate now to delay consideration of the main item, No. 74 and the proposed amendments for one week.

After discussion by Council Members Laster, Green and Laster, Council Member Laster moved to delay Item No. 74 for one week together with proposed amendments distributed by the Legal Department and offered by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez. Council Member Cohen absent. Council Members Martin and Christie voting no, balance voting aye. MOTION 2014-0591 ADOPTED.

#### **Item received during meeting**

53. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **LINEBARGER GOGGAN BLAIR & SAMPSON, LLP** for the Collection of Delinquent Ad Valorem Taxes – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Nguyen.

At 3:39 p.m. Mayor Parker stated that they were back to the budget, that Line 1 – Martin - 10.03 and Line 2 – Martin - 10.04 were essentially mutually exclusive.

79. – Line 1 – Martin - 10.03

Reduce the proposed FY2015 Budget Revenue from \$1,069,545 to \$981,868,000 by providing property tax reductions of 5.236¢ per \$100 assessed value – was presented.

After discussion by Council Member Martin, Mayor Parker stated that as the administration indicated in the administrative response, while it was fun to talk about the total \$5 billion budget for the City of Houston, a reduction in the property tax rate was not spread to the Enterprise Fund for Water, it was not spread to the Enterprise Fund for Aviation, that it actually came out of the General Fund, which funded the projects that they had just been talking about, the direct impact to the General Fund would be \$87.7 million in reduced spending and there would be service cuts and layoffs as a result of reducing the General Fund spending by \$87.7 million, that similarly the lesser cut in Line – Martin – 10.04 would reduce the General Fund Budget by \$37.8 million in spending for this year.

After further discussion by Council Members Green, Martin, Stardig, Kubosh, Boykins, Costello, Bradford, Mayor Parker stated that respectfully to Council Member Martin it was 3.6% of the General Fund Budget would be the reduction of Line 1 – Martin - 10.03.

A vote was called on Line 1 – Martin - 10.03. Council Members Stardig, Martin and Kubosh voting yes, balance voting no. MOTION 2014-0592 FAILED.

79. – Line 2 – Martin - 10.04

Reduce the proposed FY2015 Budget Revenue from \$1,069,545 to \$1,031,707 by providing property tax reductions of 2.260¢ per \$100 assessed value - was presented.

After discussion by Council Member Martin, a vote was called on Line 2 – Martin - 10.04. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Kubosh and Christie voting yes, balance voting no. MOTION 2014-0593 FAILED.

79. – Line 3 – Martin - 10.01

Reduce the proposed FY2015 **Total General Fund Expenditures Other Than Debt Service** of \$1,981,120,208 by 3.5% resulting in a reduction of \$69,339,207. These funds shall be designated to the Fund Balance to offset the expected FY2016 deficit – was presented.

After discussion by Council Member Martin, Mayor Parker stated that Line 3 - Martin - 10.01 and Pennington - Line 4 - 12.01 were the same item, if Line 3 passes, then Line 4 would be moot, and if Line 3 failed she would request a withdrawal of Line 4.

After further discussion by Council Members Pennington and Costello, Council Member Costello moved to amend for the funds saved would go to pay down would be pensions, rather than going down to the reserve balance, seconded by Council Member Christie. Council Members Martin, Costello and Christie voting aye, balance voting no. MOTION TO AMEND FAILED.

A vote was called on the main item. Council Members Martin, Pennington and Kubosh voting aye, balance voting no. MOTION 2014-0594 FAILED.

79. – Line 4 – Pennington – 12.01

"Reduce the proposed FY2015 Total General Fund Expenditures Other Than Debt Service of \$1,981,120,208 by 3.5% resulting in a reduction of \$69,339,207. These funds shall be designated to the Fund Balance to offset the expected FY2016 deficit." – was presented, and withdrawn by Council Member Pennington.

79. – Line 5 – Martin - 10.02

Reduce the proposed FY2015 **Total General Fund Expenditures Other Than Debt Service** of \$1,981,120,208 by 2.5% resulting in a reduction of \$49,528,005. These funds shall be designated to the Fund Balance to offset the expected FY2016 deficit – was

presented, and withdrawn by Council Member Martin.

79. – Line 6 – Pennington – 12.02

“Reduce the proposed FY2015 Total General Fund Expenditures Other Than Debt Service of \$1,981,120,208 by 2.5% resulting in a reduction of \$49,528,005. These funds shall be designated to the Fund Balance to offset the expected FY2016 deficit.” – was presented.

After discussion by Council Member Pennington, a vote was called on Line 6 – Pennington – 12.02. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Pennington, Kubosh and Christie voting aye, balance voting no. MOTION 2014-0595 FAILED.

79. – Line 7 – Costello – 1.01

Evenly reduce all department budgets to the total sum of \$46,487,000 (approximately 1.557% of each department’s budget). Allocate an additional \$33,927,000 to payment of HPOPS and \$12,560,000 to payment of HMEPS, which will make up the difference between the contractually negotiated payments and the actuarially required contribution for both pensions, respectively - was presented.

After discussion by Council Member Costello, a vote was called on Line 7 – Costello – 1.01. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Costello, Kubosh and Christie voting aye, balance voting no. MOTION 2014-0596 FAILED.

79. – Line 8 – Boykins – 9.02

Respectfully provide additional property tax relief for qualified elderly homeowners, in order to assist them in keeping their homes. Currently, Harris County offers a \$160,000.00 over-65 homestead exemption. However, the City of Houston offers an \$80,000.00 exemption. This Amendment would raise the City of Houston exemption to \$160,000.00 for those homeowners over 65 years of age, effective January 1, 2015.

Funding options: Not Applicable - was presented, and withdrawn by Council Member Boykins.

79. – Line 9 – Boykins – 9.03

Respectfully provide additional property tax relief for qualified elderly homeowners, in order to assist them in keeping their homes. Currently, Harris County offers a \$160,000.00 over-65 homestead exemption. However, the City of Houston offers an \$80,000.00 exemption. This Amendment would raise the City of Houston exemption to \$90,000.00 for those homeowners over 65 years of age, effective January 1, 2015.

Funding options: Not Applicable - was presented, and withdrawn by Council Member Boykins.

79. – Line 10 – Costello – 1.02

All General Fund revenues and resources received in Fiscal Year 2015 in excess of \$2,410,692,793 shall be designated to the Fund Balance, and Fiscal Year 2015 expenditures shall not exceed \$2,254,120,208 except by ordinance. Pass through funds not included in this calculation include, but are not limited to:

1. Hotel Occupancy Tax Revenues -pass-through payment to Houston Arts Group;
2. Sales Tax Revenues -pass-through payment to Limited Partnership Annexations and transfers related to Chapter 380 agreements;
3. Property Tax- pass-through transfer amount to the Dedicated Drainage and Street Renewal Fund for captured revenue and transfers related to Chapter 380

agreements;

4. Municipal Service Fees revenues- pass- through transfer amount to Police Special Service Fund for police services in certain reinvestment zones and;
5. Other collection revenues-payment to vendors based on commission based contracts – was presented.

Council Member Costello offered the following substitute written motion to Line 10 – Costello – 1.02 as follows:

All General Fund revenues and resources received in Fiscal Year 2015 between \$2,410,692,793 and \$2,457,179,793 shall be designated as increases to the Fiscal Year 2015 payments to HPOPS and HMEPS to make up the difference between contractually negotiated payments and actuarially required contribution (\$33,927,000 to HPOPS and \$12,560,000 to HMEPS.) All revenues and resources received in Fiscal Year 2015 in excess of \$2,457,179,793 shall be designated to the Fund Balancer. Fiscal Year 2015 expenditures shall not exceed \$2,259,370,208 except by ordinance. Pass through funds not included in this calculation include, but are not limited to:

1. Hotel Occupancy Tax Revenues – pass-through payment to Houston Arts Group;
2. Sales Tax Revenues -pass-through payment to Limited Partnership Annexations and transfers related to Chapter 380 agreements;
3. Property Tax- pass-through transfer amount to the Dedicated Drainage and Street Renewal Fund for captured revenue and transfers related to Chapter 380 agreements;
4. Municipal Service Fees revenues - pass-through transfer amount to Police Special Service Fund for police services in certain reinvestment zones and;
5. Other collection revenues-payment to vendors based on commission based contracts

Mayor Parker stated that this was a substitute for Line 10 – Costello – 1.02, the difference was that the previous motion put excess revenue, above what they had already spent, to Fund Balance, this puts excess revenue to pensions, and Council Member Costello stated that anything over and above the two payments to the pensions, which was about \$46 million, would go to Fund Balance, and Mayor Parker stated that it was very optimistic.

After discussion by Council Members Gonzalez, Costello, Green, Davis, Bradford, Pennington, Martin, Christie and Laster, a vote was called on Council Member Costello's substitute amendment to Line 10 – Costello – 1.02. Council Members Stardig, Costello, Kubosh and Christie voting aye, balance voting. MOTION 2014-0597 FAILED.

79. – Line 11 – Martin – 10.05

All General Fund revenues and resources received in FY2015 in excess of \$2,254,120,208 shall be designated to the Fund Balance and shall not be appropriated for FY2015. This amount shall not include pass-through funds including but not limited to:

- 1) HOT Tax Revenues – pass-through payment to Houston Arts Group;
- 2) Sales Tax Revenues – pass-through payment to Limited Partnership Annexations and transfers related to Chapter 380 agreements;

- 3) Property Tax – pass-through transfer amount to the Dedicated Drainage and Street Renewal Fund for captured revenue and transfers related to Chapter 380 agreements;
- 4) Municipal Service Fees revenues – pass-through transfer amount to Police Special Service Fund for police services in certain reinvestment zones and;
- 5) Other collection revenues – payment to vendors based on commission-based contracts.

Council Member Martin moved to amend Line 11 – Martin – 10.05 as follows:

All General Fund revenues and resources received in FY2015 in excess of ~~\$2,254,120,208~~ \$2,259,370,208, seconded by Council Member Pennington.

After discussion by Council Members Green, Costello, Martin and Green, a vote was called on Line 11 – Martin – 10.05 as amended. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0598 ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

79. – Line 12 – Pennington – 12.03

"All General Fund revenues and resources received in FY2015 in excess of \$2,254,120,208 shall be designated to the Fund Balance and shall not be appropriated for FY2015. This amount shall not include pass through funds including but not limited to:

- 1) HOT Tax Revenues- pass-through payment to Houston Arts Group;
- 2) Sales Tax Revenues - pass-through payment to Limited Partnership Annexations and transfers related to Chapter 380 agreements;
- 3) Property Tax- pass-through transfer amount to the Dedicated Drainage and Street Renewal Fund for captured revenue and transfers related to Chapter 380 agreements;
- 4) Municipal Service Fees revenues - pass-through transfer amount to Police Special Service Fund for police services in certain reinvestment zones and;
- 5) Other collection revenues – payment to vendors based on commission-based contracts." – was presented, and withdrawn by Council Member Pennington.

79. – Line 13 – Christie – 5.01

If the combination of property tax and sales tax revenues in Fiscal Year 2015 exceeds the projected \$1,734,525,998, all revenues over projection must be applied toward s funding the City's general fund Governmental Accounting Standards Board actuarially required contribution for the Houston Municipal Employees Pension System, and the Houston Police Officers' Pension System. In the event an amendment is adopted (prior to consideration of 5.01) which diverts excess revenue from the above two sources, this amendment shall be operative for any unallocated amount – was presented, and withdrawn by Council Member Christie.

At 5:14 p.m. Mayor Parker stated that they would take a 15 minute recess to do equipment change.

At 5:32 the City Council reconvened and Mayor Parker stated that Line 14 – Bradford – 4.01 was previously considered and a substitute passed. Stardig, Pennington,

Gallegos and Christie absent.

79. – Line 15 – Green – 16.02

Allocate from the General Fund, \$11,000,000 to establish a Council District Service Budget. Each of the 11 district council members shall be allocated \$1,000,000 to be utilized by district council members based on the neighborhood needs and constituent's input in determining what money (from specific allocation) would be spent on what issues. If any District Council does not accept or rejects their respective allocation, that portion shall be further divided on a pro rata basis among the other supporting District Council Members. A Council District Service Budget could be used to quickly address neighborhood issues, including but not limited to the following: mowing weeded lots, loose animals, minor infrastructure repairs, cameras for illegal dumping sites, neighborhood clean-ups, demolishing abandoned and dangerous buildings.

The Council District Service Budget shall be funded no later than thirty (30) days after the FY15 budget approval.

**Funding Option:** General Fund No. 1000, FY projected revenues \$2,411, 126,650.00.

**Alternate Funding Option:** General Fund No. 1000/General Government 9900/Commitment Item 520755 Contingency, FY15 assigned revenue #6,068,816.00.

**Alternate Funding Option:** General Fund No. 1000/FY14 Ending Fund Balance-Unassigned \$199,782,277.00 – was presented, and withdrawn by Council Member Green. Stardig, Pennington, Gallegos and Christie absent.

79. – Line 16 – Costello – 1.06

Remove the adjustment for civilian and classified FTE vacancy factor from all funds – was presented.

After discussion, Council Member Costello stated that he would withdraw Line 16 – Costello – 1.06. Council Member Gallegos absent.

79. – Line 17 – Costello – 1.07

The proposed operating budget and annual budget ordinance shall include statements indicating whether the budget is in compliance with each adopted financial policy – was presented, and withdrawn by Council Member Costello. Council Member Gallegos absent.

79. – Line 18 – Stardig – 6.05

All city departments shall adopt a zero-based budgeting method beginning Fiscal Year 2016. Traditional incremental budgeting is based on the assumption that the "baseline" is automatically approved. By contrast, zero-based budgeting starts from a "zero base," and every function within an organization is analyzed for its needs and costs. Budgets are then built around what is needed for the upcoming period – was presented.

After discussion by Council Members Stardig, Martin and Pennington, a vote was called on Line 18 – Stardig – 6.05. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0599 ADOPTED.

79. – Line 19 – Costello – 1.08

Within 90 days, the Mayor and Controller shall prepare a joint assessment of the benefits and costs of moving to a fiscal year which begins on October 1 and ends September 30. The assessment shall also address the process and feasibility of making such an adjustment to start FY 2016 or FY 2017 – was presented.



After discussion, Council Member Costello stated that he would withdraw Line 19 – Costello – 1.08, and suggested that they refer it to committee.

79. – Line 20 – Stardig – 6.08

Within 180 days, the City of Houston shall transfer all city council staff insurance funds from the individual office budgets and shall place all insurance funds into a separate fund – was presented.

After discussion by Council Members Stardig, Costello, Pennington, Bradford, Laster and Gonzalez, Council Member Stardig stated that she would withdraw Line 20 – Stardig – 6.08 to be referred it to committee. Council Member Martin absent.

79. – Line 21 – Stardig – 6.11

Within 90 days, the City of Houston shall report to the appropriate committee all additional expenses the City of Houston has spent in the last fiscal year as a result of accepting grant money – was presented. Council Member Martin absent.

Council Member Stardig stated that she would withdraw Line 21 – Stardig – 6.11, to be referred to committee. Council Member Martin absent.

79. – Line 22 – Robinson – 2.02

Reduce line item # 520755; Contingency (Section VII-4), by \$50,000 and allocate toward the Neighborhood Matching Grant Program. This program will be a reimbursement matching grant for neighborhood projects between \$500 to \$2500. The program will be administered by the Planning & Development Dept – was presented. Council Member Martin absent.

After discussion by Council Members Robinson, Davis, Stardig, Nguyen and Green, a vote was called on Line 22 – Robinson – 2.02. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Costello absent. MOTION 2014-0600 ADOPTED.

79. – Line 23 – Boykins – 9.04

Respectfully reduce line item #520755; Contingency (Section VII-4), by \$50,000.00 and allocate toward the Neighborhood Matching Grant Program. This program will be a reimbursement matching grant program for neighborhood projects between \$500 to \$2500. The program will be administered by the Planning & Development Dept. – was presented, and withdrawn by Council Member Boykins. Council Member Costello absent.

79. – Line 24 – Stardig – 6.02

The City of Houston shall adopt a “Neighborhood Matching Grant Program (NMGP)” to match privately raised funds for the purposes of constructing permanent traffic calming devices. An additional \$400,000 shall be added to the NMGP and shall be administered by the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP). After receiving temporary traffic calming devices through the NTMP, if a neighborhood raises half of the money to make the approved temporary measures permanent, the NMGP shall match these funds and provide engineering options.

Funding Source: General Fund, Sale of Capital Assets-Land/Streets (434240) – was presented, and withdrawn by Council Member Stardig.

79. – Line 25 – Green – 16.05

Allocate \$1,000,000.00 toward the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program for speed

cushions.

**Funding Option:** Drainage Fund No. 2310/2000 FY15 \$273,432,790.00.

**Alternate Funding Option:** General Fund No. 1000/FY14 Ending Fund Balance-Unassigned \$199,782,277.00 – was presented.

After discussion by Council Members Green, Laster and Gonzalez, Council Member Green stated that he would withdraw Line 25 – Green – 16.05.

79. – Line 26 – Stardig – 6.03

An additional \$55,000 shall be added to the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) to add one full time employee.

Funding Source: PWE Recoveries & Refunds (452020) – was presented, and withdrawn by Council Member Stardig. Council Members Boykins and Pennington absent.

79. – Line 27 – Davis – 7.05

1.) Allocate \$2,500,000.00 to continue the City of Houston Summer Jobs Program.

Funding source: HPD Asset Forfeiture or overage of 2.5% from Rainy Day Fund or unassigned projected ending fund balance of \$154, 783, 089.00 – was presented, and withdrawn by Council Member Davis.

79. – Line 28 – Green – 16.03

Allocate \$3,000,000.00 to continue the City of Houston Summer Youth Jobs Program for FY15.

**Funding Option** General Fund No. 1000/FY14 Ending Fund Balance-Unassigned \$199,782,277.00 – was presented.

After discussion by Council Members Green, Martin and Gonzalez, Council Member Green stated that he would withdraw 79. – Line 28 – Green – 16.03. Council Member Boykins absent.

79. – Line 30 – Davis – 7.06

1.) Allocate \$2,500,000.00 to continue the City of Houston Summer Jobs Program. Funding source: HPD Asset Forfeiture or overage of 2.5% from Rainy Day Fund or unassigned projected ending fund balance of \$154, 783, 089.00 – was presented, and withdrawn by Council Member Davis. Council Member Boykins absent.

79. – Line 31 – Boykins – 9.01

Respectfully allocate \$300,000.00 for the addition of Six (6) Code Enforcement Officers to the Department of Neighborhoods, IPS – Public Service Division. Justification: The City of Houston is significantly understaffed in the area of code enforcement officers. Analysis shows that the City of Dallas has close to 6 times the number of inspectors as Houston and San Antonio inspector numbers are double that of ours. With a population that exceeds 2 million residents, these officers provide critical services to our communities. Services include the inspections and abatements of abandoned and dangerous buildings and weeded lots and the issuance of code enforcement citations. Each City of Houston inspector covers close to 10 square miles and is responsible for addressing the concerns of a significant segment of the population – close to 35,000 residents

Funding option: General Fund No. 1000/Police Department asset forfeiture Fund No. 2202/2203/2204/1000 – was presented, and withdrawn by Council Member Boykins. Council

Member Christie absent.

79. – Line 32 – Laster – 15.01

I move to amend the budget to add not less than ten (10) full-time employees, in the capacity as inspectors, to the budget of the Department of Neighborhoods Inspections and Public Service Division – was presented.

After discussion by Council Members Laster, Kubosh, Pennington, Stardig and Davis, Council Member Laster stated that he would withdraw Line 32 – Laster – 15.01.

79. – Line 33 – Martin – 10.08

Require that 10% of collections from citations written by the Department of Neighborhoods be allocated back to the Department of Neighborhoods "revenue" budget rather than the Municipal Courts Department "revenue" budget. This would be beneficial to the Department of Neighborhoods to better assist their inspections efforts citywide – was presented, and withdrawn by Council Member Martin.

79. – Line 34 – Costello – 1.03

Transfer \$500,000 from Fund 1000/Business Area 1200 Management Consulting Services (Commit Item 520110) to Fund 1000/Business Area 1000 Reserve for Police Enhancement-Classified (Commit Item 504040) – was presented.

After discussion by Council Members Costello, Bradford, Stardig and Gonzalez, a vote was called on Line 34 – Costello – 1.03. Council Members Stardig, Costello and Kubosh voting aye, balance voting no. Council Member Boykins absent. MOTION 2014-0601 FAILED.

79. – Line 35 – Gallegos – 14.02

The Houston Police Department will allocate a portion of the revenue generated in the Asset Forfeiture Fund to the Special Operations Division. Funding should be used for mounted patrol and other patrol, overtime pay, and equipment purchases as necessary. Council will work with the administration, Houston Police Department and the Special Operations Division to determine the actual funding amount to be allocated from the Asset Forfeiture Fund to the Special Operations Division - was presented. Council Member Boykins absent.

After discussion by Council Members Gallegos, Gonzalez and Kubosh, Council Member Gallegos stated that he would withdraw Line 35 – Gallegos – 14.02, and Mayor Parker stated that they would work with him. Council Member Boykins absent.

79. – Line 36 – Costello – 1.09

Within 60 days, the Houston Police Department shall provide a report to the City Council detailing the number of classified police officers performing full-time job responsibilities that do not require specialized police training or specialized police skills – was presented. Council Members Boykins, Martin and Green absent.

After discussion by Council Members Costello, Bradford, Gonzalez and Stardig, Council Member Costello stated that he would withdraw Line 36 – Costello – 1.09, and request that Council Member Gonzalez bring this up in the Public Safety Committee. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Laster and Green absent.

79. – Line 37 – Gonzalez – 13.01

The Houston Police Department shall explore the possibility of adding additional cadet classes in FY15 from within their existing departmental budget and/or from any additional revenue source(s) identified by the Administration. An update shall be presented to the Public Safety & Homeland Security committee within thirty (30) days of the approval of this

a amendment – was presented. Council Members Boykins, Martin and Green absent.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that he would withdraw Line 37 – Gonzalez – 13.01 to be referred to committee. Council Members Boykins, Martin and Green absent.

79. – Line 38 – Gonzalez – 13.03

The Houston Fire Department shall explore the possibility of adding additional cadet classes in FY15 from within their existing departmental budget and/or from any additional revenue source(s) identified by the Administration. An update shall be presented to the Public Safety & Homeland Security committee within thirty (30) days of the approval of this amendment – was presented, and withdrawn by Council Member Gonzalez. Council Members Boykins, Martin and Green absent.

79. – Line 39 – Gonzalez – 13.02

The Houston Police Department shall explore the possibility of continuing the \$5000 hiring bonus program for cadets during FY15 from within their existing departmental budget and/or from any additional revenue source(s) identified by the Administration. An update shall be presented to the Public Safety & Homeland Security committee within thirty (30) days of the approval of this amendment – was presented. Council Members Boykins, Martin and Green absent.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that he would withdraw Line 39 – Gonzalez – 13.02, to be referred to committee. Council Members Boykins, Martin and Laster absent.

79. – Line 40 – Gallegos – 14.01

If Fiscal Year 2015 general fund revenues exceed the projections, BARC shall be fully funded at \$3,323,249.00, an increase of approximately \$400,000.00 to the current proposed Fiscal Year 2015 budget. These funds shall be used for Special Initiatives (650009) for low- or no-cost spay and neuter services – was presented, and withdrawn by Council Member Gallegos. Council Members Martin and Green absent.

79. – Line 41 – Davis – 7.04

1) Expansion of the Mayor's Mow Down Program

The administration within 30 days shall allocate \$212, 850.00 to be used to allow neighborhood organizations to cut Weeded Lots in their respective neighborhoods. The funds can be used for equipment, support staffing, pay of the organizations that participate in the program, and other expenses deemed necessary to support the City of Houston Mow Down Program.

2.) The funding will allow for the Mayor's Mow Down Program to cut 200 Weeded Lots a combined 1800 times.

3.) The funding source is the: Contract for Weed Mowing and Debris Removal Services for the Department of Neighborhoods/S30-Q24288 – was presented.

Council Member Davis moved to accept the substitute amendment for Line 41 – Davis – 7.04, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez as follows:

**Proposed Substitute Amendment.**

Expand the Mayor's Mow Down Program by \$212,850.00 based on the capacity for expansion as identified by Keep Houston Beautiful which manages the program for the Department of Neighborhoods. The funding source is the: Contract for Weed Mowing and Debris Removal Services for the Department of Neighborhoods/S30-Q24288.

After further discussion by Council Members Gonzalez and Martin, a vote was called on the

substitute amendment to Line 41 – Davis – 7.04. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Cohen and Pennington absent. MOTION 2014-0602 ADOPTED.

79. – Line 43 – Martin – 10.09

Increase the Coastal Water Authority Operations & Maintenance Budget for the Lake Houston Facility by \$101,817 (4%) to assist in the implementation of aquatic vegetation control measures. This action would revert the contract back to the "actual" 2013 budget - was presented, and withdrawn by Council Member Laster.

79. – Line 44 – Laster – 15.02

I move to amend the budget to provide \$500,000.00 to fund a comprehensive third party, independent, review of the permitting process and procedures within the Houston Permitting Center – was presented, and withdrawn by Council Member Laster.

79. – Line 45 – Costello – 1.05

Within 90 days the Public Works and Engineering Department will present to City Council a plan, scope, and cost estimate of a 20 year master plan for the City's water and wastewater system which will include replacement of existing infrastructure and expansion for future development – was presented, and withdrawn by Council Member Costello to be referred to committee.

79. – Line 46 – Robinson – 2.01

To foster community-initiated programs it is requested that the Super Neighborhood Action Plan program be transferred from the Department of Neighborhoods Citizen's Assistance Office to the Department of Planning and Development. Additionally, the current state and prospective future development of the SNAP program should be reviewed in committee(s) – was presented.

Council Member Robinson stated that he would withdraw Line 46 – Robinson – 2.01, to be referred to the Quality of Life Committee, and Mayor Parker stated that they would be happy to facilitate this to committee.

79. – Line 47 – Stardig – 6.09

Within 30 days, the City of Houston shall present to the appropriate committee all Board and Commission positions that have been unfilled or not renewed for more than 6 months – was presented.

After discussion by Council Members Stardig, Boykins and Pennington, Council Member Boykins asked for a list of all of the Council appointments, and Mayor Parker stated yes, the committee Chair brought those forward so they could be considered at committee, and Council Member Stardig stated that she would withdraw Line 47 – Stardig – 6.09. Council Member Costello absent.

79. – Line 48 – Stardig – 6.01

Each Houston operated public facility (including libraries and multi service centers) shall be required to have and operate technology to remotely interact and view City Council public session, council session, committee meetings, and any other city council public meeting that allows for public input, per the Texas Open Meetings Act. This will allow remote video conferencing and public input for those who cannot come downtown for public meetings. The technology must be available to the public whenever these meetings are scheduled during business hours of the public facility. The administration shall equip Council Chambers and one public facility per council district with this technology within 180 days. All Houston operated public facilities shall be equipped within five years – was presented.

After discussion, Council Member Stardig stated that she would withdraw Line 48 – Stardig – 6.01 to be referred to the TTI Committee, and Mayor Parker stated that they would bring a report back timely.

79. – Line 49 – Stardig – 6.10

The City of Houston shall label all city property not solely serving one district (such as but not limited to: airports and City Hall) as such in the Request for Council Action rather than listing the specific district in which the item is located – was presented, and withdrawn by Council Member Stardig. Mayor Parker absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

79. – Line 50 – Stardig – 6.12

The City of Houston shall state in the Request for Council Action description for all grant funds if there will be additional city funds needed as a result of accepting the grant – was presented, and withdrawn by Council Member Stardig.

79. – Line 51 – Stardig – 6.04

Within 90 days, the City of Houston shall present to the appropriate committee details of all below fair-market leases or rentals of City property – was presented, and withdrawn by Council Member Stardig.

79. – Line 52 – Stardig – 6.06

Within 180 days, the City of Houston shall present to the appropriate committee a proposed ordinance to change the bidding process for City of Houston contracts. The new ordinance shall score bidding companies higher that have finished previous contracts with the City under the original contract amount (similar to Hire Houston First companies) – was presented, and withdrawn by Council Member Stardig.

79. – Line 53 – Stardig – 6.07

Within one year the City of Houston shall establish an online database for neighborhood deed restrictions. The database may be stand alone or may use the GIS system as a platform. The database shall include all active deed restrictions within the City of Houston. The database shall also include all subdivisions (which may or may not have deed restrictions) and contact information for each subdivision. Allocate the amount of not less than \$10,000 to be taken from the GIS Revolving Fund (521630) – was presented.

After discussion by Council Members Stardig, Robinson, Laster and Green, Council Member Stardig stated that she would withdraw Line 53 – Stardig – 6.07 to be referred to the appropriate committee with a report target date. Council Member Davis absent.

79. – Line 54 – Stardig – 6.15

The City of Houston shall establish a volunteer bandit sign program to allow citizens to take a class to become authorized to enforce bandit signs – was presented.

Council Member Stardig stated that she would withdraw Line 54 – Stardig – 6.15 to be referred to committee.

79. – Line 55 – Green – 16.01

Implement the City's Hire Houston First and MWBE policies for all tax increment reinvestment zones, management districts, and local government corporations. The policy shall be effective July 1, 2014 – was presented, and withdrawn by Council Member Green to be referred to committee.

79. – Line 56 – Costello – 1.04

Transfer \$250,000 from Fund 1000/Business Area 9900 Miscellaneous Other Services and Charges (Commit Item 522430) to fund a construction-related workforce development program to be administered by Capital IDEA Houston - was presented.

After discussion by Council Members Costello, Laster, Boykins, Gallegos and Bradford, Mayor Parker stated that she would respectfully ask for some consideration as to where the \$250,000 would come from.

After further discussion by Council Members Green and Costello, Council Member Costello stated that in light of the fact that he had new information relative to the lack of funding sources, he proposed that they take the money out of the contingency line item instead, within General Government, which was accepted without a vote.

After discussion by Council Members Davis, Bradford, Costello and Boykins, Council Member Costello stated that they all knew that they had some issues with the firefighters, but they also had a \$2 million Work Demands Analysis, that the Mayor mentioned earlier, that they were not ready to do until they saw what the contract issue was as well, that there were other monies there for the issues dealing with the firefighters in the future.

A vote was called on Line 56 - Costello – 1.04 as amended.. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Martin, Pennington, Kubosh and Christie voting no, balance voting aye. MOTION 2014-0603 ADOPTED.

79. – Line 57 – Martin – 10.06

Bring Space Center Houston into the Hotel Occupancy Taxes (HOT Funds), which would assist in funding the new educational 747/Shuttle mockup and educational facility to increase tourism and economic development – was presented, and withdrawn by Council Member Martin.

79. – Line 58 – Martin – 10.07

In section VII- 4, reduce line item # 520760; Contributions, by \$25,000 and distribute to the FY15 allocation for the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership to be added to the \$150,000 current amount, which would total \$175,000 – was presented, and withdrawn by Council Member Martin.

79. – Line 59 – Davis – 7.02

(1) Funds in the Dedicated Drainage & Street Renewal Fund shall not be encumbered beyond what is contractually and or legally required to meet annual payments.

(2) The Dedicated Drainage & Street Renewal (DDSRF) Planned Ending Fund Balance shall not be budgeted to exceed 10% of the DDSRF Budget – was presented.

After discussion by Council Members Davis and Costello, a vote was called on Line 59 – Davis – 7.02. Mayor Parker, Council Members Martin and Christie voting no, balance voting aye. MOTION 2014-0604 ADOPTED.

79. – Line 60 – Davis – 7.03

1) Major thoroughfare projects funded by the Dedicated Drainage & Street Renewal Fund shall be limited to a maximum of 40% of funds expended through the DDSRF - was presented, and withdrawn by Council Member Davis.

79. – Line 61 – Stardig – 6.13

The City of Houston shall allocate \$100,000 for design purposes for Alabonson Park – was presented, and withdrawn by Council Member Stardig.

79. – Line 62 – Stardig – 6.14

The City of Houston shall allocate \$200,000 for the purposes of the Houston Parks and Recreation Department to take over and improve the Inwood Forest Golf Course Maintenance Shed. This shed will be used by the Parks and Recreation Department to store vehicles and equipment for the purpose of park maintenance - was presented, and withdrawn by Council Member Stardig.

79. – Line 63 – Green – 16.04

Allocate \$2,000,000.00 toward the replacement of esplanade, roadway, and residential curbs.

**Funding Option:** Drainage Fund No. 2310/2000 FY15 \$273,432,790.00 – was presented, and withdrawn by Council Member Green.

79a. ORDINANCE related to the Fiscal Affairs of the City; approving the annual budgets of the City of Houston, Texas, for Fiscal Year 2015, including provisions for future adjustment to certain fund balances; making various amendments to the proposed budgets; authorizing certain transfers; re-designating a Cash Reserve in the Fund Balance; amending Ordinance 2010-476 relating to the Parking Management Special Revenue Fund; creating the Bayou Greenway 2020 Special Fund and authorizing an appropriation and transfer therefor; establishing a cost for copies of the budget; making other provisions related to the subject; making certain findings related thereto; providing a repealing clause; providing for severability – **(This was Item 53 on Agenda of June 11, 2014, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS GONZALEZ and COSTELLO)** – was presented. Council Members Martin, Pennington and Kubosh voting no, balance voting aye. ORDINANCE 2014-0653 ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

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

Council Member Christie stated that on Item No. 75, could they, through the Legal Department, get rid of all of the tied up bandit signs or political signs, that it seemed to be a waste of time chasing people down for 80 to 20 citations, and Mayor Parker stated that it was noted.

Council Member Bradford stated that he wanted to thank Mayor Parker and his colleagues for stepping up and doing some additional things for After School Programs. Council Members Martin and Pennington absent.

Council Member Boykins announced events he attended or would be attending; that he wanted to welcome Mr. Ryan George and Mr. David Moore to the District D office as summer interns; and to keep Tony Morris in their prayers. Council Members Martin and Pennington absent.

Council Member Costello stated that as Budget Chair he wanted to thank his colleagues for working through the budget and passing the budget as amended, and stated that he wanted to thank Mayor Parker and her entire team and Director Dowe and Ms. Emo and everyone in the Finance Department for the hard work that they did, that it was so much easier to criticize and change rather than create and they did the lion's share of the work in creating the budget for them to look at and he wanted to thank them for that. Council Members Martin and Pennington absent.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that he wanted to congratulate and thank Mayor Parker for all of the hard work and leadership on the budget as always, and thanks to Council Member Costello for his leadership with the committee meetings and everything, and Council Members



Davis and Martin, Director Dowe and everyone involved, and to all of the new colleagues around the horseshoe with them experiencing first hand their first budget process, he hoped they found it both enjoyable, informative and productive, that he wanted to thank all of his colleagues as well, this was never an easy exercise, they had to make tough decisions, he knew they had a tough fiscal year ahead, but wanted to thank all of his colleagues for doing their due diligence. Council Member Martin absent.

Council Member Cohen stated that she thought it was a very good process; and announced events she attended or would be attending. Council Member Martin absent.

Council Member Pennington stated that he wanted to thank Mayor Parker and Mr. Kelly Dowe and all of the administration staff for getting all of the information together, that even though he voted against the budget he thought it was a very useful process, and what he particularly enjoyed hearing were the priorities of the various Members of Council, he thought it was always instructive and useful to them, because many issues would come up based upon those priorities, and he applauded all of the Members of Council for their congeniality and for the exchange of ideas, he thought it was a good session. Council Member Martin absent.

Council Member Green announced events he attended or would be attending; and asked that they keep in their prayers the three Jewish school children who were kidnapped last week by Hamas terrorist on their way home. Council Member Martin absent.

Council Member Davis stated that he wanted to thank all of his colleagues for staying for 11 hours and getting the budget done and the City's work, that Ecclesiastes 5:8 talked about watching over the poor and sick, the people who needed a little help and he thought they did that today, that he understood that for some Council Members it was a little bit hard, but wanted to thank those who stood out and stood up and made that hard vote, because he thought in the long run it would pay off, that as they govern and live in the City of Houston he thought it would help their constituents, that he understood the ones who did not vote. Council Member Martin absent.

Council Member Gallegos announced the passing of former Council Member John Castillo and stated that his condolences went out to his family. Council Member Martin absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she served with Council Member Castillo for six years and he was a delightful colleague, great institutional memory and a gentleman in all aspects, a great guy. Council Member Martin absent.

Council Member Stardig stated that she wanted to thank all of her staff, the departments and her colleagues, there were a lot of tough decisions today, but very thoughtful, especially for their neighborhoods and communities. Council Member Martin absent.

Council Member Kubosh stated that it was an enjoyable time to serve with all the Council Members, that he knew of them after he was elected, but after having served in Council he commented to Council Member Stardig that it was amazing to get to know them. Council Member Martin absent.

Council Member Nguyen asked if they could do this again next year, and Mayor Parker stated that she suspected that they would. Council Member Martin absent.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that he wanted to thank his staff for their hard work on the budget; and wanted to thank Council Member Gallegos for paying respects and offering respects to the Castillo family, they had former Council Member Castillo in their thoughts, and thanked him for being a trailblazer, especially in the Latino politics community. Council Member

Martin absent.

Council Member Costello stated that he wanted to thank all Council Members staff. Council Member Martin absent.

Mayor Parker stated that the most important thanks went to GSD and contractor TDI who worked through the night to make sure they had air-conditioning in the Chamber today, that she wanted to thank Mr. Dowe for his professionalism and calm approach to the process, it really helped tremendously, that she wanted to thank all of the Department Directors who provided information, her executive team, that Mr. Dowe was the star of the show, that she knew it was very hard for him to sit there and see the budget that he carefully crafted taken apart, but he and his team did a great job. Council Member Martin absent.

Council Member Pennington stated that he wanted to thank M. Mark Kirschke of his office, who actually bought, paid for and prepared the lunch for Council Members today.

Council Member Green stated that he wanted thank Local 341 for the pies, they appreciated them; and tomorrow, 9:30 a.m. in the Council Chamber the TTI Committee meeting. Council Member Martin absent.

There being no further business before Council, the City Council adjourned at 8:16 p.m. Council Member 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