

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, June 24, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 24, 2014, with 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, Stephen C. Costello, David W. Robinson, Michael Kubosh, C. O. "Brad" Bradford and Jack Christie, D.C.; Mr. Harlan Heilman, Division Chief, Claims & Subrogation Division; and Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director and Ms. Stella Ortega, Agenda Office, present. Council Member Larry V. Green absent on city business.

At 1:58 p.m. Mayor Parker called the meeting to order and recognized Council Member Stardig for the invocation and pledge of allegiance, and Council Member Stardig invited Reverend Becky Downs, John Knox Presbyterian Church, for the invocation and Council Member Stardig led all in the pledge. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Pennington and Bradford absent.

At 2:01 p.m. the City Secretary called the roll. Council Member Green absent on city business. Council Members Davis, Pennington and Bradford absent.

Council Members Stardig and Costello moved that the minutes of the previous meeting be adopted. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Green absent on city business. Council Members Davis, Pennington and Bradford absent. MOTION ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated that she again wanted to note the passing of former Council Member John Castillo, his memorial mass was this morning and knew that Council Members Gallegos and Gonzalez were present, that John was a master strategist, he had a huge role in increasing Latino political invoice in Houston, and as the oldest of 17 children, not only did they populate the East End, but they helped create the political dynamo that was the East End, that he was always a behind the scenes guy, and then had an opportunity to step up and serve on Council and was an amazingly gracious and diligent colleague, so again she wanted to give her respects to his family. Council Members Davis and Pennington absent.

Council Member Boykins stated that Mayor Parker's comments about Mr. Castillo's hair were real nice, that it was good that she made fun out of it, but thought that everybody understood the important role he played as a Latino elected official, that he wanted to compliment Mayor Parker in terms of the wit she brought to it, it was real nice, and he would be missed. Council Members Stardig, Davis and Pennington absent.

Council Member Kubosh moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing Ms. Tomaro Bell out of order, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Green absent on city business. Council Members Stardig and Pennington absent. MOTION 2014-0605 ADOPTED.

Council Member Kubosh moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of adding Mr. Tony Morris to the speakers list, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Green absent on city business. Council Members Stardig and Pennington absent. MOTION 2014-0606 ADOPTED.

Council Member Gallegos moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of adding Mr. Mike Frasier to the speakers list, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Green absent on city business. Council Member Stardig absent. MOTION 2014-0607 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker asked the City Secretary to call the public speakers. Council Member

Stardig absent.

Ms. Tomaro Bell, 3248 Charleston, Houston, Texas 77021 (713-825-8449) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Member Davis absent.

Ms. Ozell Taylor Johnson, 3337 Parkwood Dr., Houston, Texas 77021 (713-748-6594) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Member Davis absent.

Mr. Mike Moreno, 7636 Avenue J, Houston, Texas 77012 (713-876-2880) appeared and stated that he was present to speak on Item No. 36, the appropriation of the \$10 million for the grade separation and the betterment of light rail at Harrisburg and Hughes, that for those who may not be aware of the history regarding the Metro and Community issue, initially Metro proposed an overpass over the Harrisburg/Hughes railroad tracks and after a lot of community involvement, a lot of support from community civic clubs and with the help of incoming Mayor Parker, Metro changed their plans from an overpass to an underpass, subsequently, earlier this year, they informed some of the community residents that they were going to change that back to an overpass from an underpass, there were several meetings held at the Metro Board offices downtown at 6:00 p.m., and not out in the community, at the last minute they held regarding the issue, there was a big defense seeking a 30 day extension to get more information, to oppose their decision to try to go over instead of under, that at the meeting Council Members Gallegos and Gonzalez were present in support of the extension, they had the support of State Senator Sylvia Garcia and Representative Carol Alvarado and other civic leaders asking for an extension so that they could get more information about the issue, that some of the issues were the contamination issue, initially they were aware of a small contamination at the site, after they did an actual development study they found more contamination, so their decision was for the safety of the community, and not remediating the area, that they wanted to build the overpass, that he supported the City not granting the \$10 million unless there was remediation at the site. Council Member Davis absent.

After discussion and questions by Council Members Gonzalez and Gallegos, Mr. Moreno stated that he did not see any problem not giving the funds for the overpass, the only thing he was requesting was that it be contingent upon them cleaning up and remediating the site before the overpass was done. Council Members Davis, Pennington, Laster and Costello absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she wanted to remind Council Members that the original proposal from Metro was that they were going to build their light rail line over and do nothing for the street, the \$10 million initially proposal was that they did not care if they went over or under, they just wanted to make sure that there was a method to get traffic over the existing railroad track, they thought the worst solution was a light rail line that went over the railroad tracks and the traffic still had to stop, so they asked Metro to work with them and either construct over or under additional lanes for the City of Houston, that was what the \$10 million was for. Council Members Davis, Pennington, Laster and Costello absent.

Mr. Bernard Murphy, 4162 Levonshire, Houston, Texas 77025 (832-971-6423) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Pennington, Laster and Costello absent.

Ms. Tomaro Bell, 3248 Charleston, Houston, Texas 77021 (713-825-8449) appeared and stated that she was present to discuss the Linebarger and Purdue contract, that it deeply concerned her when she read in the contract for Linebarger and Purdue that henceforth none elected officials, including Mr. David Feldman, City Attorney, and some other individuals would get to decide who gets the contract, and how the contract was divided up, or anything after that. Council Members Pennington and Laster absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she was not sure who Ms. Bell thought decided today, but that was actually how they did it in all of their other collection contracts. Council Members Pennington and Laster absent.

After discussion and questions by Council Members Davis, Stardig and Bell, Mayor Parker stated that she wanted to remind Council Members that this was an issue of Charter Interpretation, it had nothing to do with individual Council Members, that she would be happy to provide Ms. Bell with a City Attorney's legal opinion dating back from 1962 forward about the relative roles of Council and the administration. Council Members Stardig, Davis and Pennington absent.

Dr. Alkebu Motapa, 5022 Cosby, Houston, Texas 77021 (713-741-5150) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Star, Davis and Pennington absent.

Mr. Tony Morris, appeared and stated that he wanted to remind them that what they had done in the past three weeks with the MLK monument at MacGregor Park was something that was monumentally important, that several administrations had attempted to do something similar but had never done it, and displayed t-shirts with the MLK memorial printed on them. Council Members Davis and Pennington absent.

After discussion by Council Members Boykins and Robinson, Mayor Parker stated that she wanted to point out that Metro had a big role in this as well, they very carefully relocated the memorial oak and also made a significant contribution to the plaza exhibit as well. Council Member Pennington absent.

Council Member Gonzalez moved that the rules be suspend for the purpose of adding Mr. Adolphous Square to the speakers list, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Green absent on city business. Council Member Pennington absent. MOTION 2014-0608 ADOPTED.

Ms. Terri Thomas, 6 Rains Way, Houston, Texas 77007 (713-861-1408) appeared, presented information, and stated that she lived within the reach of the Memorial Park Demonstration Project that was proposed for Buffalo Bayou and was present to say that she and her husband fully supported the project. Council Members Pennington and Bradford absent.

After questions by Council Member Cohen, Ms. Thomas stated that she had a 1.25 acre peninsula out into the bayou, a sliver of it was part of the Ima Hogg Bird Sanctuary, the end point was part of the Flood Control easement, but it was mowed like a parkland when she moved there, she had planted 1,500 native seedlings six years ago, and those who had lived were now 15 to 20 feet tall, that any time they did a project there was going to be destruction, but this project was proposing to go back with 24 different species of native trees and were planning to plant anywhere from 2,000 to 8,000 trees, that was many more than was there now. Council Members Pennington and Bradford absent.

Ms. Deborah Elaine Allen, 12000 Martin Luther King Blvd., No. 2059, Houston, Texas (713-264-0127) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Pennington and Bradford absent.

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

Ms. Cheryl Raspino, 26 Rains Way, Houston, Texas 77007 (713-802-1462) appeared, presented information, and stated that their house backed up into the Hogg Bird Sanctuary and she was present to say she was in favor of the Memorial Park Demonstration Project. Council Members Pennington and Bradford absent.

Mr. Steve Hupp, 3201 Allen Pkwy, No. 200, Houston, Texas 77019 (713-529-6443) appeared and stated that he was present to express the Bayou Preservation Association's support of the Memorial Park Demonstration Project, that it would be an example for others to follow as they restore their bayous that were damaged from urban runoff, that Bayou Preservation Association and Flood Control were available to answer questions that they may have, they also had a lot of information on their website, that comments on the project could be made to the US Corps of Engineers by Monday, June 30, 2014, later in the year there would be a public hearing because this project also involved Memorial Park, so they would come back to Council for a public hearing because of the permit involved there. Council Members Pennington and Bradford absent.

Upon discussion and questions by Council Members Kubosh, Robinson and Christie, Mayor Parker stated that clearly what existed there today was not working, so it was not good enough to say to leave it alone. Council Members Pennington and Bradford absent.

After further discussion and questions by Council Members Laster and Stardig, Council Member Laster moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending time for questions of Mr. Steve Hupp, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Green absent on city business. Council Members Pennington and Bradford absent. MOTION 2014-0609 ADOPTED.

Council Member Martin moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending time for questions of Mr. Steve Hupp, seconded by Council Member Laster. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Green absent on city business. Council Members Davis and Bradford absent. MOTION 2014-0610 ADOPTED.

After further discussion and questions by Council Member Costello, Mr. Hupp stated that the purpose of the Demonstration Project was to demonstrate a method that could be applied across this area in the same type of soil and vegetation, that the reason they picked this area was because it had the most severe erosion on Buffalo Bayou. Council Members Davis and Bradford absent.

Mr. Ty Kelly, 67 Tiel Way, Houston, Texas 77019 (713-256-3243) appeared and stated that he was the Chairman of the Bayou Preservation Association, that what had happened was that they dropped the City on what used to be a prairie and it changed things, the bayou was widening, scouring and getting deeper and was dumping huge amounts of sediment every day and knocking trees down every day, that river science had advanced enough, they believed they could see where the bayou was going and they could do a construction project that would achieve what the bayou was trying to achieve, which was a stable channel and that was the whole purpose of the process, that it could not be resolved by compromise because it was a single holistic problem, so a solution that did not meet the problem was no solution at all, in his opinion. Council Members David and Bradford absent.

After discussion and questions by Council Members Boykins and Pennington, Council Member Boykins asked if someone could come and brief him and bring him up to speed on the concerns of the project, and Mr. Kelly stated yes, they could send somebody.

Council Member Laster moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending

time for questions of Mr. Ty Kelly, seconded by Council Member Pennington. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Green absent on city business. Council Members Davis and Bradford absent. MOTION 2014-0611 ADOPTED.

After discussion and questions by Council Members Martin and Boykins, Council Member Martin stated that he was not aware of all of the details as well, so as he stopped by Council Member Boykins if he could swing by his office as he was looking for the source of funding. Council Members Davis, Costello, Kubosh and Bradford absent.

Mayor Parker stated that \$2 million from the City, \$2 million from the River Oaks Country Club and \$2 million from the Flood Control District, the project was actually managed by the Flood Control District under a permit from the Army Corps of Engineers, that she was not aware if the Council would have any further input in it, it was approved by a previous Council and they had already contracted with them, that the City funding came from Storm Water Funds, they had already committed the dollars, that the money was out of reach for the current Council. Council Members Davis, Costello, Kubosh and Bradford absent.

Ms. Ozell Taylor Johnson, 3337 Parkwood Dr., Houston, Texas 77021 (713-748-6594) appeared and stated that she was present on the process with Linebarger and Goggan, she did not owe any taxes, all of her taxes were paid on all of her properties, that her house burned and no one from the City had notified her that her house burned, 4501 Keystone, that she called the City and they sent her a bill for \$7,000, that she could have gotten it done much cheaper if they had notified her that the house had burned, secondly, the bill had escalated to \$9,000, she pays \$75 per month, that Ms. Silver in the department told her that her money was going towards interest, that she had never heard of that, that she talked to Ms. Silver and she finally got a bill that said \$60 on principal, that she talked to Mr. Stevens in the Mayor's office who said he would get back with her in five days and she never heard from him, she called Ms. Kate Tipton and never heard from her, so she was very upset, that after she protested she got the bill that said \$60 on principal. Council Members Davis, Martin, Costello and Bradford.

Mayor Parker asked Ms. Taylor-Johnson when her house burned down, and Ms. Taylor-Johnson stated that it had been more than a year, and Mayor Parker stated that she assumed that the City bill had to do a demolition and they put a demolition lien on her property, and Ms. Taylor-Johnson stated yes, that it was Linebarger now for collection, and Mayor Parker stated that she would ask someone from the Legal Department and Linebarger to sit down with her and figure out what was going on. Council Members Davis, Martin, Costello and Bradford.

Council Member Boykins asked if they had senior assistance, and Mayor Parker stated that no, and they could not waive it, that obviously when it was an owner occupied homestead there were protections, but that would not apply in this case, so that was why she had asked the Legal Department to figure out what the actual circumstances were. Council Members Martin, Pennington, Kubosh and Bradford absent.

Ms. Taylor-Johnson stated that she was also concerned about people coming into her house and destroying her property, and Mayor Parker stated that if she had a policing issue Sargent Herndon was present to talk with her. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Pennington and Bradford absent.

Mr. Boubaker Salmi, 12819 New Berry St., Sugarland, Texas 77478 (281-277-8625) appeared, presented information and stated that he was present to voice concerns regarding the One Bin for All Municipal Solid Waste Collection method and the risks associated with it, that he was making his assessment based on his experience as an industrial process management engineer, that the nature of the risks were cost risks, performance risks and public health and safety risks. Council Members Martin, Pennington and Bradford absent.

Ms. Angela Wrigglesworth, 19939 Chasewood Park Dr., No. 8103, Houston, Texas 77070 appeared and stated that if they were to see her sitting in her wheelchair on the sidewalk as they passed by in their cars they would not know that she had a degree from Texas A&M, had been a teacher for the past 14 years, or see her accomplishments of being Kline ISD Teacher of the Year or former Ms. Wheelchair Texas, or know that she served for the Board of Directors for Camp for All, or a national spokesperson for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, they probably would not look at her and know that she had lived independently since she was 18 years old, that she managed a staff of caregivers to help her with her daily needs and that she had more frequent flyer miles than her able bodied friends, however if they did drive by her in their cars, especially if they were employed by Uber or Lyft, they would very quickly see that her motorized wheelchair would never fit in their vehicle, that she was completely unable to travel in a vehicle without sitting in her wheelchair, that her 350 pound wheelchair did not collapse, that she was not a Metro Lift user because her residence was not located in their service zone, therefore DARS helped her to pay for van modifications so that she could have transportation to her job, but if in the not so distance future she discovers that her van does not start and was stranded, that using Uber and Lyft was not an option because the City had only set a goal that in five years Uber and Lyft would have 5% of their vehicles modified for power wheelchair use, that this scenario was not farfetched, it was a very real concern that she had every time she traveled into the City, that she was not alone in this fear, countless men and women in the City of Houston shared her exact same circumstances, not to mention the thousands of pilgrims that came into the City and the renowned Medical Center, that she knew that the leadership body had heard the voices of her peers and she was eternally grateful that there was a committee established to further discuss solutions, that she testified today to implore each of them to take a decisive and firm stance regarding equitable transportation for their citizens. Council Members Martin, Pennington and Bradford absent.

After discussion by Council Members Kubosh, Nguyen, Gallegos and Stardig, Mayor Parker stated that they knew her message and she articulated it well, she was right in that Council Members were acutely concerned with the issue of wheelchair access, that she should be aware that they did not require, at this point, any vehicles for hire to be wheelchair accessible, there was not a mandate, so the question was do they require it among all fleets or do they set a goal, and there were a number of issues around that they were going to try to navigate through. Council Members Martin, Costello and Bradford absent.

Mr. Brody Fancois, (did not wish to give address) (713-408-1463) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Martin, Costello and Bradford absent.

Mr. Andrew Patterson, 6207 Fondren Rd., Houston, Texas 77036 (832-276-1712) appeared and stated that there were several issues that he wanted to discuss, that they had marijuana that they were talking about reducing and making it misdemeanor citations issued, instead of being incarcerated it would help the City manage financially and cost the City less and harm the citizens less; that other issue was when somebody died in Harris County they sent the EMS or whoever it was to pick up the body, take it to the hospital and at the hospital they were declared dead, his concern was that there had been situations in regards to hotels where people died and there was no investigation to see if there was any wrong doing or anything that could have contributed to the person being deceased, that his nephew was killed and when he called HPD they said he was not dead, they took him to the hospital, that was a policy they had, they take a dead body, and not say they were deceased, so they could declare them dead at the hospital, and the hotel room was never investigated for a possible homicide occurring, that he disagreed with the policy in place currently because it allowed people to do what they wanted to do. Council Members Martin, Costello and Bradford absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she could assure Mr. Patterson that if someone was clearly and unmistakably dead they stayed on site and the police came and investigated, but if there was any chance at all that someone could be revived would he not want that person transferred to the hospital, that was in fact what their policy was, and they clearly wanted to give his nephew an opportunity if possible, that she would disagree with him as to what the policy was, and just because someone was in fact declared dead at the hospital, after an emergency transport, if there was any indication of foul play, they would in fact investigate at the scene, that it was not the City of Houston, it was the County, but there would be a County coroner's report about the cause of death. Council Members Martin, Costello and Bradford absent.

Mr. Mike Frasier had been added to the list by Motion 2014-0607, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Martin, Costello and Bradford absent.

Mr. Adolphus Square appeared and stated that he was present about homelessness, he knew there was a problem of homelessness in the City of Houston, that they all knew it, that there were a lot of organizations doing what they could, but he had a solution for the homelessness problem in Houston, they did not embrace their historical buildings in Houston, they tear their buildings down, that Houston had built, he says to take the buildings, renovate them and restore them for the homeless, that he was the CEO and founder of the Houston Homeless Hotel, it was not a physical building yet, but an idea and concept that New York had in place. Council Members Martin, Costello, Bradford and Christie absent.

After discussion and questions by Council Members Robinson, Boykins and Kubosh, Council Member Boykins stated that this administration addressed the homeless, they used federal dollars to address it, that he should meet with the person who was driving that force for Mayor Parker. Council Members Martin, Costello, Bradford and Christie absent.

President Joseph Charles, Post Office Box 524373, Houston, Texas 77052-4373 (713-928-2871) appeared and stated that he was requesting more time for him to speak, that he was an official candidate for the U.S. Presidential election in 2016, and continued to voice his personal opinions until his time expired. Council Members Martin, Costello, Bradford and Christie absent.

Mr. John Noflin, 12903 Brent Rock Dr., Houston, Texas 77082 (832-208-1498) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Martin, Costello, Bradford and Christie absent.

Mr. Alexander Nizini, 3262 Wertheimer, No. 136 Houston, Texas 77098 (713-269-0206) appeared and stated that he had spent the past four weeks protesting in front of City Hall, and displayed a parking ticket, written for violation of parking rules that made no sense, that some of their parking rules did not make sense because the Department of Public Works and Engineering was mismanaging the City systemically, and continued to voice his personal opinions until his time expired. Council Members Martin, Costello, Bradford and Christie absent.

Ms. Bertha Hyman, 4931 Ventura Ln., Houston, Texas 77021 (713-747-0617) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Martin, Costello, Bradford and Christie absent.

At 3:36 p.m. Mayor Parker stated that the City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 25, 2014. Council Member Green absent on city business. Council Members Martin, Costello, Bradford and Christie absent.

The Houston City Council reconvened at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 25, 2014, Mayor Annise Parker presiding with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jerry Davis, Ellen R. Cohen, Dwight Boykins, Dave Martin, Richard Nguyen, Oliver Pennington, Edward Gonzalez, Robert Gallegos, Mike Laster, Larry V. Green, Stephen C. Costello, David Robinson, Michael Kubosh, C. O. "Brad" Bradford and Jack Christie, D.C.; Mr. Dave Feldman, City Attorney; Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director and 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 9:42 a.m. Mayor Parker called the meeting to order and stated that they would proceed with the consent agenda. Council Members Davis and Green absent.

MAYOR'S REPORT

CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 1 through 53

ACCEPT WORK - NUMBERS 2 and 3

2. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$2,581,397.32 and acceptance of work on contract with **MCKINNEY CONSTRUCTION, INC**, for Waterline Replacement in Beamer Area - 3.11% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICT D – BOYKINS** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Pennington. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0612 ADOPTED.
3. 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 and Southwest Repump Station - 3.27% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICTS E - MARTIN and G - PENNINGTON** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Pennington. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0613 ADOPTED.

PROPERTY - NUMBERS 4 through 6

4. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering, on request from Tracy Youngblood, Brown and Gay Engineers, Inc, on behalf of Pinto Urban Building L.L.C. (Ernie Cockrell, President), for (1) abandonment and sale of a 25-foot-wide portion of Abbott Street, from William Street (Willia Street) to Douglass Street adjacent to Reserve A, (2) abandonment of a 25-foot-wide portion of Abbott Street, from William Street to Douglass Street adjacent to Lot 14, Block 13, and (3) sale of a 25-foot-wide portion of City fee-owned property in exchange for various improvements to Spotts Park which equal or exceed the value of the 25-foot-wide City fee-owned land, all located within the Riverside Park Addition, out of the John Austin Survey, Parcels SY14-080, SY14-105, and SY14-106 - **DISTRICT H - GONZALEZ** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Pennington. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0614 ADOPTED.
5. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering, on request from Mike Hayes, Alpine Engineering & Construction, LLC, on behalf of Richmond Cummins, LP, (John Andell, Manager) and Dana's Wish Richmond, Ltd., [Dana's Wish GP, LLC (Ernest D. Rapp, Manager), General Partner], for abandonment and sale of a 5-

foot-wide utility easement, between Cummins Street and Timmons Lane, located within Block 2, Riviera Additions, out of the A. C. Reynolds League Survey, A-61, Parcels SY14-088 and SY14-118 - **DISTRICT C - COHEN** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Pennington. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0615 ADOPTED.

6. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering, on request from Henry Vadie, SFT Investments, on behalf of 220 Hyde Park, L.L.C, (Fred Sharifi, Owner) and Long T. Nguyen (206 Hyde Park Boulevard, Owner), for abandonment and sale of a 15-foot-wide alley, between Fairview Street and Hyde Park Boulevard, along Lots 1, 2, 5A, 6A, 7A, 8A and Tract 206, Block 15, located in the Fairgrounds Extension Subdivision, out of the Obedience Smith Survey, Parcels SY14-097 and SY14-117 - **DISTRICT C - COHEN** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Pennington. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0616 ADOPTED.

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS - NUMBERS 10 through 18

10. **JOHN A. WALKER ROOFING CO., INC** to provide Roof and Parking Lot Remediation Services for the General Services Department on behalf of the Housing and Community Development Department - \$177,560.000 and contingencies for a total amount not to exceed \$195,316.00 Grant Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0617 ADOPTED.
11. **DNB ENTERPRISES, INC** for Emergency Repair of an Aboveground Storage Tank for the General Services Department on behalf of the Houston Police Department - \$15,000.00 General Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0618 ADOPTED.
12. **BIO-LANDSCAPE AND MAINTENANCE, INC** for Purchase of Various Types of Trees, including Planting and Maintenance Services through the Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Purchasing with the Harris County Department of Education for the Parks & Recreation Department \$99,995.65 - General Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0619 ADOPTED.
13. **3M COGENT, INC** for Purchase of 3M Cogent Software/Hardware Upgrades and Maintenance Services for the Houston Police Department - \$564,129.87 - General Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0620 ADOPTED.
14. **CAREGIVERS INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION** - \$73,990.00, **BRIGGS EQUIPMENT, INC** - \$98,620.00 and **AMERICAN MATERIAL HANDLING, INC** - \$122,888.00 for Forklifts for the Department of Public Works & Engineering – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0622 ADOPTED.
16. **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS, INC (aka EI²)** for Pakscan PH2 Rotork® SCADA Control System Upgrade Services for the Department of Public Works & Engineering - \$220,287.00 Enterprise Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0622 ADOPTED.

17. **GOWAN, INC** to Remove, Furnish and Install a Variable Frequency Drive at 69th Street Wastewater Treatment Plant for the Department of Public Works & Engineering - \$64,400.00 Enterprise Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0623 ADOPTED.
18. **TERRA RENEWAL, LLC** for Emergency On-Site Water Treatment Sludge Dewatering, Transport and Disposal Services for Department of Public Works & Engineering - \$474,787.26 - Enterprise Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0624 ADOPTED.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES - NUMBERS 24 through 53

24. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City and **ASPYRA, LLC** for Software Support Services for the Cyberlab Laboratory Information System Information Technology Test Process System at the Houston Department of Health and Human Services; providing a maximum contract amount – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0654 ADOPTED.
26. ORDINANCE accepting the proposal from **TEXAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE INTERGOVERNMENTAL RISK POOL**, approving and authorizing the purchase of Radio Equipment and Tower Insurance - \$231,314.00 - Property and Casualty Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0655 ADOPTED.
28. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Amendment No. 1 to Lease Agreement between the City of Houston and **ENTERPRISE JET CENTER, INC d/b/a JET AVIATION HOUSTON, INC**, for certain premises at William P. Hobby Airport - Revenue - **DISTRICT I - GALLEGOS** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0656 ADOPTED.
31. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing an agreement between the City of Houston and **ASSETWORKS, LLC.** for Renewal of Software Maintenance and Support for Fleet Management Information System for Various Departments; providing a maximum contract amount \$659,198.00 - Central Services Revolving Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0657 ADOPTED.
32. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing second amendment to the contract between the City of Houston and **AMERICAN BOTTLING COMPANY OF TEXAS** to extend the contract term (approved by Ordinance No. 2004-754) – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0658 ADOPTED.
33. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing second amendment to the contract between the City of Houston and **FRESH BREW GROUP USA, LP** to extend the contract term (Approved by Ordinance No. 2004-754) – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0659 ADOPTED.
34. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing second amendment to Contract 4600009455 between the City of Houston and **PMAM CORPORATION** for Burglar Alarm Administration Services for the Administration and Regulatory Affairs Department – was pulled from the agenda by the administration and was not considered.
35. ORDINANCE appropriating \$316,081.08 out of Metro Projects Construction DDSRF and \$89,299.69 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund as an

additional appropriation to the consent agreement between the City of Houston and **THE METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY** for the Betterment of the City Utility Facilities (Approved by Ordinance No. 2008-0567); providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Metro Projects Construction DDSRF and the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT H - GONZALEZ** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0660 ADOPTED.

37. ORDINANCE consenting to the addition of 26.1646 acres of land to **FORT BEND COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 185**, for inclusion in its district – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0661 ADOPTED.
38. ORDINANCE consenting to the addition of 200.217 acres of land to **FORT BEND COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 143**, for inclusion in its district – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0662 ADOPTED.
39. ORDINANCE consenting to the addition of 69.2238 acres of land to **HARRIS COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 84**, for inclusion in its district – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0663 ADOPTED.
41. ORDINANCE consenting to the addition of 7.6464 acres of land to **MONTGOMERY COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 36**, for inclusion in its district – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0664 ADOPTED.
42. ORDINANCE appropriating \$163,000.00 out of General Improvement Consolidated Construction Fund, \$54,000.00 out of Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund, \$381,000.00 out of Public Library Consolidated Construction Fund, \$1,155,000.00 out of Parks Consolidated Construction Fund, \$112,000.00 out of Police Consolidated Construction Fund, \$100,000.00 out of Miscellaneous Capital Projects/Acquisitions Fund, \$55,000.00 out of Solid Waste Consolidated Construction Fund, and \$200,000.00 out of Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund, as an additional appropriation to the Task Order and Job Order Contracting Program for FY2014 (Approved by Ordinance No. 2013-1059) – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0665 ADOPTED.
43. ORDINANCE appropriating \$812,500.00 from the Parks & Recreation Dedication Fund, to the Public Works & Engineering - W&S System Operating Fund; for transfer of two parcels of land at 437 West 26th Street (SY14-031) and 1502-1508 Herkimer Street (SY14-032), Houston, Harris County, Texas, from the Public Works & Engineering Department to the Parks & Recreation Department - **DISTRICT C - COHEN** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0666 ADOPTED.
44. ORDINANCE appropriating \$301,383.70 out of Fire Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding construction contract to **AIA GENERAL CONTRACTORS, INC** for Remediation, Removal and Installation of Underground Storage Tanks at Fire Station 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 materials testing, project management and construction oversight and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Fire Consolidated Construction Fund **DISTRICT A - STARDIG** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0667 ADOPTED.
45. ORDINANCE appropriating \$282,711.40 out of Fire Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding construction contract to **AIA GENERAL CONTRACTORS, INC** for Remediation, Removal and Installation of Underground Storage Tanks at Fire Station No. 36; 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 materials testing, project management and construction oversight and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Fire Consolidated Construction Fund **DISTRICT I - GALLEGOS** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0668 ADOPTED.

47. ORDINANCE appropriating \$459,807.00 out of Parks Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Architectural Services Contract between the City of Houston and **HARRISON KORNBERG ARCHITECTS, LLC.**, for Design and Construction Phase Services for the New Community Center at Judson Robinson Sr. Park Community Center; providing funding for the Civic Art Program and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Parks Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT B - DAVIS** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0669 ADOPTED
48. ORDINANCE appropriating \$19,091.70 out of Metro Projects Construction DDSRF for relocation of a pipeline for the Buffalo Speedway Paving and Drainage: Holmes Road to West Airport Boulevard Project; approving a pipeline adjustment reimbursement services agreement with **CENTERPOINT ENERGY INTRASTATE PIPELINES, LLC - DISTRICT K - GREEN** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0670 ADOPTED.
49. ORDINANCE appropriating \$10,241,499.50 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF-A, \$790,500.50 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF, and \$1,915,500.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding contract to **STERLING CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC** for Pleasantville 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, Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF and the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT B - DAVIS** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0671 ADOPTED.
51. ORDINANCE appropriating \$982,000.00 out of Metro Projects Construction DDSRF awarding contract to **ISI CONTRACTING, INC** for Work Order Bridge Rehabilitation/Replacement Citywide; 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 Metro Projects Construction DDSRF – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0672 ADOPTED.
53. ORDINANCE appropriating \$10,500,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **S. J. LOUIS CONSTRUCTION OF TEXAS, LTD.**, for abandonment of Willow Run WWTP and Flow Diversion for W. Mount Houston and Rutherford Lift Stations; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the city; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering, testing, CIP Cost Recovery, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund -

DISTRICT B - DAVIS – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0673 ADOPTED.

MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA WERE CONSIDERED AS FOLLOWS:

MISCELLANEOUS

1. RECOMMENDATION from Director Finance Department to approve the Fiscal Year 2015-2019 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and establish a charge of \$75.00 plus postage for the adopted CIP documents and a charge of \$5.00 plus postage for a CD version – was presented.

Mayor Parker stated that she knew there were a number of proposed amendments, what she anticipated would happen was that they would get all of the amendments on the table, they will tag the amendments and then the main item, so they would have an opportunity to forge through them, they would start with Council Districts.

Council Member Stardig offered the following written motions to amend Item No. 1:

Amendment 1

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.

Amendment 2

The City of Houston shall allocate \$100,000 for design purposes for Alabonson Park.

Amendment 3

The City of Houston shall allocate \$365,000 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.

Amendment 4

The City of Houston shall allocate \$100,000 for design purposes of Sherwood Oaks Park.

Council Member Davis offered the following written motions to amend Item No. 1:

Amendment 1

Within 90 days, major thoroughfare projects funded by the Dedicated Drainage & Street Renewal Fund (DDSRF) shall be limited to a maximum of 40% of funds expended from the DDSRF.

Amendment 2

In order to establish a legal, but faster and more simplified method to quickly address minor neighborhood issues, this Amendment allocates \$6,000,000.00 to establish a Council District Service Budget to be designated from the Dedicated Drainage Street Renewal Fund (DDSRF) METRO Project Construction Fund No. 4040. Each of the eleven District Council Members shall be allocated an equal amount from the

\$6,000,000.00 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.

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

Funding Source: METRO Projects Construction Fund No. 4040 – DDSRF (\$6,000,000.00)

Amendment 3

Davis amendment 7.02 passed as part of the approved Fiscal Year 2015 operating budget states:

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 Fund (DDSRF) Planned Ending Fund Balance shall not be budgeted to exceed 10% of the DDSRF Budget.

The total budget for the DDSRF in the Fiscal Year 2015 approved budget is \$281,366,173. Ten percent of DDSRF total budget is \$28,136,617. The Fiscal Year 2015 Proposed Budget DDSRF Planned Ending Fund Balance was \$59,483,173. This effectively frees up \$31,346,556 (formerly held in Planned Ending Fund Balance) for transfer to capital projects.

To reflect this transfer, to remove negative contingency amounts in both the storm drainage and the street and traffic programs (which fully fund Fiscal Year 2015 projects), and to increase expenditures for street and drainage projects citywide in Fiscal Year 2015, we move to amend the Fiscal Year 2015-2019 Capital Improvement Plan as follows:

Of the now freed \$31,346,556 from DDSRF Planned Ending Fund Balance: allocate \$10,218,000 to Fiscal Year 2015 Storm Drainage Project: Contingencies (M-0000NA); allocate \$1,498,000 to Fiscal Year 2015 Street and Traffic Project: Contingencies (N-0000NA); and allocate the remaining \$19,630,556 to the following line items (distribution to be determined by Public Works and Engineering Department):

- M-420126 - Local Drainage Program (LDP): Location V
- N-321038 - Concrete Panel Replacement Program: Location V
- N-321039 - Roadway Surface Replacement Program: Location V

Mayor Parker stated that she had a query on Council Member Davis's first amendment, they had a CIP proposed for all Council Districts with an allocation of Street and Drainage Funds and asked Council Member Davis if it was his idea to defund currently proposed projects, or was it to do the Plus 5 Allocation, and Council Member Davis stated the Plus 5, that last week's amendment said that it did not touch any of the current projects, and Mayor Parker stated that she was talking about the 40% and 60%, and Council Member Davis stated no, and Mayor Parker stated that the only way that it would not impact currently scheduled projects was if it would kick in in the first year of the Plus 5, that she wanted to make sure that Council Member Davis was aware of that.

Mayor Parker stated that they had not received any motions to amend Item No. 1 from Council Districts C and D.

Council Member Martin offered the following written motions to amend to Item No. 1:

Amendment 1

Amend the Capital Improvement Plan to only include district specific projects. If a CIP project is for the benefit of the entire City of Houston, it shall not be designated to a specific district.

Example: All wastewater treatment facilities fall within District E, however they are serving the entire City of Houston but are "designated" under the CIP as District E projects. Within District B, the main BARC facility and mounted patrol are both designated to the district CIP, even though they are serving the entire City of Houston.

Amendment 2

Designate \$50,000 for Wilson Memorial Park pool improvements and eliminate the unsecure mote. Please note this amount is based on an estimate, no study or pre-design has been done to identify actual costs.

Amendment 3

Allocate \$50,000 for feasibility and design study of a community center located at the site of Sylvan Rodriguez Park in the south sector of District E.

Amendment 4

Allocate funding for improvements to Freeway Manor Park. Add (5) park benches and improvements to asphalt.

The cost forecast to replace all the asphalt trail at Freeway Manor (approximately one mile of trail) would be:

\$ 820,000	Construction
\$ 123,000	Design
\$ 16,000	Testing
\$ 41,000	Contingency
\$ 35,000	Project/Construction Management
\$ 1,035,000	TOTAL

Funding requested for the Freeway Manor Trail replacement would be needed over a two year period (Design in one year and construction in the following year).

Council Member Pennington offered the following written motions to amend Item No. 1. Council Member Martin absent.

Amendment 1

I move to amend CIP Item #N-240001 (Westerland Dr. Bridge at HCFCD Ditch) by changing the City Council District Location to "F".

Amendment 2

I move to amend WBS # T-0512A in the TIRZ No. 5 Memorial Heights Redevelopment Authority CIP by changing the City Council District Location to "C, H".

Amendment 3

I move to amend WBS # T-0512B in the TIRZ No. 5 Memorial Heights Redevelopment Authority CIP by changing the City Council District Location to "C, H".

Amendment 4

I move to amend WBS # T-0513 in the TIRZ No. 5 Memorial Heights Redevelopment Authority CIP by changing the City Council District Location to "C, H".

Amendment 5

I move to amend WBS # T-1917 in the TIRZ No. 19 Upper Kirby Redevelopment Authority CIP by changing the City Council District Location to "C".

Amendment 6

I move to amend the general form of CIP used annually by each department such that by the FY2016 CIP, any project which has been broken down into or is comprised of "sub-projects" or "phases" shall: (i) within the "Project Description", clearly and distinctly identify the various sub-projects within the CIP by the scope of work to be performed or by the street segment limits or location of such work; (ii) within the "Project Description", clearly and distinctly identify which of the sub-projects or phases are funded by the current CIP; (iii) within the "Project Description", clearly and distinctly identify with regard to each expenditure (whether planning, design, land acquisition, construction, equipment, civic art, salary recovery or other) to which sub-project or phase such allocation is attributable; and (iv) using the best information available to the Department, provide a best estimate of when any sub-projects not currently funded on the CIP will be funded. Without limitation of the generality of the foregoing, this new form shall be used by the Public Works & Engineering Department in its descriptions of the following CIPs:

- M-000247 (two (2) sub-projects)
- M-000265 (two (2) sub-projects)
- M-410006 (two (2) sub-projects)
- M-410007 (two (2) sub-projects)
- M-410009 (three (3) sub-projects)
- M-410015 (three (3) sub-projects)
- M-410016 (two (2) sub-projects)
- M-410290 (two (2) sub-projects)
- N-000386 (four (4) sub-projects)
- N-000784 (two (2) sub-projects)
- N-000806 (two (2) sub-projects)
- N-100011 (two (2) sub-projects)
- N-100017 (three (3) sub-projects)
- N-100022 (two (2) sub-projects)
- N-100023 (two (2) sub-projects)
- N-100029 (two (2) sub-projects)
- N-210004 (two (2) sub-projects)

Council Member Gonzalez offered the following written motions to amend Item No. 1. Council Member Martin absent.

Amendment 1

Funds were previously reprogrammed to the City's requested betterment at Harrisburg from a project previously programmed in District H. These funds are no longer needed at Harrisburg and shall be reprogrammed back to the district. Therefore, amend the FY15-19 CIP by adding the following project:

N-000818 Street Project on Fulton (from Quitman to Hogan) in Council District H for the amount of \$4,134,000 in Fiscal Year 2015.

Funding Source: N-000670 Railroad Crossing Improvements Fund 4040 – METRO Projects Construction – DDSRF. The Water & Sewer funds needed to complete the project, as required and appropriate for improvements to those systems, shall be added as needed – Council Member Martin absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she appreciated Council Member Gonzalez willingness to commit the funds on Harrisburg, and they would honor the request.

Council Member Gallegos offered the following written motions to amend Item No. 1. Council Member Martin absent.

Amendment 1

Funds were previously reprogrammed to Harrisburg Boulevard from a project originally programmed in District I. These funds are no longer needed at Harrisburg and shall be reprogrammed back to District I. Therefore, amend the FY15-19 CIP by adding the following project:

N-00TBD2 Project in Council District I for the amount of \$3,171,000 to be divided as follows: \$1,000,000 in Fiscal Year 2015 and \$2,171,000 in Fiscal Year 2016.

Funding Source: N-000670 Railroad Crossing Improvements Fund 4040 – METRO Projects Construction – DDSRF. The Water & Sewer funds needed to complete the project, as required and appropriate for improvements to those systems, will be added once the projects are determined. Council Member Martin absent.

Council Member Laster offered the following written motions to amend Item No. 1.

Amendment 1

I move to amend the FY15 CIP budget by increasing funding for the Neighborhood Traffic management Program to \$500,000.00

Amendment 2

I move to amend the budget to provide that a minimum baseline of not less than one percent (1%) annual CIP budget be allotted for each Council District. (Districts A-K)

Council Member Green offered the following written motions to amend Item No. 1.

Amendment 1

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

Amendment 2

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

Amendment 3

Within 90 days, major thoroughfare projects funded by the Dedicated Drainage & Street Renewal Fund (DDSRF) shall be allocated no less than 40% of funds expended from the DDSRF.

Amendment 4

Within 90 days, local street projects funded by the Dedicated Drainage & Street Renewal Fund (DDSRF) shall be allocated no less than 60% of funds expended from the DDSRF.

Mayor Parker stated that recognizing that some of these amendments may be in conflict with the impact of the Davis/Bradford amendment.

Council Member Costello stated that he had no written motions to amend Item No. 1.

Council Member Bradford offered the following written motion to amend Item No. 1.

Amendment

In order to establish a legal, but faster and more simplified method to quickly address neighborhood issues, this Amendment allocates up to \$6,000,000.00 from the Unused General Obligation Fund Balance to establish a Capital Improvement Council District Service Project Program. If the \$6,000,000.00 is not available, the remainder or balance shall be taken from the Dedicated Drainage Street Renewal Fund (DDSRF). Each of the eleven District Council Members shall be allocated an equal amount of the \$6,000,000.00 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 projects as permitted by voter authorized category, State law, City Charter, ordinances, contractual obligations, and with approval by the Mayor. The Mayor's consideration shall be finalized no later than 10 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. Capital Improvement Council District Service Project funds could be used to quickly address neighborhood issues such as, including but not limited to, sidewalks, street and drainage issues.

The Capital Improvement Council District Service Project Program shall be funded no later than sixty (60) days after the FY2015-2019 Capital Improvement Plan Budget is approved.

Funding Options: (\$6,000,000.00)
FY2014 Unused General Obligation Fund Balance

Dedicated Drainage Street Renewal Fund (DDSRF)

Mayor Parker stated that it was worth noting that it was their interpretation of this that funding that was available in all categories of CIP would be made available, Council Member Bradford had specified first choice of 2014 Unused General Fund Obligation Balance, that would be close out dollars from 2014, projects which were an undetermined number at this point, existing contingency funds, which they shared with Council Members, approximately \$3.7 million, and it would be necessary to maintain some contingency, so the bulk of any monies would probably come from the DDSRF, which was, of course, severely limited in what it could be spent on.

Mayor Parker stated that she had asked Council Member Gonzalez to tag the amendments, and Council Member Gonzalez stated that he would tag all of the amendments.

Mayor Parker stated that she would ask Council Member Gonzalez to also tag the main item.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that he would tag Item No. 1, and Mayor Parker stated that the CIP had been tagged.

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS

7. **BASELINE PAVING AND CONSTRUCTION, INC** for Installation of Automatic Entry Door Openers for the General Services Department on behalf of the Department of Health & Human Services Department - \$250,212.00 and contingencies for a total amount not to exceed \$274,982.99 - Grant Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Pennington. Council Member Cohen absent. MOTION 2014-0625 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker recognized Council Member Stardig for a point of privilege. Council Member Cohen absent.

Council Member Stardig that this was for the automatic entry door openers for General Services, that she wanted to thank staff for listening to her requests and putting people with disabilities as a justification for this.

8. **CMP SUSAQUEHANNA HOLDINGS CORP KRBE** for promoting the Health Intervention Initiative/Annual HIV Testing and Concert Event for the Health & Human Services Department \$150,000.00 - Grant Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Pennington. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0626 ADOPTED.
9. **NATIONAL CINEMEDIA NETWORKS** for On-screen, Lobby and Mobile Advertising Services for programs within the Harris County Area Agency on Aging for the Health & Human Services Department - \$162,027.80 - Grant Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0627 ADOPTED.
15. **DRESSER, INC** for Emergency Blower Replacement Parts and Repair Services for the Department of Public Works & Engineering - \$454,027.08 - Enterprise Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen absent. MOTION 2014-0628 ADOPTED.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

19. RESOLUTION expressing no objection to an application from **THE WOMEN'S HOME** to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for Tax Credits for proposed development for affordable rental housing to be located at 2060 Jacquelyn Drive in the City of Houston, Texas **DISTRICT A – STARDIG** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen absent. RESOLUTION 2014-0023 ADOPTED.
20. RESOLUTION expressing no objection to an application from **THE NATIONAL BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)** to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for Tax Credits for rehabilitation of a development for affordable rental housing located at 600 East Tidwell Road in the City of Houston, Texas **DISTRICT H - GONZALEZ** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen absent. RESOLUTION 2014-0024 ADOPTED.
21. RESOLUTION expressing no objection to an application from **RIVERSIDE CENTER FOR HEALTHY LIVING, INC, an affiliate of Kissito Healthcare, Inc** to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for Tax Credits for proposed development for affordable rental housing to be located at 4320 Old Spanish Trail in the City of Houston,

Texas - **DISTRICT D - BOYKINS** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Cohen absent. RESOLUTION 2014-0025 ADOPTED.

21-1. RESOLUTION adopting guidelines for the City’s participation in public-private partnerships – was presented.

After discussion, Council Member Green offered the following written motions to amend Item No. 21-1 and stated that he would tag his motions and the main item.

“I move to amend the proposed agreement to Section B, entitled “P3 Plans” by adding subsection G:

G: A comprehensive utilization plan that defines the methodology that will ensure MWBE and Hire Houston First maximum opportunity to participate in the City of Houston P3 Programs. The Plan shall include, but not limited to the following:

- 1) Establishing a monitoring system to ensure that all contractors, sub-contractors, consultants, and vendors comply with the City of Houston Hire Houston First MWSBE programs.
- 2) Develop an availability/capability matrix for local firms and MWSBEs.
- 3) Identify skills and areas of expertise that are likely to be needed but do not appear to be available currently for local firms and MWSBE enterprises.
- 4) Conduct targeted outreach programs to assure that all local firms, MWSBEs and all interested parties are aware of the P3 opportunity.
- 5) Encourage the formation of business alliances among MWSBEs, Hire Houston First firms, and larger firms which provide opportunities.
- 6) Assisting local firms and MSWBE’s with bonding, insurance, and financing needs; conducting in depth assessments of local firms and MWSBEs to determine technical, financial, and managerial capabilities and provide assistance based on needs through identification through mentor firms.” Council Member Cohen absent.

Council Member Davis offered the following written motions to amend Item No. 21-1:

“I move to amend Exhibit A (City of Houston, Texas Guidelines For Public-Private Partnerships) Article VIII (City’s P3 Oversight Committee) paragraph A, by adding the following language:

Position 8: A representative designated in writing by City Council.

And amending paragraph C, by adding the underlined language as follows:

C. Members of the Committee do not serve for specific terms. Subject to Section VIII(B) immediately above, new members may be designated to the above Positions by the Mayor, by City Council, or by the respective Department Director as needed. Names of the members of the Committee and any changes in th Committee’s membership will be announced at the City’s Procurement Website as promptly as circumstances allow.” Council Member Cohen absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she suspected Council Member Davis written motion to amend

Item NO. 21-1 would be ruled out of order when it came forward. Council Member Cohen absent.

Council Member Costello offered the following written motion to amend Item No. 21-1:

"I move to amend Guidelines For Public-Private Partnerships as follows:

Article V. Overview of P3 Program

H. Absent an ordinance passed by the City Council, the City may not enter into more than ~~five~~ three Comprehensive P3 Agreements (defined in Article XI below) in the same fiscal year.

I. Absent an ordinance passed by the City Council, the City may not enter into a Comprehensive P3 Agreement unless the Proposer is reasonably likely to expend more than ~~\$5~~ \$50 million to provide the Qualifying Project."

Council Member Bradford offered the following written motions to amend Item No. 21-1

"I move to amend Article VIII by adding Position 8.

ARTICLE VIII. CITY'S P3 OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

A. As required by Section 2267.052(c)(2) of the Act, the City has established a P3 Oversight Committee consisting of qualified professionals providing "independent analyses regarding the specifics, advantages, disadvantages, and long-term and short-term costs of any [P]roposal" The members of the Committee are as follows:

Position 1 (Chair): The P3 Representative.

Position 2: A representative designated in writing by the Director of the City's General Services Department.

Position 3: A representative designated in writing by the Director of the City's Public Works & Engineering Department.

Position 4: A representative designated in writing by the Director of the City's Finance Department.

Position 5: An attorney licensed to practice law in Texas designated in writing by the City Attorney.

Position 6: A representative designated in writing by the Director of the City's Planning & Development Department.

Position 7: A representative designated in writing by the Mayor.

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"I move to amend Article VIII by adding Position 8 and 9.

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Position 7: A representative designated in writing by the Mayor.

Position 8: A representative designated in writing by City Council.

Position 9: A representative designated in writing by City Council."

Mayor Parker stated that Council Member Bradford's amendments were a little bit different than Council Member Davis, that she had to study the implications of that.

Council Members Green and Costello stated that they would tag the amendments and the main item.

22. **ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 1-10 and 1-15, ARTICLE VI OF CHAPTER 5, and SECTION 44-85 OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES**, pertaining to Game Rooms; providing an effective date; providing for severability – was presented.

After discussion by Council Members Stardig, Green, Gonzalez, Christie, Boykins and Kubosh, Mayor Parker stated that they had information from the Police Department and were happy to share, the ordinance would become effective immediately, they had already begun training on it, they had letters to all owners of known functioning game rooms ready to go out, that they would need a permit and giving them time to achieve a permit, she would expect the ordinance to be fully functioning by mid-July, recognizing that there were, of course, still operators that would try to operate illegally and under the radar, that they actually believed that they could implement this faster, it was something that they had been waiting for and preparing for, the notices could not go out until it was passed and they had to give notice to those game room operators since it was illegal under State Law, a reasonable amount of time to get their permits, that they actually hoped to be functioning by the Fourth of July weekend, since that may be a busy weekend at game rooms, but to be on the safe side she would give a hard target of July 15, 2014. Council Member Boykins absent.

23. **ORDINANCE** authorizing the issuance of City of Houston, Texas, Convention & Entertainment Facilities Department Hotel Occupancy Tax and Special Revenue and 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 Series 2014 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, a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement, and authorizing a loan of a portion of the bond proceeds to Houston First Corporation to fund the redesign of Avenidas De Las Americas and the front entrance of the George R. Brown Convention Center; and declaring an emergency – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2014-0675 ADOPTED.**
25. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing various contracts between the City of Houston and 1) **THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER AT HOUSTON**, 2) **MEMORIAL HERMANN HEALTH SYSTEM**, and 3) **HARRIS COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT, d/b/a HARRIS HEALTH SYSTEM**, respectively, for routine HIV Screening

Services; providing maximum contract amounts – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. ORDINANCE 2014-0676 ADOPTED.

27. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing an agreement for Professional Services and Litigation Support Services between the City and **OMNIVERE, L.L.C., doing business as LIGHTHOUSE DATA SOLUTIONS** for the Legal Department; providing a maximum contract amount \$200,000.00 - Property and Casualty Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. ORDINANCE 2014-0677 ADOPTED.
29. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing first amendment to Grant Agreement and first amendment to Loan Agreement between the City of Houston and **HOUSTON AREA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION** to reduce by \$1,510,633.00 the amount of a grant of funds appropriated from the Homeless and Housing Consolidated Bond Fund, to deappropriate \$1,510,633.00 of the funds previously appropriated for the grant, and to increase by \$1,510,633.00 the amount of a loan of Federal “HOME” Funds to assist with the rehabilitation of a single room occupancy facility, located in the vicinity of 320 Hamilton Street in Houston, Texas, that provides affordable housing to low and very low income households - **DISTRICT I - GALLEGOS** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. ORDINANCE 2014-0678 ADOPTED.
30. ORDINANCE deappropriating \$320,000.00 from the TIRZ Affordable Housing Fund previously appropriated under Ordinance No. 2009-1142 for the Development of Affordable Single Family Housing in the Trinity Gardens and Fourth Ward Areas; reappropriating \$320,000.00 out of TIRZ Affordable Housing Fund for use in Single Family Activities, including Single Family Home Repair, Homebuyer Assistance and Project Delivery Costs – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. ORDINANCE 2014-0679 ADOPTED.
36. ORDINANCE appropriating \$10,000,000.00 out of the Miscellaneous Capital Projects / Acquisitions CP Series E Fund for the Grade Separated Betterment of the Light Rail Crossing of the Tracks At Harrisburg And Hughes; authorizing and approving a supplement to the consent agreement between the City of Houston and **THE METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY OF HARRIS COUNTY** (Approved by Ordinance No. 2008-0567) - **DISTRICTS H - GONZALEZ and I – GALLEGOS** – was presented.

After discussion by Council Members Gallegos, Bradford, Stardig, Martin and Green, Council Member Gallegos moved to delay Item No. 36 for 30 days, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0629 ADOPTED.

40. ORDINANCE consenting to the addition of 0.9462 acres of land to **PORTER MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT**, for inclusion in its district – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. Council Member Costello absent. ORDINANCE 2014-0680 ADOPTED.
46. ORDINANCE appropriating \$307,000.30 out of Parks Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding construction contract to **AIA GENERAL CONTRACTORS, INC** for Underground Storage Tank Remediation, Removal and Replacement at Three Sites; 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 materials testing services, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Parks Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS D - BOYKINS and J - LASTER** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. ORDINANCE 2014-0681 ADOPTED.

50. ORDINANCE appropriating \$2,240,000.00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF, awarding contract to **LECON, INC** for Inwood Forest Subregional Detention Basins; 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 **DISTRICT A – STARDIG** – was presented.

After discussion by Council Member Stardig, a vote was called on Item No. 50. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0682 ADOPTED.

52. ORDINANCE appropriating \$2,195,350.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **LEM CONSTRUCTION CO., INC** for E. Coli Compliance–Chlorination Systems for Turkey Creek, Westway, and Kingwood West Wastewater Treatment Plants; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required 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 - **DISTRICTS A - STARDIG; E - MARTIN and G – PENNINGTON** – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Martin.

NON CONSENT AGENDA - NUMBERS 54 and 55

MISCELLANEOUS

54. RECEIVE nominations for Positions 10 and 11 of the **HOUSTON MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES PENSION SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES**, for three year terms – was presented.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that he would like to re-nominate Mr. Adrian Patterson to Position 10 of the Houston Municipal Employees Pension System Board of Trustees, and had passed out his resume.

Council Member Pennington stated that he would like to re-nominate Mr. Richard Badger to Position 11 of the Houston Municipal Employees Pension System Board of Trustees, and had passed out his resume.

Mayor Parker asked if there were any other nominations for either Position 10 or Position 11, and hearing none requested a motion to close nominations.

Council Member Gonzalez moved to close nominations for Positions 10 and 11 of the Houston Municipal Employees Pension System Board of Trustees, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0630 ADOPTED.

55. RECEIVE nominations for Positions 2 and 4 of the **REBUILD ADVISORY COMMITTEE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for three two year terms – was presented.

Mayor Parker stated that there was a caption error, these were two year terms, instead of three year terms, they had no substantive impact on what they were doing, but wanted to make sure that they recognized that they were two year terms.

Council Member Cohen stated that she would like to re-nominate Ms. Kathy Easterly to

the Rebuild Houston Oversight Committee, Position 2, and had passed out her resume.

Council Member Boykins stated that she would like to re-nominate Ms. Vernita Harris to the Rebuild Houston Oversight Committee, Position 4, and had passed out her resume.

Mayor Parker asked if there were any other nominations for Position 2 or Position 4, and hearing none requested a motion to close nominations.

Council Member Bradford moved to close nominations for Positions 2 and 4 of the Rebuild Houston Oversight Committee, seconded by Council Member Green. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0631 ADOPTED.

MATTERS HELD - NUMBERS 56 through 61

56. MOTION by Council Member Gonzalez/Seconded by Council Member Bradford to adopt recommendation to award to **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 – **(This was Item 17 on Agenda of June 18, 2014, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GREEN)** – was presented.

After discussion by Council Member Christie, Mayor Parker stated that there may be other systems, but like many software systems they were unique to the copyright holder, that she was not saying that there were no other systems out there, they were sole source because of this particular type of information provided, that it was not a divisible contract, that was the point of it being sole source, it was quite common for software programs to be sole source and therefore non divisible

A vote was called on Item No. 56. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0632 ADOPTED.

57. 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 – **(This was Item 25 on Agenda of June 18, 2014, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MARTIN)** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0683 ADOPTED.
58. 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 – **(This was Item 54 on Agenda of June 18, 2014,**

TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS BRADFORD, KUBOSH and COSTELLO) All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0684 ADOPTED.

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 – **(This was Item 59 on Agenda of June 18, 2014, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GREEN)** – was presented.

Council Member Green stated that he had the opportunity to meet with OBO, Public Works and the contractor on Item No. 59, that this was special type of contract because it started out much smaller than the appropriation and it grew annually, also with regard to the procurement of this project, part of it would be part of Public Works annually procurement in letting some of these contracts so the prime in this instance was not always the responsible party when selecting individuals to participate in this particular contract, that he had suggested, and requested from OBO, as well as the provider, that they monitor this particular contract monthly and provide OBO with a report, so they would be tracking information as they go, right now he did not think that had been in place, that he thought OBO had agreed to do that with this particular contract and provide updates, that because they had agreed to do that he would be supporting the item.

Mayor Parker asked Council Member Green if he wanted to delay the item to make sure all that was in place, they could do that, and Council Member Green stated no, that he did not want to delay, he thought the prime was acting in good faith in this instance.

A vote was called on Item No. 59. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0685 ADOPTED.

Council Member Boykins requested a point of privilege and stated that he wanted to recognize former Port Commissioner Howard Middleton.

60. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **PERDUE, BRANDON, FIELDER, COLLINS & MOTT, LLP AND GREENBERG TRAUIG, LLP**, functioning as a Joint Venture for the collection of delinquent ad valorem taxes – **(This was Item 74 on Agenda of June 18, 2014, DELAYED BY MOTION #2014-591, 6/18/14 together with proposed amendments submitted by the Legal Department)** – was presented.

After discussion, Council Member Laster offered the following written motion to amend Item No. 60, and stated that this would be the same amendment he would make for the other contract as well.

“I move to amend Agenda Item 60 “Purdue Contract” by substituting the following language under Article D, “F, Account Assignment and Recall,” First Paragraph to read as follows.

Subject to the conditions below, one per Agreement Year, a committee, composed of the City Attorney, the City Controller, the Mayor Pro Tem, the Vice Mayor Pro Tem, and a Council Member, who is not Mayor Pro Tem or Vice Mayor Pro Tem, but who is elected by a majority of City Council (“the Account Assignment Committee”), shall determine the Accounts to be Assigned or Reassigned to the Firm. “Reassigned” or any grammatical variation thereof shall mean and include the Account Assignment Committee’s decision to

reassign, reallocate to another tax collection service provider, suspend or dismiss any individual Accounts or group, category or portion of the unpaid Accounts assigned to the Firm ("Reassigned Accounts") without penalty or monetary charge of any kind being assessed against the City"

Mayor Parker stated that technically it was not a substitute, it was an amendment to the item before them, which was amending the original item, that in order to substitute it had to be a complete parallel, that she was going to call on the City Attorney, there had been some question about this amendment, she appreciated Council Members giving them their amendments in advance, otherwise they would be recessing and having the huddle in the back, they had an opportunity to do their legal research in advance.

Mr. Feldman, City Attorney, stated that they actually had before them several amendments that went to the same issue, and that was Council involvement in the reassignment of accounts, under the proposed multivendor arrangement, the fact was, in their Charter, there were expressed provisions that Council's powers were legislative in nature, as stated in the memo that he distributed to Mayor Parker and the City Council dated June 23, 2014, there was an expressed prohibition against Council Members engaging or exercising, rather, any administrative powers, this City entered into thousands of contracts every year and for Council to be involved in contract administration not only would it be a violation of the Charter and a separation of the powers, but it would be a debacle, that he believed, and would submit to the Mayor that the amendment offered by Council Member Laster would be unlawful, to be placed in the contract was in violation of the Charter.

Mayor Parker stated that the current contract language, she believed, called for the City Attorney, the Finance Director, and a representative from the Mayor's office, she would be happy to have that representative from the Mayor's office be from the City Controller's office, she did not believe there was a similar Charter issue with the City Controller being a part of that, and if the Council Member was interested in making that change to his amendment, the administration would support it, otherwise the amendment would be ruled of the order.

After further discussion by Council Members Green, Gonzalez, Bradford, Davis, Green, Pennington, Stardig, Martin and Kubosh, Council Member Kubosh stated that Mayor Parker had commented earlier that they could challenge the Chair or they could refer it back, and asked if Mayor Parker could explain the difference between a challenge on a vote and appealing the Mayor's ruling, and Mayor Parker asked Mr. Feldman to respond. Council Members Martin and Christie absent.

Mr. Feldman stated that it was the same thing and would require the same vote. Council Members Martin and Christie absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she had made not just a parliamentary ruling, but she had made a legal ruling based on the advice of the City Attorney, not just a parliamentary ruling, but a ruling that had a legal basis on the advice of the City Attorney, they could challenge that, but there would be a cascading series of events to follow that challenge, they might win at the Council Chamber, but there would be other issues to follow. Council Members Martin and Christie absent.

After further discussion, Council Member Laster stated that he had lost track of what Mayor Parker's proposal was. Council Member Stardig absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she had no objection, right now it was a three member committee, the City Attorney, the Finance Director and a representative of the Mayor's office, to substitute a representative of the Mayor's office for a designee of the City Controller, that was

not within the legislative body and that would allow more transparency, that she would also feel compelled to point out that she had already indicated an intent to come back to the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Committee of Council and explain the rationale prior to taking any administrative action on these contracts.

After further discussion by Council Members Green, Pennington, Bradford and Martin, Council Member Martin stated that he thought including the Controller's office in this function was not what they needed to do, the Controller was an audit function, and when they put the Controller as an audit function, involved in the selection function, they ruined the segregation of duties, which was what the Controller's function was all about, that he would highly recommend that she never have the Controller ever put in the position of decision making, because they were an audit function, and Mayor Parker stated that the point was taken, he was probably correct, she would have to think about that.

Council Member Cohen moved to call the question on the debate of Council Member Laster's amendment to Item No. 60, seconded by Council Member Christie.

Council Member Pennington asked if it would be acceptable to propose a contract that was three year first term and then one year renewal so that they would wind up voting on any changes.

A vote was called on Council Member Cohen motion to call the question on the debate of Council Member Laster's amendment to Item No. 60. Council Members Stardig and Kubosh voting no, balance voting aye. MOTION 2014-0633 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated that she was ruling Council Member Laster's amendment out of order, which would take them back to the substitute amendments submitted 6/18/2014..

Council Member Green offered four written motions to amend Item No. 60 as follows:

Amendment #1

In Section 3 of the Ordinance (pg. 1):

The City Attorney is hereby authorized to take all action necessary to enforce all legal obligations under said contract **with** further authorization from Council

Amendment #2

In Article D, Section F, "Account Assignment and Recall," First Paragraph (pg.2):

Subject to the conditions below, once per Agreement year, a committee, composed of the City Attorney, **the City Controller, the Mayor Pro Tem, the Vice Mayor Pro Tem, and a Council Member, who is not Mayor Pro Tem or Vice Mayor Pro Tem, but who is elected by a majority of City Council** (the "Account Assignment Committee"), shall determine the Accounts to be Assigned or Reassigned to the Firm. "Reassigned" or any grammatical variation thereof shall mean and include the Account Assignment Committee's decision to reassign, reallocate to another tax collection service provider, suspend or dismiss any individual Accounts, or group, category or portion of the unpaid Accounts assigned to the Firm ("Reassigned Accounts") without penalty or monetary charge of any kind being assessed against the City"

Amendment #3

In Article D, Section F, "Account Assignment and Recall," First Paragraph (pg.2):

The Account Assignment Committee shall determine the Accounts to be Assigned or Reassigned subject to all of the following conditions **with** City Council approval

Amendment #4

In Article D, Section F, "Account Assignment and Recall," Fourth Paragraph (pg.3):

Subsequently on or before March 15th of each Agreement year, the City Attorney, acting on behalf on the Account Assignment Committee, **with the approval of City Council**, will provide notice of Assigned Accounts to the Contractor for the following Agreement Year ("Assignment/Reassignment Note").....

Mayor Parker stated that Mr. Feldman had an opportunity to review Council Member Green's amendments, some of which were parallel to Council Member Laster's, and asked if any of these amendments should be considered, and Mr. Feldman stated no, they suffered from the same legal flaw as Council Member Laster's, they would violate the Charter's separation of powers, and Mayor Parker stated that the Chair ruled Council Member Green's amendments out of order

Council Member Green moved to overrule the Chair, seconded by Council Member Kubosh.

After further discussion by Council Members Laster, Bradford and Pennington, Council Member Pennington moved that they have a "three year contract without the City having the right to reassign accounts during the three year period", and then they could be done on an annual basis thereafter with approval of Council.

Mayor Parker stated that was a substantive amendment, and may be a legal amendment, not that she was saying she would support it, that she would let the City Attorney think about it for a moment, and Council Member Green stated that he would support that amendment.

After further discussion, Mayor Parker stated that she had ruled the four amendments offered by Council Member Green out of order, and Council Member Bradford asked Council Member Green if he would withdraw his motion to overrule the Chair and entertain a motion to break these amendments out, and moved forward with offering Amendments No. 1 and 3, and Council Member Green stated he would withdraw his motion to overrule the chair.

Mayor Parker stated that she understood Council Member Green's intent was to offer them one at a time and they could certainly dispense with them that way.

Council Member Kubosh stated that he would withdraw his second on the motion to overrule the ruling of the Chair.

Council Member Green's written motion No. 1 was before Council.

Amendment #1

In Section 3 of the Ordinance (pg. 1):

The City Attorney is hereby authorized to take all action necessary to enforce all legal obligations under said contract **with** further authorization from Council

Mayor Parker stated that the Chair ruled Amendment No. 1 out of order.

Council Member Green moved to overrule the ruling of the Chair on Amendment No. 1, seconded by Council Member Kubosh.

A roll call vote was called on Council Member Green's motion to overrule the ruling of the Chair on Amendment No. 1.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mayor Parker voting no	Council Member Gallegos voting no
Council Member Stardig voting no	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 no	Council Member Kubosh voting aye
Council Member Nguyen voting no	Council Member Bradford voting aye
Council Member Pennington voting no	Council Member Christi voting no
Council Member Gonzalez voting no	MOTION 2014-0634 FAILED

Mayor Parker stated that the motion to overrule the Chair failed by a vote of 11 to 6.

Council Member Green's written motion No. 3 was before Council.

Amendment #3

In Article D, Section F, "Account Assignment and Recall," First Paragraph (pg.2):

The Account Assignment Committee shall determine the Accounts to be Assigned or Reassigned subject to all of the following conditions **with** City Council approval

Mayor Parker stated that the Chair also ruled Amendment No. 3 out of order.

Council Member Green moved to overrule the ruling of the Chair on Amendment No. 3, seconded by Council Member Kubosh.

A roll call vote was called on Council Member Green's motion to overrule the ruling of the Chair on Amendment No. 3.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mayor Parker voting no	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 no	Council Member Costello voting no
Council Member Boykins voting aye	Council Member Robinson voting no
Council Member Martin voting no	Council Member Kubosh voting aye
Council Member Nguyen voting no	Council Member Bradford voting aye
Council Member Pennington voting aye	Council Member Christi voting no
Council Member Gonzalez voting no	MOTION 2014-0635 ADOPTED

Mayor Parker stated that the motion to overrule the ruling of the Chair carried by a vote of 9 to 8.

Mayor Parker stated that they had debate before them on Amendment No. 3.

After discussion by Council Members Pennington, Green and Bradford, Mr. Feldman stated that he believed that what Council had done was approved an amendment to the contract that was unlawful under their Charter. Council Member Cohen absent.

A vote was called on Amendment No. 3. Mayor Parker, Council Members Gonzalez and Costello voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Cohen absent. MOTION 2014-0636 ADOPTED.

Council Member Davis stated that he had passed out three written motions to amend Item No. 60 that were similar to Council Member Green's amendments, and would remove his motions. Council Member Cohen absent.

After further discussion, Mayor Parker stated that they would recess for 10 minutes to allow Mr. Feldman to analyze the impact of the action that City Council just took. Council Member Cohen absent.

After discussion by Council Members Bradford, Laster and Boykins, Mayor Parker stated that they would recess for 10 minutes. Council Members Cohen and Pennington absent.

At 11:54 a.m. the City Council recessed. Council Members Cohen and Pennington absent.

At 12:23 a.m. the City Council reconvened and Mayor Parker stated that it was her view that they had two issues of concern to the administration, one, there was a contract amendment at the table that applied to previously executed contracts, quite apart from their concern about what was done was the belief was that they could not amend previously executed contracts at the table, she offered the makers of the motion a way to not directly amend the contracts, but to amend the originating ordinance to the same effect, so that it would not require them to go out and execute amended contracts, it was her understanding that was rejected, there was no requirement that either party, as they moved forward, accepts the contracts as amended by Council, and they were in effect deferring further action on this to the administration by taking this action, but they would proceed. Council Member Cohen absent.

After further discussion by Council Members Boykins and Green, Council Member Green stated that just by merely amending the ordinance did not effectuate the contract, and Mayor Parker stated that the effect would not be in the contract, the effect would be in the actions of the Mayor and City Attorney to bring any changes back to Council for consideration. Council Member Cohen absent.

After discussion by Council Members Gonzalez, Stardig, Davis, Laster and Green, Council Member Green stated that maybe he was not understanding, with regard to the ordinance versus the contract, it was his understanding that the administration agrees to support the amendment of the ordinance, but not the particular contract, was it the administration's position, on this particular contract, to enforce the amended ordinance, but says it must go before Council prior to any changes in the contract. Council Member Cohen absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she did not agree in any way that this was the appropriate thing to do, and would vote against it, that what she asked for, in the opportunity to recess, was to see if they could get closer to some kind of compromise, there were two issues, one, the ability of Council to amend a previously signed contract at the table, which they believed was absolutely not legal, the other was a Charter issue, and that was whether this was an illegal usurpation of the administration's authority, so taking one of those fights off the table seemed to be a preference, that was why they offered the compromise, that the issue was, if they wanted to prevail in their position there were two hurdles in the path they had chosen, there was only one hurdle in what they had offered, she had the ability to not execute the contracts and the ability not to come back to Council for a further vote, by removing the objectionable language in the contract they could at least get these contracts passed and begin the process, and then they could deal separately with the issue of whether they had to come back for full approval, that was what they were trying to offer. Council Member Cohen absent.

Mr. Feldman stated that if the contracts themselves were not amended, then they did not have to be resubmitted to the vendors, that the ordinance provision was a provision that was

not a directive to the vendor, it was a directive to the administration, if the contract was in fact executed then the administration would have an obligation to comply with the ordinance. Council Member Cohen absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she would not execute the contract as it was, as amended, that she was assuming that they would not let this issue drop, they would have a clear directive from Council to the administration, of the expectation that Council had the opportunity to vote on it, she would prefer not to have to walk off of the plank on that one today, but she would if she had to. Council Member Cohen absent.

After further discussion by Council Member Pennington, Mayor Parker stated that she was doing her best to get to something that they could all live with, the City Attorney had strongly advised that was not a legal act on her part, but she did have the opportunity, on occasion, to ignore the City Attorney, but she did not intend to make a habit of it, if that was clear enough to Council, that she would execute the contract if the objectionable language was cleared, that it would be the administration's intention to honor, trusting Council, that they were not going to attempt to do this every time they brought a contract forward, but it would be the administration's intent, in this instance, to honor Council's concern, and bring the issue back up, a year from now at the appropriate time, against the advice of the City Attorney, but it was her understanding that Council was not interested in taking that path. Council Members Cohen and Christie absent.

After further discussion by Council Members Kubosh and Boykins, Mayor Parker stated that with the amendment that passed she would not sign the contract, that if either Item 60 or Item 61, or both, failed, the way the contracts were constructed they were intended to work off of each other, that probably they would start over and default to the administration, that this was a professional services contract, and they did have the ability to execute professional services contracts that were not causing the expenditure of money, but this was a big contract and certainly in their view fell within the purview of Council to make the appropriate policy decisions and therefore they brought them to Council, it was not required that she bring it to Council, that she was not trying to ignore the vote of Council, she was trying to get to some place where they could all agree. Council Member Christie absent.

After further discussion, Council Member Bradford stated that he was simply ready to put compatible and modified language, whether it was in the ordinance, impacting Item No. 60 and No. 61 and move forward, and Mayor Parker stated that was the offer they made during the recess, and against the advice of the City Attorney, she indicated that she would bring the issue back before Council with the results of the analysis of the internal committee, whatever they were calling it, the Assignment Committee, and Council Member Bradford stated that it was not Mayor Parker's intention to let a probably \$6 million contract to any vendor without Council's involvement, and Mayor Parker stated no, although, while she was trying to establish the fact that she had the authority to do that, it would certainly not be her intention, which was why she brought this contract forward.

Council Member Bradford moved that they move forward "with language placed in the controlling ordinance consistent with what Council Member Green has offered", and they do it for Item No. 60 and Item No. 61, comparable language in the ordinance, particularly since the Mayor had stipulated, on the record, that she would comply with that, seconded by Council Member Costello.

Mayor Parker stated that he could not actually amend Item No. 61 at this point, because they only had Item No. 60 before them, but she understood, and that would be brought forward, it would be a motion to reconsider Council Member Green's Amendment No. 3, and to instead amend, with essentially the same language, the originating ordinance.

Council Member Bradford moved to reconsider Motion 2014-0636, Council Member Green's Amendment No. 3, seconded by Council Member Costello.

Mayor Parker stated that Council Member Bradford voted with the majority, it was a motion to reconsider, that she wanted to make sure that everybody knew what would be happening, but they believed that cleared her issue with the contract, and against the advice of the City Attorney, she would honor the amendment in the originating ordinance that the issue come back to Council for a confirming vote if things changed.

Council Member Bradford stated that he wanted to read into the record, his amendment for clarification purposes, "The Assignment Committee shall determine the Accounts to be Assigned or Reassigned subject to the terms articulated in the contact, with City Council approval."

Mayor Parker stated in the originating ordinance and not in the contract, the distinction she was making, against the advice of the City Attorney, she was agreeing to do this, they could not compel her to do this, they were doing it in the ordinance and she was agreeing to accept it in the ordinance, but she preserved administrative prerogative that they could not compel her to do that.

Mayor Parker stated that they had a motion and a second, the discussion was to reconsider the original amendment to the contract, and instead submit that amendment to the originating ordinance.

After further discussion by Council Members Gonzalez, Green and Laster, a vote was called on Council Member Bradford's motion to reconsider MOTION 2014-0636. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0637 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker read information she had been provided as the proposed motion to amend the ordinance as follows:

I move to amend the adopting ordinance by revising the language in Section 3 as follows:

"The Account Assignment Committee shall determine the Accounts to be Assigned or Reassigned subject to the terms articulated in the contract with City Council approval."

I further amend the adopting ordinance by renumbering the language previously included as Section 3 as a new Section 4, and by renumbering the language previously included as Section 4 as a new Section 5.

A vote was called on Council Member Bradford's motion to the originating ordinance as described. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0638 ADOPTED.

A vote was called on the amendments as amended to Item No. 60 submitted by the administration on 6/18/2014, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0639 ADOPTED.

A vote was called on Item No. 60 as amended. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0686 ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

61. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **LINEBARGER GOGGAN BLAIR & SAMPSON, LLP** for the Collection of Delinquent Ad Valorem Taxes – (This was Item 53 on Agenda of June 18, 2014, TAGGED BY

COUNCIL MEMBER NGUYEN) – was presented.

Council Member Bradford moved that they move forward “with language placed in the controlling ordinance consistent with what Council Member Green has offered”, and they do it for Item No. 61, comparable language in the ordinance, particularly since the Mayor had stipulated, on the record, that she would comply with that as follows:

I move to amend the adopting ordinance by revising the language in Section 3 as follows:

“The Account Assignment Committee shall determine the Accounts to be Assigned or Reassigned subject to the terms articulated in the contract with City Council approval.”

I further amend the adopting ordinance by renumbering the language previously included as Section 3 as a new Section 4, and by renumbering the language previously included as Section 4 as a new Section 5, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0640 ADOPTED.

A vote was called on Item No. 61 as amended. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0687 ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Robinson stated that these first six months on City Council had been wonderful and thanked his colleagues, it was a pleasure to work with them through some of the hard decisions; that he too would like to mention the World Cup and focus their energies to support the USA in a very important game against Germany tomorrow; and announced events he attended or would be attending. Council Members Davis, Martin, Green, Costello and Bradford absent.

Council Member Boykins stated that he wanted to welcome Reverend James Nash back home, that he had hip surgery; and announced events he attended or would be attending; and stated that he wanted them to keep Tony Morris in their prayers. Council Members Davis, Martin, Green, Costello and Bradford absent.

Council Member Laster stated that he wanted to welcome Mr. Dave Bonem as the new Chief of Staff for District J; that he wanted to wish everyone a happy and safe Fourth of July. Council Members Davis, Martin, Green, Costello and Bradford absent.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that he wanted to express his sincere appreciation to Managing Engineer Rod Pinheiro and Maintenance Section Chief Elroyal Morris, Public Works and Engineering Department, they recently took the time to meet on site with Reverend Brandon Murphy, Holy Name Church, Mr. Johnny Mata and the District H team to discuss some longtime community concerns with drainage and infrastructure around the church, that he wanted to acknowledge Director Daniel Krueger and Mr. Gary Morris, Council Liaison, for facilitating the site visit; that he would like to remind everybody that Metro System Re-Imagining Proposal was still looking for community feedback, ahead of its potential implementation in 2015; that for the second year in a row Rice University had been named the Top University Business Incubator in the world by the UBI Index, based out of Sweden, Rice was tops amongst 550 global institutions; that he wanted to remind everyone to make sure that they were vigilant and fully aware of not leaving children in cars, it got extremely hot and in just a couple of minutes could be a disaster; that he wanted to commend and congratulate Director Turner, on his 10 year anniversary with the City; and announced events he attended or would be attending. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Green, Costello, Robinson and Bradford absent.

Council Member Cohen announced events she attended or would be attending. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Laster, Green, Costello, Robinson and Bradford absent.

Council Member Pennington stated that he wanted to state that he agreed with a Houston Chronicle editorial dated June 22, 2014 which stated that the City must address its long term budget problems, that he presented budget reduction amendments, which were rejected, and were aimed at not only reducing expenditures, but to begin a budget resolution process to make Council and the public, more cognizant of the depth and severity of their governance and fiscal problems, that he thought it would be wise to have an outside evaluation of the Police and Fire Departments to determine from uninfluenced sources whether they were actually being efficient, that he thought obviously they needed to address their union contracts, which were subject to renegotiation in the next two years, that the Texas Legislature would meet in 2015 to consider, among other things, pension issues that he hoped would be presented by the City, that he strongly requested the Mayor to propose a citizens committee to receive public testimony and recommend actions of Council on this matter, they had a committee in 2011, however the stakeholders included City Council Members, employees of the Fire and Police unions, he thought this time they needed a committee consisting of public citizens members, without City or union or pension trustee representatives. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Laster, Green, Costello, Robinson and Bradford absent.

Council Member Gallegos stated that he was pleased to welcome Mr. Reynaldo Gonzalez to the District I team, he would be interning in the District I office this summer as part of the Summer Jobs Program; and announced events he attended or would be attending; and stated that he wanted to share an email he received from two District I constituents and downtown residents who commented the great work and positive relationship they had developed with officers in the downtown area, they wanted to thank Special Operations for the actions taken in recent months that continued to improve civility on the 900 block of Main Street, where they lived, increased visibility of HPD had dramatically reduced acts of malicious mischief and rowdiness, that they knew officers could not always be present, but the increased visibility and quick response had certainly made a positive impact, that Sergeant Goodson demonstrated dedication and a genuine interest in their neighborhood and their interaction with him was always a very positive experience, that Sergeant McFarland was their CBD Sector Initiative Supervisor, they looked forward to getting to know him better, that for all their effort and their department they thank them and wanted them to know they had their continued support, that he would join these residents who commended the entire Special Operations Team on a job well done. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Laster, Green, Costello, Robinson and Bradford absent.

Council Member Stardig announced events she attended or would be attending; and stated that she wanted to recognize Director Scott Minnix, she had been on him since she hit her office about the Ring Library and the glass that was broken, the team came together, got it shipped in, it was unique glass to that library. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Laster, Green, Costello, Robinson and Bradford absent.

Council Member Nguyen announced events he attended or would be attending; and stated that he wanted to say Happy Independence Day America, that he never took freedom for granted; and stated that the jogger who found the baby who involved in the stolen vehicle, her last name was Nguyen; that he wanted to thank Director Tipton, Director Hayes and Director Krueger, for their lightning fast responses and services to District F; that he wanted to thank the Parks and Recreation Department for mulching over 400 trees at Harwin Park; and stated that today was his Chief of Staff's birthday, and wished Mr. Alvin Byrd a Happy Birthday. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Laster, Green, Costello, Robinson and Bradford absent.

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

Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Laster, Green, Costello, Robinson and Bradford absent.

Mayor Parker stated that they were always happy that Council Member Christie liked the international events, but if anyone else would like to be given notice about these various events so they could attend also they would love to have them; that a reminder to Council Members, there would be no meeting next week because of the Independence Day holiday, that was one of their weeks off, so anything that was delayed from this week would appear in two weeks; the Quality of Life Committee meeting would cover the Gus Wortham Golf Course and a proposed golf course redo and/or the botanical garden issue; that she expected to see many Council Members at the Pride Parade on Saturday night; that she too had experienced the funky drinking water at her house, it was an unexpected algae bloom, they were adapting to it, the water was perfectly safe to drink, it did not taste great, she could attest to that, but sorry for the inconvenience that it caused folks. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Laster, Green, Costello, Robinson and Bradford absent.

There being no further business before Council, the City Council adjourned at 1:29 p.m. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Laster, Green, Costello, Robinson and Bradford absent.

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

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

/S/Anna Russell

Anna Russell, City Secretary