

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, July 22, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 22, 2014, with Mayor Annise Parker presiding with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Dwight Boykins, Ellen R. Cohen, Dave Martin, Richard Nguyen, Oliver Pennington, Edward Gonzalez, Robert Gallegos, Larry V. Green, Stephen C. Costello, David W. Robinson, Michael Kubosh 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 Jerry Davis out of the city on city business. Council Members Mike Laster and C. O. "Brad" Bradford out of the city on personal business.

At 1:46 p.m. Mayor Parker called the meeting to order and stated that they would begin the presentation portion of the City Council meeting, and recognized Council Member Gonzalez for the first presentation. Council Members Stardig, Green and Costello absent.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that he was honored to give a special presentation to Members of the Human Trafficking Alliance, that today they would honor seven individuals in law enforcement who had given their time and energy to help victims and put perpetrators behind bars, and presented each of the following with individual proclamations to Special Agent Suzanne Bradley, Investigator Edwin Chapuseaux, Deputy Criminal Chief Edward Gallager, Harris County Sheriff and former Houston Council Member and Mayor Pro Tem Adrian Garcia, U.S. Attorney Kenneth Magidson, Assistant U.S. Attorney Joe C. Magliolo, Jr. and Assistant U.S. Attorney, Ruben R. Perez, that he wanted to commend Mayor Parker's leadership and work in the area with her task force, that he wanted to commend Mr. Terrance O'Neal and Director Katy Tipton, who had been leading the effort. Council Members Green and Costello absent.

Mayor Parker stated that they had a major focus in the City of Houston on Human Trafficking and they were raising community awareness, they had their task force for some time, and in addition they had now a statewide initiative to raise awareness on human trafficking, but ultimately it came down to law enforcement to doggedly pursue leads, to pursue criminals and to make arrests and they hoped ultimately convictions, they wanted to take the opportunity to thank those in the criminal justice system who had been involved in this particular case, therefore, she, Annise Parker, Mayor of the City of Houston, hereby proclaimed today as Special Agent Suzanne Bradley, Investigator Edwin Chapuseaux, Deputy Criminal Chief Edward Gallager, Harris County Sheriff Adrian Garcia, U.S. Attorney Kenneth Magidson, Assistant U.S. Attorney Joe C. Magliolo, Jr. and Assistant U.S. Attorney, Ruben R. Perez Day in the City of Houston, Texas, and they offered proclamation to each of them and thanked them for what they did every day to keep them all safe. Council Members Green and Costello absent.

Sheriff Garcia, Mr. Magidson and Mr. Perez thanked Mayor Parker and the City Council for the proclamations.

Council Members Cohen, Stardig, Robinson, Boykins and Pennington congratulated them and thanked them for their service to the City of Houston.

Council Member Boykins presented a proclamation to Mr. Kofi Taharka, and stated that when the United States Postal Service initiated plans to relocate several post offices throughout the City of Houston, and the decision was made to target the historical Southmore Post Office, Mr. Taharka, along with members of the National Black United Front, organized a protest press conference to insure the community was aware of this pending action, they organized a letter written petition campaign to stop the relocation effort, that Mr. Taharka used his own resources to personally deliver the petitions to Washington, D. C. to the Headquarters of the United States

Postal Service, and thanked Mr. Taharka for saving their post office, and Mayor Parker stated that they wanted to save the post office building for community access, and therefore, she, Annise Parker, Mayor of the City of Houston, hereby proclaimed today as Kofi Taharka Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Stardig and Green absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez and Council Member Pennington stated that they wanted to thank for Taharka for his efforts. Council Members Stardig and Green absent.

Mr. Taharka stated that it was not about individuals, there were a lot of community organizations that came together to save the post office for two reasons, one, because of its functionality and need in the community, and two, because of the historical significance. Council Members Stardig and Green absent.

Mayor Parker stated that they had a very robust Sister City Network around the world, that as a major global city they had ties all over the world, one of the oldest and strongest relationships was with their Sister City of Perth, Australia, today she was offering a Certificate of Congratulations from the City of Houston to Ms. Anna Cho, for her selection as the Grand Prize Winner in the Sister Cities International Young Artist Showcase, that she was sponsored by the Houston/Perth Sister City Association. Council Members Boykins and Green absent.

Ms. Cho stated that she was thankful for the Sister City of Houston for providing her with such a great opportunity and to share her artwork. Council Members Boykins and Green absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, Council Members Christie, Stardig and Pennington congratulated Ms. Cho. Council Member Boykins absent.

At 2:22 p.m. Mayor Parker recognized Council Member Christie for the invocation and pledge of allegiance, and Council Member Christie invited Father John Newton, Episcopal Church, for the invocation and Council Member Christie led all in the pledge of allegiance. Council Member Pennington absent.

At 1:57 p.m. the City Secretary called the roll. Council Member Davis out of the city on city business. Council Members Laster and Bradford out of the city on personal business. Council Member Pennington absent.

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

Council Member Boykins moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of adding Ms. Florence Coleman, Ms. Sandra Flowers, Mr. Bill White, Ms. Ernestine Lloyd and Ms. Delores McGruder to the speakers list, seconded by Council Member Kubosh. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Davis out of the city on city business. Council Members Laster and Bradford out of the city on personal business. Council Member Pennington absent. MOTION 2014-0707 ADOPTED.

Council Member Gonzalez moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of adding Mr. Dirk Laukin to the speakers list, and to hear Mr. John Branch out of order, seconded by Council Member Kubosh. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Davis out of the city on city business. Council Members Laster and Bradford out of the city on personal business. Council Member Pennington absent. MOTION 2014-0708 ADOPTED.

The City Secretary called the list of speakers.

Mr. John Branch, 4430 Castor, Houston, Texas 77022 (832-880-0414) appeared and stated that he wanted to thank Mayor Parker for being such a sympathetic Mayor to the first Black city in the State of Texas, Independence Heights, that they did not have a community center, health clinic or a library, they were excited when they were told that \$1.5 million would be spent on a building that would host a community room where they could start holding their meeting, that the War On Drugs had been in existence in Independence Heights for over 24 years, the super neighborhood for over 10 years, they had been hosting their meetings at Neighborhood Centers and they learned they had sold the location in Independence Heights so they would no longer have a location to have their meetings, they asked to use the new building that had just been opened and paid for with tax dollars, last month it was the recycle cans program, and this month they were going to do a back to school project, that he asked the Solid Waste Director what would it be after that, when would they be able to use the building as a community meeting room, all they ask if they had plans for the rest of the year to give them a date next year where they could actually use the room. Council Member Pennington absent.

After discussion by Council Members Gonzalez and Robinson, Mayor Parker stated that she was not familiar and asked if this was the Reuse Warehouse, and Mr. Branch stated that between the depository and the warehouse they had just spent \$1.5 million on a renovation building between there that was going to host events to teach about the use of the depository, that there was a community meeting room inside of the building, and Mayor Parker stated that she was not familiar with that particular facility and would work with the District Council Member, that she appreciated his patience and acknowledgement that there were previously scheduled use of that facility, but they would figure out a way to make it work. Council Member Pennington absent.

Council Member Green moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing Ms. Tomaro Bell out of order, seconded by Council Member Kubosh. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Davis out of the city on city business. Council Members Laster and Bradford out of the city on personal business. Council Member Pennington absent. MOTION 2014-0709 ADOPTED.

Mr. Timothy Ross, 3900 Essex, Ste. 800, Houston, Texas 77027 (713-850-4200) appeared and stated that he was an attorney in Houston and represented Peltier Brothers Construction, who had been doing work with the City for approximately 30 years, and was joined with Mr. Richard Peltier, Mr. Jeremy Peltier and along with one of his colleagues and was present to protest Item No. 19 on the agenda, it was an award of an approximately \$1.5 million contract to Industrial TX Corp. Council Member Pennington absent.

Mayor Parker asked Mr. Ross if he was an attorney or an employee of Peltier, and Mr. Ross stated that he was an attorney representing Peltier Brothers Construction, and Mayor Parker stated that in that case she would suggest that they had limited ability to ask questions on the issue because Mr. Peltier was represented by an attorney and that should be communication with the City Legal Department, and asked Mr. Harlan Heilman, Legal Department, if there were things they should know at this point, and Mr. Heilman stated that he was not briefed on the item, but would strongly encourage the Council Members to keep limited communications, that they would give them a briefing later on in the week on the issue. Council Member Pennington absent.

After discussion by Council Members Stardig, Costello and Boykins, Mayor Parker stated that she could not give them the details of the issue either, and since Mr. Peltier was represented by Counsel and their Legal advisor was not familiar with the issue either, she would suggest that they could not address it sufficiently today. Council Member Pennington absent.

Mr. Richard Peltier, 11603 Windfern Trace Dr., Houston, Texas 77064 (281-894-4949) appeared and stated that he was in opposition to Item No. 19 on the agenda for July 23, 2014. Council Members Stardig, Pennington and Gallegos absent.

After discussion by Council Members Green and Costello, Mayor Parker stated that she would pull Item No. 19 from tomorrow's agenda to make sure all Council Members understood what was happening. Council Members Stardig, Pennington and Gallegos absent.

Mr. William Davis, 3900 Essex, Ste. 800, Houston, Texas 77027 (713-850-4200) appeared and stated that he worked with Mr. Ross and also represented Peltier Brothers. Council Members Stardig, Pennington and Gallegos absent.

After discussion by Council Members Gonzalez and Martin, Mr. Heilman stated that this was the lowest bidder, that best and final and multiple vendors come in and give them a quote and there was a process through State law that they could go back and ask for their best and final, this was not that situation, it was lowest responsible bidder. Council Members Stardig, Boykins and Gallegos absent.

Mr. Johnathan Garms, 9000 Randolph, Houston, Texas 77061 (832-477-1008) appeared and stated that he was the General Manager of Wilson Air Center, they were an FBO (Fixed Base Operation) based out of Hobby Airport, that they had some concerns about agenda Item No. 9, a lease agreement between Houston Airport System and Black Forest Ventures, they were concerned with a 40 year lease at their location, they had been on file with HAS several times, in 2006 and 2009 and 2011, of asking for any open property that came available and they had never heard anything back from them, they had also been told that they wanted all of the FBOs to stay on their side of their airport, they were on the south side and Black Forest Ventures was proposing to have an FBO terminal on the south side and Item No. 9 was on the east side of the airport, so they were asking that they review that and delay the item until the lease for the south side FBO was approved or denied. Council Members Stardig, Boykins and Gallegos absent.

Mayor Parker stated that the item on the agenda was for a renewal of an existing lease, and as Mr. Garms rightly pointed out it was in a different area than the one that he was concerned about, they were not the same transaction, and she was not exactly sure how they interacted with each other, and Mr. Garms stated that it was the same company and two different locations and operations in the airport, that if the lease was approved for the south side for the FBO, then Item No. 9 they would be allowed to operate as an FBO as well so they would have an FBO operation on the east side as well as the south side of the airport, but when they had gone after other hangars at Hobby they always wanted them to stay on their side of the airport, that was their objection. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin and Gallegos absent.

After discussion by Council Members Pennington, Green and Kubosh, Mayor Parker stated that they had hangar space at the airport, an existing lease, and they paid the City for the existing lease and usually when they signed leases there was an option to extend, she did not have the document in front of her, and she was assuming there as an option to extend and they had exercised that option, that she thought that Mr. Garms did not want that company to operate at two locations at the airport. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin and Gallegos absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she knew there was a representative of the airport present in the audience and if she said anything that was incorrect she trust that they would jump up and wave their arms. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin and Gallegos absent.

Mr. George R. Davis, 8402 Nelms, Houston, Texas 77061 (no phone # given) appeared and stated that was General Manager for Signature Flight Support at Hobby Airport and they were present to petition Item No. 9 as well, they would like to bring to their attention that the way it was written, as Mr. Garms had stated, was of great concern for others of the facility that was reaching out for a new lease according to the Request for Council Action, that it was also going to act as an additional FBO (Fixed Base Operation) on the field, they were not worried about competition, there were five FBOs on the field right now so there was plenty of competition, that in the past they had all asked for additional spaces and been denied based on the fact that it was on the other side of the field or not adjacent to their existing leaseholds. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin and Gallegos absent.

After discussion by Council Members Green and Davis, Mayor Parker stated that it was her understanding that they did not actually have a lease on the other side of the field, they had this existing lease, which they wanted to extend, plus they were trying to achieve a lease on the other side of the field, they did not currently exist in two places, did they, and Mr. Davis stated that currently they did not, however, it was his understanding that it was not an extension to the lease, and Mayor Parker asked if they had an existing facility on that site, and Mr. Davis stated that yes, they had an existing facility and the lease had expired and he was assuming that all of the options had been expired as well, and they were asking to create a new lease, as well as the additional lease on the other side, and Mayor Parker stated the reason why they would deny them a lease was, and Mr. Davis stated that they would love to see it fair to everyone on the field, that he would love to have the opportunity to have that hangar as well, that they worked on the east side of the ramp, by the airfield, and there had been properties on the west side that they had asked to have opportunities on and they were denied because it was on the opposite side of the field. Council Members Stardig and Martin absent.

After further discussion Mayor Parker stated that they would not be allowed to operate the facility as an FBO, they were just continuing the operations that they had now, at this particular site, although apparently they were bidding on another site to operate as an FBO, that there would be a bid process for the FBO site. Council Members Stardig and Martin absent.

Mr. Anthony Wright, 7930 Airport Blvd., Houston, Texas 77061 (713-644-6431) appeared and stated that he was General Manager for Atlantic Aviation, and asked Mayor Parker that when she said it was not currently going to be used as an FBO and would not be used as an FBO in the future, that went against the language under the "use section", and asked if she could explain that. Council Members Stardig and Martin absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she had been given documents from the Airport System and they say that the current site would not be used as an FBO, and Mr. Wright stated that it said until the other agreement was reached and asked Mayor Parker if that was correct, and Mayor Parker stated that she had no idea; and Mr. Wright stated that the other objection that Atlantic Aviation had was that the amount of capital investment was not in keeping with their capital investment, of which a lease was just signed with Intercontinental Airport, their capital investment showed \$150,000 over the first five years, and \$1.4 million for the remaining of the term, which was a 40 year term, that Atlantic Aviation's objection was that for Intercontinental they had to agree to \$2 million over a \$20 million term, so if they were following the FAA Grant Assurances and being consistent with the fees and expenditures, on the lease this was not in keeping as well; and FAA Assurance No. 22, Economic Non Discrimination required sponsors to negotiate in good faith with reasonable terms and perspective aeronautical service providers, that he did not feel like this had been accomplished simply because during this whole process they met with Mr. Andy Icken, Deputy Director, Mayor's Office, and Mr. Mario Diaz, Director of Aviation, and not at any time did they let them know that this item was going to be brought on the agenda so quickly. Council Members Stardig, Boykins and Martin absent.

Mayor Parker stated that both Hobby and Intercontinental were two separate airports and costs of operating at those two airports were individually calculated, that she had now been given a copy of the lease and it clearly indicated in the lease that this was for a so called "Larson Site" on Larson Street and there was a simultaneous negotiation for a lease for a FBO operation on Koonce Road, they were two separate locations and two separate leases, this lease referenced that, and he did not read the entire paragraph, it said that "whereas if they were successful on the other lease they can use this particular lease for support operations" it did not say they could use this particular lease for an FBO, that it did not say "until", it said "if the City and the lessee enter into a lease agreement for the Koonce site, as lessee had committed to above and the FBO has received a Certificate of Occupancy and has opened for business then this lease, meaning the Larson Site, shall be converted from a restricted FBO to support operations for the FBO facility at the Koonce Site", it did not in any way say they could operate it as an FBO, and Mr. Wright stated that was not the way he read it at all, or not the way he understood it, but thank you for the clarification. Council Members Stardig, Boykins and Martin absent.

Mr. Patrick Rinka, 201 S. Orange Ave., Ste. 1100, Orlando, Florida 38201 (407-648-7208) appeared and stated that he was Senior Legal Counsel for Signature Flight Support Corporation and stated that it sounded like there was some confusion surrounding the FBO support use that was proposed for the lease renewal site and thought part of the problem stemmed from the fact that the Houston Hobby did not have minimum standards which governed FBO use, which was common at most other airports, so they were a little unclear as to what was required and what exactly FBO support use would entail, to them it sounded like it would actually allow for use as an actual FBO rather than just support services, so if there was some distinction, restriction or conditions put on that he thought perhaps they would all feel a little more comfortable; that with respect to the capital improvement commitments, that he could tell them that at Signature Flight Support Corporation they literally just concluded negotiations with Houston Hobby Airport last month, they had a lease effective as of June 24, 2014 in which they committed to make a capital contribution of \$10 million for a 40 year lease extension, and at no time during that negotiation was it mentioned to them that there was contemplation of a sixth FBO on the field, all of their financial modeling was based on the current five FBOs, so certainly this was a material condition that they were not aware of, that he wanted to make that clear to the Council. Council Members Stardig and Martin absent.

Mayor Parker stated that they had contacted her office and assumed they had contacted Council offices about the Koonce site and the potential for another FBO over there, she was just trying to make the point that this was a completely different side of the airport and was a different site as to definitions within the contract and believed if he read further through the contract he would find that there was a definition for support operations, but she would ask that he meet with the airport representative present in the audience and work through that. Council Members Stardig and Martin absent.

Upon further questions and discussion by Council Member Green, Mr. Rinka stated that it was never communicated to them that there was a possibility that another FBO was being considered at the same time that they were negotiating their lease extension, and as a matter of fact they were already aware that because of the Master Plan reconfiguration that was planned for the airport in the future a portion of the leasehold was going to be taken so they were already planning for that and would probably have to build a new FBO terminal building because taxiways and runways might be coming through their existing facility, they had asked the airport on many occasions previously what other land might be available at the airport so that they could plan for the future and were told they could not use property or look at hangars on other sides of the airport and were never made aware that there was another FBO being contemplated for the airport at this time. Council Members Stardig and Martin absent.

Mr. John Beeson, 415 Carnarvon, Houston, Texas 77024 (713-622-5595) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig and Martin absent.

Mayor Parker stated that for all those present on the airport item the airport representative would meet with them in the back of the Chamber. Council Members Stardig and Martin absent.

Ms. Florence Coleman appeared in support of Item No. 13 and stated that she was a long time member of the Fifth Ward Community and a member of TOP and she was speaking on their behalf today, that TOP had worked literally hundreds of hours with Mayor Parker and Director Rackleff at the Houston Housing Department, HUD and fair housing advocates to develop and get funding for a massive plan to transform the neighborhood around Cleme Manor, which was in the Fifth Ward area, and two other Houston neighborhoods into high opportunity, economically and racially integrated neighborhoods, that the goal was to insure that there was affordable housing in the neighborhood so that the current residents could enjoy all of the new opportunities and jobs that came with a revitalized, diverse and integrated neighborhood. Council Members Stardig, Boykins and Martin absent.

Ms. Sandra Flowers appeared and stated that her neighbors lived in the Cleme Manor Apartments, for the sake of the tenants at Cleme Manor and the neighborhood they all recognized the need for genuine transformation therefore they supported the full revitalization of Cleme Manor, it would be to the detriment of the Fifth Ward Community for Cleme Manor to remain as it was today, it was important that the owners had a vision to address the needs of all involved in the process, that they wanted to make sure that affordable housing for the lowest income residents was available in the area, especially considering the increase of higher income residents moving into the area, that this entire effort had to be done in partnership with original community members such as herself and many others, they would hold the developer and the City of Houston Housing Department accountable as they hoped to move forward with these revitalization initiatives, especially Cleme Manor in the historic Fifth Ward. Council Members Stardig, Boykins and Martin absent.

Mr. Bill White appeared and stated that around 1969 he had an opportunity to visit Cleme Manor when it was newly constructed, the residents of the area that he now lived in were very proud of Cleme Manor as a housing unit in the Fifth Ward, many of those folks had gone on to become successful and contributing members to the Houston Community, that today not so much, however, there was an opportunity to benefit Cleme Manor, they would like to thank Mayor Parker and Mr. Rackleff for participating with them and the developer, who had a good track record throughout the City, to make Cleme Manor a contributing part of the City as they go forward in the future, that people in Cleme Manor could have and would have hope with someone like NHP to turn the facility and the place around. Council Members Stardig and Martin absent.

Ms. Ernestine Lloyd appeared and stated that she was a member of TOP and a longtime resident of the Fifth Ward, that Cleme Manor had to be dealt with, or the Coke Street Apartments, for the sake of the tenants and the neighborhood, it was a Section 8 apartment project that was built over 40 years ago in a place, time and manor that would not be permitted today, that as the revitalization takes place Cleme Manor could not be left behind as a run down and blighted housing project, that Cleme Manor represented a legacy of discrimination and a burden on the residents and the community, the apartments could not be an island to themselves of suffering in a new and vibrant neighborhood, the harm that had been done to the residents of Cleme Manor over forty years and keeping them isolated in a separate and unequal project had to be overcome, that residents and stakeholders had to see change now, there had never been a viable opportunity for change until now, now was the time for action and

change. Council Members Stardig, Martin and Pennington absent.

Ms. Delores McGruder appeared and stated that she had lived in Cleme Manor for 25 years, those were some of the greatest years of her life, but what happened, during the 25 years the apartment complex went down, that the residents of Cleme Manor Park hoped that the contract that would be signed, between the developer and the City of Houston, would consider the residents of Cleme Manor in the process of working together to overcome the problems which existed at the apartments, the residents deserved high quality apartments, the Cleme Manor apartments should keep up with the ever changing Fifth Ward Community, please give the residents a chance to prove that they were worthy. Council Members Stardig, Martin and Pennington absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she wanted to thank all of the folks from TOP for coming to Council, that Cleme Manor, she believed, was a Housing Authority Project, and knew they were working to improve that project, and the speakers stated from the audience that it was not a Housing Authority Project, it was a Housing and Community Development, Section 8 Project, that they were supporting what Housing and Community Development were doing. Council Members Stardig, Martin and Pennington absent.

Council Member Boykins asked the speakers if they were for or against the project and they stated that they were for the project, and Mayor Parker stated that it was the Jamestown Affordable Housing, Inc. Project. Council Members Stardig, Martin and Pennington absent.

Mr. Dirk Laukin appeared and stated that he was present on Item No. 9, that he was owner of Wing Aviation, that they currently operate a facility on the east side of the field and would like to continue that operation, they had been month to month while they had good faith discussion with the airport and the City to renew the lease and continued to add value by investing \$1.5 million in the hanger and facility so that they could continue to operate, that he may add that they did not plan to operate as an FBO out of that facility, that was never the plan, that was not the way the lease was written, that currently they were actually asked that until their new proposal was considered, to bring their business to the existing FBOs and they were good customers of theirs, never the less they had decided to oppose and delay the item, they believed that they continued to add positive value, their fleet had grown. Council Members Stardig, Martin and Pennington absent.

Mayor Parker stated that the item before them was unrelated to a request for an FBO facility in another area of the airport, they were two separate transactions. Council Members Stardig, Martin and Pennington absent.

Ms. Tomaro Bell appeared and stated that she was present to discuss Item No. 11, the \$500,000 for the TIRZ and the additional funds for the project on OST, that currently there were three multi-family projects proposed within a third of a mile and a half a mile of the Mac Gregor Trails Civic Club, that she understood that the City was looking at doing a homeless, especially the clinically homeless, but this was too much for one area. Council Members Stardig, Martin and Pennington absent.

After discussion and questions by Council Member Boykins, Mayor Parker stated that this was a senior housing project, not a homeless housing project, if she did not want seniors in her neighborhood she should say that, and Ms. Bell stated that on the agenda item they did not mention the word seniors, that she had asked if seniors, who had just been released from prison and were sexual offenders, live in the project and they said yes, and she asked could seniors live in this property who had just gotten out of jail and were murderers and they said yes, the requirement was only that they were seniors, that she wanted to be real clear, she did not want those kind of seniors in her neighborhood, that she did not mind senior housing, but

she definitely wanted some discretion on who those seniors were, and Mayor Parker stated that they had to follow federal law if they did federally financed senior housing projects. Council Members Stardig, Martin and Pennington absent.

After further discussion Mayor Parker stated that Mr. Stephen Tinnermon, Housing and Community Development, was present in the audience and would visit with Ms. Bell. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Nguyen and Pennington absent.

Ms. Janet Fisher, 1950 Spenwick, No. 358, Houston, Texas 77055 (281-904-0141) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Nguyen 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 Stardig, Martin, Nguyen and Pennington absent.

Mr. Craig Oettinger, 5015 Crawford, Houston, Texas 77004 (713-525-2271) appeared, read from a prepared statement, and stated that he was a member of the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Houston and the Save Our Streets Coalition, that he would hope that the City Council would be celebrating the community of historic Freeman's Town, instead they were scheduled to destroy the brick streets that embodied the spirit and replace historic structures with memorial gesture, that all they were asking for was for the City Council to delay signing the contract to install utilities on Andrews and Wilson Streets, please do not destroy their history. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington and Green absent. City of Houston

After discussion by Council Member Cohen, Mayor Parker stated that she drove the streets yesterday and would make a commitment today, and would encourage every Council Member to drive those streets if they had any questions, if they could find a stretch of road that had intact brick streets for 100 feet, which was the width of two standard City lots, she would micro tunnel under it, she could not find a section of road that did not have asphalt patches all the way through, there were no intact sections of roadway over there, that she was a passionate preservationist and went out personally to drive those streets to see if there was a place where micro tunneling could make sense and she had yet to find an area, she was not asking for a whole block, but she could not find a 100 feet of road that was intact bricks on both sides and both lengths. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Green and Christie absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mr. Oettinger stated that the streets were 100 years old, so yes there needed to be some repair, but there was much more than 100 feet that could be easily repaired and brought up to standards without removing the bricks, and Mayor Parker stated that the process of repairing a brick street meant that they lift the bricks up, do work under them and put them down. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Green and Christie absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Reverend Kathleen Ellis, 5200 Fannin St., Houston, Texas 77004 (713-526-5200) appeared and stated that she one of the ministers of First Unitarian Universalist Church in the Museum District, that for several years their church had participated in the preservation of Freedmen's Town, that she appreciated their interest in preserving the area, that Freedmen's Town was included in the National Register of Historic Places because it was associated with cultural practices or beliefs of a living community that was rooted in the community's history and were important in maintaining and continuing the cultural identity of that community. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Green and Christie absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Council Member Boykins stated that he was going to drive the streets himself, that he did not know what to do and had to ask himself the question of what would work. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Green and Christie absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Council Member Gonzalez stated that he was definitely very sensitive to the history and some of the sensitivity around the issue and what everyone was expressing, but was curious if there could be any type of compromise where maybe they could do a small demonstration project where maybe one block they could try to do something to preserve some of the history and keep it as intact as possible. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Green and Christie absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mr. Jay Christian Garcia, 8837 Laura Koppe Rd., Houston, Texas 77078 (281-888-3331) appeared and stated that he was an advocate, humanitarian, philanthropist, founder and president of Angels Advocates, they strived to protect and support the wellbeing of their children and community, his purpose for being present was to address the issues in his community, the Lakewood Neighborhood, located in northeast Houston, where Lakewood Church was founded, there were major issues to be addressed, excessive speeding on Laura Koppe Road from Mesa Drive, he proposed that the City install speed detector signs at the corner of Laura Koppe Road near Mesa Drive, facing both directions of traffic, he would also like to propose an increase presence of law enforcement, his next concern was illegal dumping, and passed out pictures and stated that they could see there was a serious problem in their area with illegal trash dumping; that he had a concern about several abandoned homes in the Lakewood Community, one in particular was located across the street from where he resided at 8834 Laura Koppe Rd., that he was interested, personally, in converting the home into a community civic club; that he wanted to address the issue of loitering in front of neighborhood convenience stores, up and down the streets of their community, again the increased presence of law enforcement should subdue the loiterers. Council Members Stardig, Cohen, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Green and Christie absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mayor Parker stated that she wanted to thank Mr. Garcia for caring enough about his neighborhood to try to improve it, she understood that the Neighborhood Protection Division of the Department of Neighborhoods had reached out to him, they would walk the neighborhood with him and he could point out the particular issues, that they had abandoned houses all over the City, they were very aggressive of making sure they were boarded up or torn down, unfortunately they could not just take an abandoned house and turn it over to folks who wanted to do good things with it, they had to go through a strict legal process mandated by the State, they would work with him to the best of their ability to identify the problems and begin to try to get the property owners to shape up. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Green and Christie absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mr. Leon Foster, 4827 Danfield, Houston, Texas 77053 (832-202-9101) appeared and stated that he had an incident with HPD, three weeks ago he had an incident where his ex-wife stole some of his things, he reported it to the police and they said there was nothing they could do, that they needed some information, he gave them information and they gave him a number to call back because they wanted to check pawn shops in the area, he called back and they did not have any information, that he kept calling and had to make sure he had the right number, it was supposed to be a 4 and they made it a 6, he went to the pawn shop and the jewelry he had cost about \$10,000, but the jewelry they showed him was a ring that he would not spend \$30 for. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Gonzalez, Green and Christie absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mayor Parker stated that it sounded as if the police was actively investigating and asked that Mr. Foster meet with Sargent Herndon, HPD, who was present in the Chamber and would

talk to him about what his rights were with the pawn shop. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Gonzalez, Green and Christie absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Ms. Bobbie Ina, 1415 W. Gulf Bank Rd., No. 101, Houston, Texas (832-712-3852) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Gonzalez, Green and Christie absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Ms. Anna Martin, 3114 Airport Blvd., Houston, Texas 77051 (713-733-1904) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Gonzalez, Green and Christie absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Dr. Krista Coleman, 3200 N. MacGregory Way, Unit 42, Houston, Texas 77004 (832-989-7514) appeared, read the history of Freedmen's Town from a prepared document and stated that she was present on behalf of the great work that was currently being done by the Freedmen's Town Preservation Coalition, and asked that they stop the contract through legal means and/or engage the residents of the City and State to encourage the Council to join the preservation effort. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Nguyen, Gonzalez, Green and Christie absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Council Member Boykins asked if he could get a copy of the document that Dr. Coleman was reading from, and Ms. Coleman stated that she did bring copies today. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Nguyen, Gonzalez, Green and Christie absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Ms. Josephine Garcia, 711 Majestic, Houston, Texas 77020 (832-507-4113) appeared, presented information, and stated that she had passed out pictures of her dog who they lost last week, that it started on Sunday afternoon when her husband was pulled over by an HPD officer for a traffic violation, under the Collingsworth exit, her dog was in the car with him, the officer stopped them on the feeder of Collingsworth, the officer asked that they get out of the vehicle and proceeded to check his car, which was clean, her husband did not have any drugs on him, however his passenger did, and the officer arrested both of them and proceeded to take them both into the squad car, called the tow people to pick up the car and her dog was left on the side of the feeder of Collingsworth and Jensen, as she was calling her husband he asked the officer to let him answer the phone so he could have his wife pick up the dog, they lived five miles from there and the officer said he could not do that, he did not want to, it was not his problem, he would be fine, the two people came and picked up the car, threw the dog out of the car and left him on the feeder of that busy intersection, her husband was depressed, that she passed out flyers and visited BARC on Monday morning to see if he was picked up or somebody had taken him down there and he was not, on Tuesday afternoon they got a call that somebody saw her dog on the exit ramp of Collingsworth, he told her where the dog was and she went to look for him, that the caller came and met her at the Valero Station and took her up 610, off of Lockwood, back around onto Highway 59 and got on the shoulder of Collingsworth, she walked down the shoulder and saw her dog, whose picture she had passed out, that she wanted a public apology from the officer. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Nguyen, Green and Christie absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she wanted to give Ms. Garcia a public apology right now, on behalf of the City of Houston, she did not know what airhead would throw out the pet, if she would let her have an opportunity to find out what actually happened, who made the decision to abandon someone's pet on the side of the road and if nothing else they could make sure they had a clear policy in place that it would not happen again to someone else, she believed that Ms. Cottingham was present in the back from ARA, but she would like to know personally what the outcome of this was, and Ms. Garcia stated that she did file an Internal Affairs report on the officer on Monday, so it was being investigated, and Mayor Parker stated that for an individual

officer doing something dumb, she had done exactly the right thing by filing an Internal Affairs Complaint, that she wanted to make sure they knew what the policy was in those circumstances moving forward. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Nguyen, Green and Christie absent.

Council Members Boykins and Gallegos stated that they were sorry for their loss. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Nguyen, Green and Christie absent.

Ms. Bertha Hymon, 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 Stardig, Martin, Nguyen, Green and Christie absent.

President Joseph Charles, Post Office Box 524373, Houston, Texas 77052-4373 (713-928-2871) appeared and stated that he needed more time and needed responses or else they were going to be charged for not actually hearing him, and continued to express his personal opinions until his time expired. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Nguyen, Green and Christie absent.

At 4:19 p.m. Mayor Parker stated that the City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, July 23, 2014. Council Member Davis out of the city on city business. Council Members Laster and Bradford out of the city on personal business. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Nguyen, Green and Christie absent.

The Houston City Council reconvened at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, July 23, 2014, Mayor Annise Parker presiding with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Ellen R. Cohen, Dwight Boykins, Dave Martin, Richard Nguyen, Oliver Pennington, Edward Gonzalez, Robert Gallegos, Larry V. Green, David Robinson, Michael Kubosh, and Jack Christie, D.C.; Mr. Dave Feldman, City Attorney; Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director and Stella Ortega, Agenda Office, present. Council Member Jerry Davis out of the city on city business. Council Members Mike Laster, Stephen C. Costello and C. O. "Brad" Bradford out of the city on personal business.

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

At 9:12 a.m. Mayor Parker called the meeting to order and stated they would proceed with the consent agenda.

MAYOR'S REPORT

CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 1 through 21

MISCELLANEOUS - NUMBERS 1 and 2

1. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment of **J. S. STONE** to Position One to the **HOUSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for a term to expire March 1, 2016 – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Pennington. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Davis out of the city on city business. Council Members Laster, Costello and Bradford out of the city on personal business. MOTION 2014-0710 ADOPTED.
2. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment and or reappointment of the following individuals to the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER TWENTY**:
Position One - **KEVIN M. CHAVEZ**, reappointment, for a term to expire 12/20/2015

- Position Two - **WELCOME W. WILSON, JR.**, reappointment, for a term to expire 12/20/14, and to serve as Chair
Position Three- **KENNETH C. LI**, appointment, for a term to expire 12/20/2015
Position Four - **STEPHEN T. LE**, reappointment, for a term to expire 12/20/2014
Position Five - **SAUL VALENTIN**, reappointment, for a term to expire 12/20/2015
Position Seven- **CANDICE ALEXANDER**, reappointment, for a term to expire 12/20/15

– was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Pennington. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Davis out of the city on city business. Council Members Laster, Costello and Bradford out of the city on personal business. MOTION 2014-0711 ADOPTED.

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS - NUMBERS 3 through 6

3. **COBB ENVIRONMENTAL & TECHNICAL SERVICES, INC** to Construct a Self-Serve Aviation Fueling Station for the Houston Airport System - \$371,958.00 and contingencies for a total amount not to exceed \$409,153.80 - Enterprise Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Pennington. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Davis out of the city on city business. Council Members Laster, Costello and Bradford out of the city on personal business. MOTION 2014-0712 ADOPTED.
4. **PIONEER CONTRACT SERVICES, INC** for Office Furniture from the State of Texas Procurement and Support Services Contract through the State Cooperative Purchasing Program for the Houston Airport System - \$86,530.97 - Enterprise Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Pennington. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Davis out of the city on city business. Council Members Laster, Costello and Bradford out of the city on personal business. MOTION 2014-0713 ADOPTED.
5. **GOWAN, INC** for Cooling Tower Rebuild Services and Associated Equipment through the Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Purchasing with the Harris County Department of Education for the General Services Department - \$139,408.00 and contingencies for a total amount not to exceed \$153,348.80 - Maintenance Renewal and Replacement Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Pennington. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Davis out of the city on city business. Council Members Laster, Costello and Bradford out of the city on personal business. MOTION 2014-0714 ADOPTED.
6. **TRILLIUM DEVELOPMENT LTD. CO.** for Miscellaneous Wire and Cable for Various Departments - 36 Months with two one-year options - \$1,245,563.19 - General and Other Funds – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Pennington. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Davis out of the city on city business. Council Members Laster, Costello and Bradford out of the city on personal business. MOTION 2014-0715 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated they had made an appointment to the Houston Public Library Foundation Board of Directors and invited Mr. J. S. Stone to the podium and thanked him for his willingness to serve, and thanked him for his service to the City of Houston.

Mr. Stone stated that he appreciated this and considered it an honor and would strive to do a good job.

Mayor Parker stated that they appointed Members of the Board of Directors of Reinvestment Zone Number Twenty, and invited Mr. Kenneth Li to the podium and stated that she appreciated his willingness to serve on the reinvestment zone, and stated that they appreciated his service.

Council Members Green and Nguyen congratulated Mr. Li on his appointment and thanked him for his service to the City of Houston.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES - NUMBERS 8 through 21

8. **ORDINANCE READOPTING THE HOUSTON YOUTH RECREATION PROGRAMS STANDARDS OF CARE AS CODIFIED AT ARTICLE XII OF CHAPTER 32 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS;** containing findings and other provisions related to the subject; providing an effective date; providing for severability – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Davis out of the city on city business. Council Members Laster, Costello and Bradford out of the city on personal business. ORDINANCE 2014-0725 ADOPTED.
10. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Purchase and Sale Agreement between the City of Houston, Texas, and **COASTAL WATER AUTHORITY**, Seller, and **ALLIANCE REALTY PARTNERS, LLC**, Purchaser, to sell CWA Gillette Street, a subdivision in Harris County, Texas - **DISTRICT G – PENNINGTON** – was pulled from the agenda by the administration and was not considered.
13. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Loan Agreement between the City of Houston and **JAMESTOWN AFFORDABLE HOUSING, INC**, to provide a \$3,000,000.00 Performance-Based Loan of Federal Community Block Grant Disaster Relief Program - Rental Housing Projects Round 2 Funds, to assist with site acquisition and renovation of a 284 unit affordable housing community, located in the vicinity of 5300 Coke Street in Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT B - DAVIS** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Davis out of the city on city business. Council Members Laster, Costello and Bradford out of the city on personal business. ORDINANCE 2014-0726 ADOPTED.
15. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing First Amendment to Loan Agreement between the City of Houston and **COTTAGES AT SOUTH ACRES, LTD.** to increase by \$1,000,000.00 the amount of a loan of Federal “HOME” Funds to assist with the construction of a 144 unit mixed income housing community, located in the vicinity of 11300 Scott Street in Houston, Texas, that will provide affordable housing to low and very low income families - **DISTRICT D - BOYKINS** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Davis out of the city on city business. Council Members Laster, Costello and Bradford out of the city on personal business. ORDINANCE 2014-0727 ADOPTED.
16. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **WINSTEAD PC** for continued services related to resolution of disputes in connection with the City’s Hurricane Ike Single Family Home Repair Program – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Davis out of the city on city business. Council Members Laster, Costello and Bradford out of the city on personal business. ORDINANCE 2014-0728 ADOPTED.
17. ORDINANCE awarding contract to **HOMETOWN VETERINARY HOSPITAL, PLLC** for Veterinary Services for Canines for the Houston Police Department; providing a maximum contract amount 3 Years with two one-year options - \$450,000.00 - General Fund – was

presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Davis out of the city on city business. Council Members Laster, Costello and Bradford out of the city on personal business. ORDINANCE 2014-0729 ADOPTED.

18. ORDINANCE awarding a Pre-Positioned Contract to the best value respondent **CLEANSERVE, INC** for Storm Drain Debris Removal Services for the Public Works & Engineering Department – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Davis out of the city on city business. Council Members Laster, Costello and Bradford out of the city on personal business. ORDINANCE 2014-0730 ADOPTED.
19. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,564,850.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding contract to **INDUSTRIAL TX CORP.** for Riverwood Estates No. 1 Lift Station Replacement; 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 pulled from the agenda by the administration and was not considered.
20. ORDINANCE No. 2014-720, passed first reading July 16, 2014
ORDINANCE granting to **PEDRO CORDOVA dba PEDRO CORDOVA CO., A Texas Sole Proprietorship**, the right, privilege, and franchise to collect, haul, and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions **SECOND READING** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Davis out of the city on city business. Council Members Laster, Costello and Bradford out of the city on personal business. ORDINANCE 2014-0720 PASSED SECOND READING IN FULL.
21. ORDINANCE No. 2014-700, passed second reading July 16, 2014
ORDINANCE granting to **TNT WASTE CONTAINER SERVICE, LLC, A Texas Limited Liability Company**, the right, privilege, and franchise to collect, haul, and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions **THIRD AND FINAL READING** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Davis out of the city on city business. Council Members Laster, Costello and Bradford out of the city on personal business. ORDINANCE 2014-0700 ADOPTED THIRD AND FINAL READING IN FULL.

MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA WERE CONSIDERED AS FOLLOWS:

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

7. RESOLUTION consenting to the second amendment of the Certificate of Formation of Houston Forensic Science LGC, Inc, a Local Government Corporation – was presented. Council Member Christie voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Davis out of the city on city business. Council Members Laster, Costello and Bradford out of the city on personal business. RESOLUTION 2014-0029 ADOPTED.
9. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Lease Agreement between the City of Houston and **BLACK FOREST VENTURES AVIATION RE, LLC, operated by WING AVIATION CHARTER MANAGEMENT SERVICES LLC**, for certain premises at 8410 Larson Street

at William P. Hobby Airport - **DISTRICT I – GALLEGOS** - was presented, and tagged by Council Member Boykins.

11. ORDINANCE appropriating \$500,000.00 out of TIRZ Affordable Housing Fund; approving and authorizing Loan Agreement between the City of Houston and **VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA NATIONAL SERVICES** to provide the appropriated funds and \$3,500,000.00 of Federal "HOME" Funds to assist with site acquisition and construction of a 112 unit affordable housing community in the vicinity of 4320 Old Spanish Trail in Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT D - BOYKINS** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Davis out of the city on city business. Council Members Laster, Costello and Bradford out of the city on personal business. ORDINANCE 2014-0731 ADOPTED.
12. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **SEARCH HOMELESS SERVICES**, providing up to \$133,883 in General Funds to assist in the administration and operation of the Engagement Services Program – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Davis out of the city on city business. Council Members Laster, Costello and Bradford out of the city on personal business. ORDINANCE 2014-0732 ADOPTED.
14. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Loan Agreement between the City of Houston and **THE WOMEN'S HOME** to provide \$3,500,000.00 of Federal "HOME" Funds to assist with site acquisition and construction of an 84 unit affordable housing community, to be located in the vicinity of 2060 Jacquelyn Drive, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT A - STARDIG** – was presented. Council Member Stardig voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Davis out of the city on city business. Council Members Laster, Costello and Bradford out of the city on personal business. ORDINANCE 2014-0733 ADOPTED.

NON CONSENT AGENDA - NUMBER 22

MISCELLANEOUS

22. **SET A PUBLIC HEARING DATE** to provide a Resolution of No Objection for the 4% tax credit application of **NHH AT REED, LTD.** for New Hope Housing located at 2620 Reed Road **DISTRICT D – BOYKINS - HEARING DATE - 9:00 A. M. - WEDNESDAY - JULY 30, 2014** – was presented.

Council Member Boykins moved to set 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, July 30, 2014, to provide a Resolution of No Objection for the 4% tax credit application of **NHH AT REED, LTD.** for New Hope Housing located at 2620 Reed Road, seconded by Council Member Christie.

After discussion by Council Member Boykins, a vote was called on Item No. 22. Council Member Green voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Davis out of the city on city business. Council Members Laster, Costello and Bradford out of the city on personal business. MOTION 2014-0712 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated that the Fourth Annual Mayor's Back to School Fest would be held in late August, the sign up deadline was this Friday and she would ask that they help her get the word out for their constituents, it was for low income families of elementary age kids, K through 5th grade, they could call 832-393-0939 or go to the City's website, www.Houstontx.gov and click on Back to School Fest, they did the back to school fest by preregistration, the first year they did they were completely overwhelmed by the response and they had to send kids away empty handed, the last two years they had done preregistration and it also meant that they did not have to stand in line, they gave time for folks to come so they did not have to wait in line,

that once again the University of Houston was partnering with them and it would be held on the University of Houston Campus, everything from backpacks to school supplies, immunizations, vision screenings, dental checkups, haircut vouchers, vouchers for uniforms and even partnering with Undies for Everyone so that they could have new undies to start the school year, it was an average of \$60 in supplies for the kids to start the school year, it was a big thing for families with multiple kids in elementary school, it was open to the various ISDs in the Houston area, that she would encourage them to help get the word out.

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Martin announced events he attended or would be attending, and stated that today was the last day for Mr. Adam Van Deventer, their summer intern in District E, that he was headed back to college, that they wish him nothing but best of luck as he headed to Texas State.

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

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

Council Member Pennington stated that the Ethics Elections and Council Governance Committee would be holding a public meeting on Friday, July 25, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in Council Chambers to receive a report by the City Attorney on the status of the Equal Rights Ordinance Referendum Petition, that he had a preliminary discussion with the City Attorney yesterday about this, of course the City Secretary was in charge of verifying the petition from a voter standpoint, but there were also some procedural things, obligations that Council would have if there were sufficient names on the petition to hold the election, that they thought it would be a good idea to have a committee meeting to advise about those procedures before it was actually presented to Council; and announced events he attended or would be attending. Council Members Boykins and Martin absent.

Council Member Green announced events he attended or would be attending; and stated that he wanted to bid farewell to Mr. Daniel Jellins, who was their intern for the Summer Internship Program, that he wanted to wish him good luck. Council Members Martin and Pennington absent.

Council Member Gallegos announced events he attended or would be attending; and stated that the HPD Eastside Patrol Station would be collecting school supplies through Monday, August 18, 2014, for students in their community, please drop off any supplies at 7525 Sherman Street; that on Monday he met with residents at the Stanford Condominiums regarding concerns of new traffic diverters and loitering near their building, that they had been in contact with HPD and would contract Precinct 6 as well; that he met last week with concerned Magnolia Park residents in his office to address concerns regarding De Zavala Park, they were looking into those as well. Council Members Martin and Pennington absent.

Council Member Stardig announced events she attended or would be attending; and stated that she wanted to recognize her intern for the summer, Mr. Chris Rice, who was an outstanding student, that she wanted to thank him and wish him good luck. Council Members Martin and Pennington absent.

Council Member Nguyen stated that July 27, 2014 would mark 61 years that the Armistice Agreement was signed to end the war in Korea, and announced events he attended or would be attending. Council Members Martin and Pennington absent.

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

Council Member Robinson announced events he attended or would be attending; and stated that he wanted to give a shout out to Public Works Director Daniel Krueger, who resigned last week, that it was an incredible task that he had for the City in leading that very important department. Council Members Martin and Pennington absent.

Council Member Boykins stated that he wanted again to congratulate Mr. Stone, he and his family were pillars in District D; that he wanted to remind everyone to please keep their good photographer and friend, Mr. Tony Morris in their prayers, that he was still battling, that he wanted to thank Mayor Parker and her administration for trying to help Mr. Morris situation; that with regards to Item No. 11, it was his intention to vote "no" on the item today, that the way Council rules work, if they did not say anything it was an automatic "yes" vote, that he would follow with the Housing Department to see if there was anything else he could do to pass along concerns of his community on the issue; and announced events he attended or would be attending; and stated that he had met with Mr. Anthony McAdams, who lived in Scott Terrace, along with Ms. Emily Aiken, Fox 26 News, they had a concern in that area with a company whose machines were making noise late at night, it was a situation that required television coverage, but it was a lack of communications between the residents and the business in that community, at the end of the day it ended up being a positive story, that he thought they had come to an agreement where they would work with the community. Council Member Martin absent.

Council Member Kubosh stated that for those who had been fans of the University of Houston football team over the years knew that Mr. Robert Newhouse passed last night at the age of 64, he was a former Dallas Cowboy, that he would be missed. Council Member Martin absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she wanted to add her sincere thanks to Mr. Dan Krueger, Public Works Director, who submitted his resignation to her last Wednesday evening, that Colonel Krueger served his Country and the City of Houston, six years as a Deputy in Public Works, left, she brought him back, and he served 4 years, unquestioned integrity and ability, he was brought in to right a ship that was drifting and in disarray, and allowed them to move forward with a complete overhaul of the water sewer system that they launched, and she did not think there as anyone else who could have stood up Rebuild Houston as rapidly and successfully as he did, that he had done a great service to the City of Houston, that she was looking to choose his successor, not a replacement, because he was irreplaceable, that she would attempt to do that as rapidly as possible so they could continue the progress they had made. Council Member Martin absent.

There being no further business before Council, the City Council adjourned at 9:43 a.m. Council Member Davis out of the city on city business. Council Members Laster, Costello and Bradford out of the city on personal business. Council Member Martin absent.

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

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

/S/Anna Russell

Anna Russell, City Secretary