

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, November 18, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 18, 2014, with Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding with Council Members Brenda Stardig, 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, and C. O. "Brad" Bradford, Jack Christie D. C., Mr. David Feldman City Attorney, Division Chief, Claims & Subrogation Division; and Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director and Ms. Stella Ortega, Agenda Office, present. Mayor Parker, Council Members Gonzalez and Green out of the city on city business.

At 1:34 p.m. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis called the meeting to order and stated they would start with the presentation portion of the City Council meeting, and recognized Council Member Christie for a presentation. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Pennington, Laster, Costello, and Robinson absent.

Council Member Christie stated that we have different places in the city that are of historical significance and kind of jewels that we sometimes don't know about and he happen to walk by Glenwood Cemetery which he had heard about but never seen it and was in awe of the beauty.

Council Member Christie invited those present for the presentation to the podium and stated that Glenwood Cemetery was the final resting place of many people important in the history of Houston and of Texas as well as people of national and international prominence, such as statesmen, elected officials, business, commerce and religious leaders.

Therefore Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis on behalf of Annise Parker, proclaimed November 18, 2014 as Glenwood Cemetery Day on Houston, Texas and Mr. Bill Connor, Chairman of the Board expressed appreciate for the poclamtion. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Pennington, Laster, Costello and Robinson absent.

Council Member Nguyen stated at one time in his life, he made his living as an educator, so almost all of the Alief Independent School District schools are in District F, these award winning and well recognized schools were due in large part to someone dedicated to his profession and was proud to honor Superintendent H.D. Chambers from AISD for his service to our community, our city and best of all to our children.

Therefore, Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis on behalf of Annise Parker, proclaimed November 18, 2014 as H.D. Chambers Region Superintendent of the Year Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Stardig, Cohen, Boykins, Pennington, Costello and Robinson absent.

Council Member Gallegos stated was proud to be present today to present a proclamation on behalf of Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez and invited Nazeria Freedmen and Yvette Torrees from the GO Youth to the podium and recognizing and commending GO Youth program on their one year anniversary; the group had taken numerous civic engagement projects throughout the near northside community, had improved the lives of many young people along the way; GO Youth program encourages tomorrow leaders to be a voice in their communities by staying informed and being active, Therefore Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis, on behalf of the Mayor Annis Parker hear by proclaim November 20, 2014 has GO Youth day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Stardig and Boykins absent.

At 2:01 p.m. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis recognized Council Member Christie for the invocation and Council Member Christie led the pledge allegiance. Council Member Stardig and Boykins absent.

At 2:04 p.m. the City Secretary called the roll. Council Member Stardig absent.

Council Member Cohen and Costello moved that the minutes of the previous meeting be adopted. All voting aye, nays none. Council Member Stardig absent. **MOTION ADOPTED**

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis recognized Council Member Christie for a point of personal privilege with a procedural motion. Council Member Stardig absent.

Council Member Christie introduced a Chinese delegation that was present for the meeting and in Houston studying American government. Council Member Stardig absent.

Council Member Christie moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing from Mr. Peter Brown as the first speaker, seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Stardig absent. **MOTION 2014-1002 ADOPTED**

Mr. Peter Brown (no address, no number) appeared and announced that he was the Chairman of the Mayor's International Trade and Development Council and one of the things they do was to make connections around the world and introduced to Council the Delegation from the Szewan Province of China that many of the representatives were present from all the major cities in the province to learn about American Government. Council Member Stardig absent.

Council Member Nguyen moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing Ms. Charryse Johnson out of order, seconded by Council Member Laster, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Stardig absent. **MOTION 2014-1003 ADOPTED**

Council Member Laster moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing Mr. Joe Jennings out of order, seconded by Council Member Costello, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2014-1004 ADOPTED**

The City Secretary began calling the list of speakers.

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

Ms. Charryse Johnson, 12006 Iris Canyon Dr., Tomball, Tx,77471, (832)867-1047 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Stardig, Cohen, and Kubosh absent.

Joe Jennings, no address given, (832)643-5160 appeared presented information in which he stated that with the market price of crude oil plunging below \$75.00 a barrel that those in Houston should ask why was the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia ramping up oil production and forcing down prices below even profitability for themselves and reviewed the information presented to Council. Council Members Cohen, Pennington and Kubosh absent.

Mr. Carlos Calbillo, 407 Cordell, 77009. (832)748-8643 appeared and stated he advised that his an activist in the east end, was present to speak about the botanical garden in Glenbrook, he was one of the mad residents about the garden and does not want the botanic garden in Glenbrook. Council Member Kubosh absent. .

Council Member Nguyen announced that Ms. Charryse Johnson was present and requested that Ms. Brandy Smith be heard after Ms. Johnson.

Ms. Thelma Scott 12006 Iris Canyon Dr., Tomball, Tx,77471, (832)867-1047 appeared and advised that Ms. Charryse Johnson was not present and she was speaking for her, that it was an honor to be present and able to support the Barbara Jordan Ambassador Students to go to college and to wanted to present a plaque to Council Member Boykins for his support. Council Member Laster and Kubosh absent.

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis advised Ms. Scott that the presentation of the plaque to be done in the lobby and Council Member Stardig asked for a point of order to make a motion to hear the presentation. Council Member Laster and Kubosh absent.

Council Member Stardig moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of allowing those present to present a plaque to Council Member Boykins, seconded by Council Member Christie, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Laster and Kubosh absent. **MOTION 2014-1005 ADOPTED**

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis invited Ms. Brandy Smith to the podium to present the plaque with Ms. Scott to Council Member Boykins and Ms. Brandy Smith, 25231 Gordans Rd., the Woodlands, TX, 77380, (317)775-9670 appeared and presented a plaque to Council Member Boykins. Council Members Laster and Kubosh absent.

Mr. Melvin Williams, 5300 Coke St. No.269, 77202, (832)216-9349 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Laster and Kubosh absent.

Mr. Noe Bastidas, 4806 Lakefront Terrace Dr., 77471, (832)755-7733 appeared and stated he was present to formally request that the City of Houston continue to honor its pledge to allow the Houstonians Futbol Club which is a youth soccer club to practice and train on the number eight field at Memorial Park; Memorial Park which was their home since 1996 approved by the city as a city program, in 2000 the club changed into a nonprofit organization but the City promised to allow the club to practice and train at the park, at different times in the last fourteen years the Parks Department had attempted to go back on the promise which was made and he was present requesting that the City upholds its promise to the club ensuring that Memorial Park remains the home for the Houstonians Club. Council Member Kubosh absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding.

Mr. Bastidas was questioned by Council and Council Member Costello stated he had been on the Memorial Park Conservancy Board since 1996 and this was the first time he had heard of an issue between the club and the City. Council Member Kubosh absent.

Council Member Laster read from the letter that the Parks Department provided to Council and after further discussion Council Member Laster moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending time for questions of Mr. Noe Bastidas, seconded by Council

Member Costello, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Kubosh absent. **MOTION 2014-1006 ADOPTED**

Council Member Cohen stated the Memorial Park was in her district and she had reviewed all the material that had been presented to her and that she understood the program but the fields do need down time, so people will not play in dirt and after a lengthy discussion Council Member Cohen moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending the time for questions of Mr. Noe Bastidas, seconded by Council Member Costello, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Kubosh absent. **MOTION 2014-1007 ADOPTED**

Mr. William Beal, (no address, no phone) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Pennington, Laster, Costello and Kubosh absent.

Mr. Maurice Bell, 920 East Houston Ave, Pasadena, TX, 77502, (832)443-7045 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Pennington, Laster, Costello and Kubosh absent.

Mr. Coach R.J. Bobby Talyor, 3107 Sumpter, 77026, FA34511 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Pennington, Laster, Costello and Kubosh absent.

Ms. Tonya Prince, 3103 Brookston, 77045, (832)746-7949 appeared presented information and stated she was with the Sickle Cell Association in Houston, the mission was to maintain a responsive presence within the communities, utilizing a disciplinary approach with an emphasis on achieving healthier outcomes for those who have Sickle Cell disease; since moving back to Houston she found out Houston does not have a single point of resource or service center to go to for people who suffer with this disease, they are directed to Austin which is three hours away to receive treatment and care and requested space and funding through the Health and Human Service Department for residents to know where to go to received services. Council Members Stardig, Cohen, Martin, Pennington, Laster, Costello and Kubosh absent. **NO QUORUM**

Ms. Patrice Parsons, 937 Adele St, 77009, no phone number given, appeared and stated she was present for the one bin for all proposal as she thought it would be good for Houston because less wear and tear on the roads and also create more jobs. Council Members Stardig, Cohen, Martin, Pennington, Laster, Costello and Kubosh absent. **NO QUORUM**

Mr. Brian Hawkinson, 807 W.16th, Austin, TX, 78701, (512)784-3915 appeared presented information and stated he was with the American Forest and Paper Association and the information for considering on increasing the recovery of paper for of paper packaging in the City of Houston; that they share the same goal of increasing recovery rates and reducing the amount of recyclable materials going to the landfills was supporting voluntary efforts that ensure to improve on the existing recovery recycling programs. Council Members Stardig, Cohen, Martin, Pennington, Costello and Kubosh absent. **NO QUORUM**

Ms. Fran McPoland, no address, no phone number given appeared presented information and stated she represented the companies that make up the Paper Recycling Coalition in Washington; these companies make one hundred percent recycled paper board, container board, all of the cereal boxes, cake boxes, pizza boxes that are shipped from

Amazon, the raw materials from these products are recovered paper fiber and recovered fiber that had been contaminated by dirty diapers, kitty litter, organic matter cannot be made into new products and reviewed the information contained in the information she presented to Council .Council Members Stardig, Martin, Pennington, Gallegos, Laster, Costello, and Kubosh absent.
NO QUORUM

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis stated that there was a review going on now for proposals to be done in no combustion manner to possibly implement one bin for all, the city was currently in a quiet period but Council would receive a memo soon. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Pennington, Gallegos, Laster, Costello, and Kubosh absent. Vice Pro Tem Davis presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Mr. Shawn State, 1213 Centennial Crossing, Peach Tree City, GA, 30269, (678)517-6704 appeared and stated he was the Vice President Southwest Region for Pratt Industries for recycling, there was an active RFP and a decision was going to be made by the end of the year, on the City's website it was stated that a facility could be operational by 2016; Pratt Industries was the largest package recycling companies in the world; would be thrilled if the one bin program was a viable solution but several of these one bin systems exist in the United States and Pratt Industries cannot use these papers because of the paper being contaminated. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Pennignton, Costello and Kubosh absent.

Mr. Jonathan CC Day, 624 Highland, 77009, (832)368-5500 appeared and stated he was present, under the impression that the decision making process was more secret then it needed to be; that the bids that were received for one bin for all were not available to the Council Members and the public; the only problem he had was that only a few people had access to the bids. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Pennignton, Costello and Kubosh absent.

Mr. Gary Mosley, 615 East 5th, 77007, (281)748-7538 appeared and stated he was the owner of the Creek restaurants in the Heights, Memorial, and now Montrose and was present today because of the personal attack against him and his companies; In September of 2014 he was approach to purchase Low Brow restaurant, before purchasing the restaurant he noticed that they had met all the requirements by the city, that several Inspector had inspected and okayed everything; on November 3, 2014 he received a red tag from one Inspector which advised him he need a variance relating to parking space and had increased occupancy he advised the Inspector that the City of Houston had approved it several times and that he doesn't agree with the Inspector; he provided pictures and statements from the previous owners to present to council. Note: Mr. Mosley did not provide the information for the file. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Pennignton, Costello and Kubosh absent.

After questions, Council Members Boykins stated they needed to hear both sides of the problem and Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis stated that a representatives of Public Works and Planning were present and would meet with him. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Pennignton, Costello and Kubosh absent. Vice Pro Tem Davis presiding.

Mr. Joshua Baker, 8410 W. Bartell, 77054 (979)229-6356 appeared and stated was the chairman of the board of Alief Homeless Out Reach Project that last year when they were out giving clothes and feeding the homeless and he became a friend with a lady in the wheelchair that he went to find the lady and come to find out that she passed away from the elements; this effects every district in the city but the good news was that they had partners with a church and opened one of the few homeless shelters in the Alief area and that was why he was present to announced to Council that information and to let them know if they knew anyone in need. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Costello and Kubosh absent

Mr. John Noflin, 12903 Brent Rock, 77082, (832)208-1428 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Pennignton, Costello and Kubosh absent.

Mr. James Partsch-Galvan, 1611 Holman, 77004, (713)528-2607 appeared and stated he was present to voice his opinion on political equity. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Laster, Costello and Kubosh absent. **NO QUORUM**

Mr. Chris Ortega, 6618 Lindale Manor Ct., Spring, TX, 77379, (832)392-2060 appeared presented pictures and stated he was present to raise awareness about the lack of essential road infrastructure that was basically on 2920 and Kuykendal; it seems like a small issue but was having a negative effect on the town, traveling westbound on 2920 right before the intersection there was a Walmart missing a hard median; people are shooting across the street and hitting others; shown in the pictures provided to Council of his vehicle that was hit at this intersection and was requesting a sign to help reduce the accidents. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Laster, Costello and Kubosh absent. **NO QUORUM**
Vice Mayor Pro tem Davis requested that he speak with the representative of the Mayor's citizens assisted office.

President Joseph Charles, Post office Box 524373, 77052-4373, Houston, Tx, (no number) appeared and stated his subject was absolute Marshal Law, Salaries, Revoked, H/City, Texas/State, Government Systems and was requesting more time, and continued to voice his personal experiences until his time expired. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Laster, Costello, and Kubosh absent. . **NO QUORUM**

At 3:41 p.m. Vice Pro Tem Davis stated the City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, November 19,2014. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Laster, Costello, and Kubosh absent. Mayor Parker, Council Members Gonzalez and Green out of the city on city business.

The City Council of Houston Reconvened at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, November 19, 2014 Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding, with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jerry Davis, Ellen R. Cohen, Dwight Boykins, Dave Martin, Richard Nguyen, Oliver Pennington, Ed Gonzalez, Robert Gallegos, Mike Laster, Stephen C. Costello, David Robinson, Michael Kubosh, C.O.Bradford, Jack Christie D.C. Mr. Dave Feldman, City Attorney; Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agendas Director, present. Mayor Annise Parker, Council Members Ed Gonzalez and Larry V. Green out of the city on city business.

At 8:23 a.m. Ms. Anna Russell, City Secretary, read the description or captions of the items on the Agenda.

At 9:08 a.m. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis called the meeting order.

MAYOR'S REPORT

CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 1 through 29

MISCELLANEOUS - NUMBERS 1 through 7

1. **REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the reappointment of the following to **REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER EIGHT, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS (GULFGATE) BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for terms to expire December 9, 2016:

Position Two - **MARY MARGARET HANSEN**

Position Four - **MICHAEL A. MARQUEZ-**

was pulled from the Agenda by the administration and not considered.

2. **REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the reappointment of the following to the **GULFGATE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for terms to expire December 9, 2016:

Position Two - **MARY MARGARET HANSEN**

Position Four - **MICHAEL A. MARQUEZ-**

was pulled from the Agenda by the administration and not considered.

3. **REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment of **GITESH DESAI** to Position Three of the **GENERAL APPEALS BOARD**, for a term to expire January 2, 2017- was presented, moved by Council Member Bradford and seconded by Council Member Costello, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2014-1008 ADOPTED**

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis invited Mr. Desai from the general appeals board to the podium to thank him for his service to the City of Houston.

4. **REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment of **SHEILA EARTHMAN MAYFIELD** to Position Seventeen of the **HOUSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for a term to expire March 1, 2016- was presented, moved by Council Member Bradford and seconded by Council Member Costello, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2014-1009 ADOPTED**

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis stated he had the privilege of appointing to the Houston Public Library Foundation Board, Ms. Mayfield, she wasn't present but wanted to give her the recognition.

5. **REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the reappointment of the following individuals to the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER THREE, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS (MAIN STREET MARKET SQUARE ZONE)**:

Position Two - **CURTIS V. FLOWERS**, for a term to expire 12/31/2016

Position Four - **DEBORAH KEYSER**, for a term to expire 12/31/2016

Position Five - **REGINA GARCIA**, for a term to expire 12/31/2015

Position Eight - **JAMES B. HARRISON, III**, for a term to expire 12/31/2016-

was presented, moved by Council Member Bradford and seconded by Council Member Costello, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2014-1010 ADOPTED**

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis also announced that had appointed to the Board of Director of the Reinvestment Zone No.3, that's the Main street/ Market Square, Ms. Deborah Keyser and invited her to the podium; was thanked by Council for her services for the City of Houston.

6. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Administration & Regulatory Affairs Department for the designation of a residential parking permit area in the Super Neighborhood of University Place **DISTRICT C – COHEN-** was presented, moved by Council Member Bradford and seconded by Council Member Costello, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2014-1011 ADOPTED**

7. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for payment of invoice from **TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY** Annual Consolidated Water Quality Fee for FY15 - \$1,543,160.26 - Enterprise Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Bradford and seconded by Council Member Costello, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2014-1012 ADOPTED**

PROPERTY - NUMBER 8

8. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering, reviewed and approved by the Joint Referral Committee, on request from Janet Baccus, Jones and Carter, Inc., on behalf of 1920 Alabama West Ltd., (Bob Rose, President) and McDuffie Marshall, Ltd. (Bob Rose, President), for abandonment and sale of: 1) McDuffie Street, from the north right-of-way line of Marshall Street to the north property line of Lot 9, Block 10; 2) Marshall Street, from its terminus west ±40 feet; and 3) Marshall Street, from its terminus east ±131 feet, in exchange for conveyance to the City of; 1) right-of-way for and construction of a t-type turnaround at Marshall Street east of Huldy Street; and 2) two 20-foot-wide storm sewer easements, all located within the Winlow Place Addition and/or the Melrose Place Addition, out of the Obedience Smith Survey, A-696, Parcels SY14-067A, SY14-067B, SY14-067C, AY15-047, LY14-036A and LY14-036B **DISTRICT C – COHEN-** was presented, moved by Council Member Bradford and seconded by Council Member Costello, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2014-1013 ADOPTED**

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS - NUMBERS 9 and 10

9. **ORDINANCE** re-allocating the amount of \$113,100.00 out of Julia Ideson Library Contributions Fund and \$56,200.00 out of Reimbursement of Equipment/Projects Fund from the construction contract with **BALFOUR BEATTY CONSTRUCTION, LLC fka SPAWMAXWELL COMPANY, L.P.** for the Julia Ideson Building-Restoration and addition (Approved by Ordinance 2009-0284); appropriating \$269,900.00 out of Julia Ideson Library Contributions Fund to fund the issuance of

a purchase order to **BASELINE PAVING AND CONSTRUCTION, INC** for Construction Services in connection with the installation of Light Dimming Systems at the Julia Ideson Building- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2014-1016 ADOPTED**

10. **BASELINE PAVING AND CONSTRUCTION, INC** for Construction Services for Light Dimming/Electrical Remediation at the Julia Ideson Building through the Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Purchasing with the Harris County Department of Education for the General Services Department on behalf of the Houston Public Library - \$399,482.00 and contingencies for a total amount not to exceed \$439,200.00 - **DISTRICT I - GALLEGOS**
This item should only be considered after passage of Item 9 above- was presented, moved by Council Member Bradford and seconded by Council Member Costello, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2014-1014 ADOPTED**

ORDINANCES - NUMBERS 11 through 29

16. **ORDINANCE** amending Ordinance 2011-462 (Passed June 8, 2011) to increase the maximum contract amount under Job Order Contract with HORIZON INTERNATIONAL GROUP, LLC for pending Work Orders and Facility Condition Assessment Projects- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2014-1017 ADOPTED**
17. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$291,996.40 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. 19; 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 B – DAVIS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2014-1018 ADOPTED**
19. **ORDINANCE** approving payment of \$106,722.53 to **REDDY ENGINEERS AND CONTRACTORS, LTD.** under contract with the City for construction of a Ground Storage Tank and Detention Pond at Park Glen-1 Pumping Station authorized by Ordinance No. 2004-0670 **DISTRICT F – NGUYEN**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2014-1019 ADOPTED**
20. **ORDINANCE** amending Ordinance No. 2011-0878 (Passed on October 12, 2011) to increase the maximum contract amount for sole source contract between the City of Houston and **ASTADIA, INC (Formerly known as IDEA INTEGRATION CORP. d/b/a IDEA)** for Software and Hardware Technical Support and Maintenance Services for the City's Street Service Assessment Vehicle for the Public Works & Engineering Department - \$104,854.50 - Dedicated Drainage & Street Renewal Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2014-1020 ADOPTED**
22. **ORDINANCE** consenting to the addition of 1.4851 acres of land to **HARRIS COUNTY FRESH WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT NO. 61**, for inclusion in its district- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2014-1021 ADOPTED**

23. **ORDINANCE** consenting to the addition of 4.347 acres of land to **HARRIS-FORT BEND COUNTIES MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1**, for inclusion in its district- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2014-1022 ADOPTED**
24. **ORDINANCE** consenting to the addition of 20.00 acres of land to **WEST HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 21**, for inclusion in its district- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2014-1023 ADOPTED**
25. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$140,000.00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF as an additional appropriation to the Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **NATHELYNE A. KENNEDY & ASSOCIATES, L.P.** for Neighborhood Street Reconstruction Project 465 (Approved by Ordinance No. 2009-1386); providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF - **DISTRICT A – STARDIG**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2014-1024 ADOPTED**
26. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$137,979.00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF as an additional appropriation to the Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **IDCUS, INC** for Pinemont Drive Paving and Drainage Improvements from Ella Boulevard to North Shepherd Drive (Approved by Ordinance No. 2011-0264); providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF - **DISTRICT C – COHEN**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2014-1025 ADOPTED**
27. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$226,550.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund as an additional appropriation to Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **S&B INFRASTRUCTURE, LTD.** for Engineering Services associated with the Pump and Lift Station Renewal and Replacement - Westheimer No. 1, Gulfton, Bering, San Felipe and Mud No. 25 Storm Water Right of Way Maintenance (Approved by Ordinance No. 2011-0513); providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS A - STARDIG; C - COHEN; G - PENNINGTON and J – LASTER**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2014-1026 ADOPTED**
28. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$1,430,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund as a second additional appropriation to Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **CDM SMITH, INC** for Engineering Services associated with the Northeast Water Purification Plant Improvements (Approved by Ordinance No. 2012-0443); providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT E - MARTIN**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2014-1027 ADOPTED**

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

11. **ORDINANCE** providing for an ad valorem tax exemption on a historical site located at 3003 Chevy Chase Drive in Houston, Texas; containing findings and other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; providing for the revocation of such tax exemption and the recapture of taxes upon the occurrence of stated events; providing for severability - **DISTRICT G – PENNINGTON**- was presented and tagged by Council Member Martin.

12. **ORDINANCE** providing for an ad valorem tax exemption on a historical site located at 3414 Del Monte Drive in Houston, Texas; containing findings and other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; providing for the revocation of such tax exemption and the recapture of taxes upon the occurrence of stated events; providing for severability - **DISTRICT G – PENNINGTON**- was presented and tagged by Council Member Martin.

13. **ORDINANCE** providing for an ad valorem tax exemption on a historical site located at 2910 Lazy Lane Boulevard in Houston, Texas; containing findings and other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; providing for the revocation of such tax exemption and the recapture of taxes upon the occurrence of stated events; providing for severability - **DISTRICT G – PENNINGTON**- was presented and tagged by Council Member Martin.

14. **ORDINANCE** providing for an ad valorem tax exemption on a historical site located at 2504 Brentwood Drive in Houston, Texas; containing findings and other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; providing for the revocation of such tax exemption and the recapture of taxes upon the occurrence of stated events; providing for severability - **DISTRICT G – PENNINGTON**- was presented and tagged by Council Member Martin.

15. **ORDINANCE** providing for an ad valorem tax exemption on a historical site located at 2603 Milam Street in Houston, Texas; containing findings and other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; providing for the revocation of such tax exemption and the recapture of taxes upon the occurrence of stated events; providing for severability - **DISTRICT C – COHEN**- was presented and tagged by Council Member Martin.

18. **ORDINANCE** approving payment of \$90,286.52 to **RESICOM, INC** under construction contract with the City for a Safe Sidewalk Project originally authorized by Ordinance No. 2011-0239 **DISTRICTS A - STARDIG; B - DAVIS; C - COHEN; H - GONZALEZ and K - GREEN** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2014-1028 ADOPTED**

21. **ORDINANCE** relating to the Fiscal Affairs of the **MEMORIAL CITY REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ON BEHALF OF REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER SEVENTEEN, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS (MEMORIAL CITY ZONE)**; approving the Fiscal Year 2015 Operating Budget for the Authority and the Fiscal Years 2015-2019 Capital Improvements Budget for the Zone - **DISTRICTS A - STARDIG and G – PENNINGTON**- was presented and tagged by Council Member Pennington.

29. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$601,646.00 out of Metro Projects Construction DDSRF Fund; awarding contract to **PFEIFFER & SON, LTD** for Arterial Travel Time System; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery and contingencies relating to construction of facilities

financed by the Metro Projects Construction DDSRF Fund- was presented and Council Member Gallegos stated he tagged the item on behalf of Council Member Green.

NON CONSENT AGENDA - NUMBER 30

30. **MOTION TO SET A DATE** not less than seven days from November 19, 2014, to receive nominations for Position 8 of the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HOUSTON CIVIC EVENT, INC, CITY OF HOUSTON TEXAS**, for a term to expire January 1, 2016- was presented, Council Member Bradford moved to set December 3, 2014 to receive nomination and seconded by Council Member Pennington, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2014-1015 ADOPTED**

MISCELLANEOUS

MATTERS HELD - NUMBERS 31 and 32

31. **ORDINANCE** amending and restating the City of Houston's Financial Policies adopted by Ordinance No. 2003-474

TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS PENNINGTON, GREEN, BOYKINS and STARDIG

This was Item 15 on Agenda of November 12, 2014- was presented and Council Member Boykins stated that he had distributed a proposed motion to Amend Section I.13 of the City of Houston financial policies as follows:

13. A formal Request for Information (RFI) process shall be conducted by the Finance Work Group annually when selecting underwriters in order to promote fairness, objectivity and transparency. The selection committee shall report results of the RFI process to BFA. ~~and present recommendations for transactions expected to occur during the following year.~~ RFIs shall include questions related to the areas to distinguish firms' qualifications and experience, including but not limited to:

After a lengthy discussion Council Member Martin tagged the proposed motion by Council Member Boykins and moved to delay Item 31 for one week and seconded by Council Member Christie, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2014-2016 ADOPTED**

32. **ORDINANCE** relating to the Fiscal Affairs of the **MIDTOWN REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ON BEHALF OF REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER TWO, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS (MIDTOWN ZONE)**; approving a waiver and release of a restriction on a certain tract of land located at 3300 Main Street in the Main Street Addition Subdivision, Houston, Harris County, Texas; approving the Fiscal Year 2015 Operating Budget for the Authority and the Fiscal Years 2015-2019 Capital Improvements Budget for the Zone - **DISTRICTS C - COHEN; D - BOYKINS and I - GALLEGOS** - **TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN**

This was Item 22 on Agenda of November 12, 2014- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2014-1029 ADOPTED**

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS –

Council Member Martin announced past meetings and events he attended and upcoming events in his district. Council Member Kubosh absent.

Council Member Laster stated that he wished his colleagues and all of his constituents a happy and safe Thanksgiving. Council Member Kubosh absent.

Council Member Costello announced if his colleagues had anymore question about the financial policies to meet with him and a CORE service workshop that will be shared by vice chair Martin at two o'clock with solid waste. Council Member Kubosh absent.

Council Member Cohen announced upcoming events in her district. Council Member Kubosh absent.

Council Member Pennington stated that Thanksgiving was his favorite holiday and it's a time to give thanks. Council Member Kubosh absent. .

Council Member Gallegos announced past and upcoming events in his district. Council Member Kubosh absent.

Council Member Stardig announced upcoming events in her district and spoke about the SPARK program that she attended today. Council Member Kubosh absent.

Council Member Nguyen announced upcoming meetings and events in his district. Council Member Pennington and Kubosh absent.

Council Member Christie announced past events in his district. Council Member Pennington and Kubosh absent.

Council Member Boykins stated there was an article that was published by the Houston Chronicle, it was about the health care issue and the limitation of many of our state lawmakers which makes them unwilling to find way to expand Medicaid and our state could collect up to one hundred billion in federal funds over the course of ten years which would provide coverage for thousands of low income residents in the City and also announced the past events he attended in his district. Council Member Pennington and Kubosh absent.

There are no further business before Council, the City Council adjourned at 9:56 a.m. Council Member Pennington and Kubosh absent. Mayor Parker, Council Members Gonzalez and Green out of the city on city business.

**DETAILED INFORMATION ON FILE ON THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY MINUTES
READ AND APPROVED**

Anna Russell, City Secretary

