

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, February 3, 2015

A Regular Meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 3, 2015, with Mayor Annise Parker presiding with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jerry Davis, Ellen R. Cohen, Dwight Boykins, Richard Nguyen, Oliver Pennington, Robert Gallegos, Mike Laster, Larry V. Green, Stephen C. Costello, David Robinson, Michael Kubosh, and C. O. "Brad" Bradford, Jack Christie D.C., Mr. Harlan Heilman, Division Chief, Claims & Subrogation Division; and Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director and Ms. Stella Ortega, Agenda Office, present. Council Member Dave Martin absent on personal business and Council Member Edward Gonzalez absent due to being ill.

At 1:40 p.m. Mayor Parker called the meeting to order and stated they would start with the presentation portion of the City Council meeting, and recognized Council Member Cohen for the first presentation. Council Members Pennington, Laster, Costello and Robinson absent.

Council Member Cohen invited members from the Heart Association that were present to the podium and stated since 1984 more women than men have died each year from heart disease and the survivor gap continues to widen with more than 44 million women in the United States being affected by cardiovascular disease resulting in the death of one in three women each year and American Heart Association go red for women movement has impacted the health of women for ten years and more than 627,000 women's lives have been saved and in celebration of the 11th anniversary of National wear Red Day and Mayor Parker presented a proclamation declaring February 3, 2015 as Wear Red Day in Houston Texas. Council Members Pennington, Laster, Costello and Robinson absent.

Council Member Gallegos stated he was proud to be present to recognize the Houston College Access Month for the first time ever, students tuition now outweighs stated funding at 23 percent, federal funding at 18 and public university tuition and fees have risen 104 percent in Texas; that they had been working with nonprofit, private partners, universities, community colleges and school district to make it easier for families to prepare and save for their education and today they are joined by Partners from the Houston Hispanic Forum, Career and Education Day, the Houston National College Fair and Houston FAFSA initiative and the Houston College Access Month was built around community partnerships enlisting the resources of Government, business and community groups to support families as they prepare to enter into college and Houston College Access Month was driven by three events, free application for federal student aid, the Houston Hispanic Forum and the College Fair provides free assistance to Houston students and the City of Houston was committed in providing education for students in helping them achieve their potential and as Mayor Parker proclaimed February 2015 as Houston College Access Month in Houston Texas and urged all citizens to join her for this special event and help spread the word. Council Member Pennington and Costello absent.

Council Member Green invited the family members of Jason Moran to the podium and stated Mr. Moran was not present because he was stuck in traffic which hopefully he will catch the end of the presentation; February kicks off Black History month and there was no better way to kick off Black History month than to salute an individual that was a native Houstonian who was making significant strides across this country; Jason Moran was considered one of the most innovative and outstanding jazz pianist of his generation and he attended the High School for Performing Arts which he joined the jazz program and after graduating he attended Manhattan School of Music and since then he has released four critically acclaimed albums and received recommendation for the film Selma and he has remain committed to the development of young musicians everywhere but particularly in Houston and the City of Houston commends

and appreciated Jason Moran for helping further jazz, therefore, Mayor Parker presented a proclamation for February 7, 2015 as Jason Moran day in Houston Texas. Council Member Costello absent.

At 2:08 p.m. Mayor Parker recognized Council Member Cohen for the invocation and she invited Reverend Kit Wellingferd to offer the invocation and Council Member Cohen led the pledge of allegiance. Council Members Green and Costello absent.

At 2:11 p.m. the City Secretary called the roll. Council Members Boykins and Costello absent.

Council Member Bradford and Robinson moved that the minutes of the previous meeting be adopted. All voting aye, nays none. Council Members Boykins and Costello absent.
MOTION ADOPTED

Council Member Kubosh moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of presenting a proclamation to Ms. Joann Lowitzer and was seconded by Council Member Bradford, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Green and Costello absent. **MOTION 2015-0087 ADOPTED**

Council Member Kubosh moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of adding Mr. Tim Miller to the speakers list after presentation to Ms. Joann Lowitzer. Council Member Green and Costello absent. **MOTION 2015-0088 ADOPTED**

The City Secretary began calling the list of speakers

Ms. Joann Lowitzer, 23218 Low Ridge, Spring, TX, 77373, (713)304-1092 appeared and was present to accept a proclamation along with Tim Miller founder of Texas EquuSearch and members of EquuSearch who were present. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Pennington and Costello absent.

Council Member Kubosh stated that today was the National Missing Children's Day; it's a big deal for Ms. Joann Lowitzer that was present because she has a missing child and it's her missing child's Birthday today, that missing children was a child of someone and deserves to be found, no matter how long they remain missing or under what circumstances, that Alexandria Joy Lowitzer from Spring Texas had been missing since April 26, 2010 and Missing Person Day will be observed on February 3, 2015 and all take time and remember those individuals that are missing and give hope to their families and the City of Houston along with Alexandria Joy Lowitzer family, friends and supporters wish for the safe return for every missing child and whereas Mayor Parker proclaim that February 3, 2015 Missing Person Day in Houston Texas. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Pennington and Costello absent.

Council Member Laster stated that he wanted to thank Ms. Lowitzer on behalf of Council for bring this important but sad message today. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Pennington and Costello absent.

Ms. Lowitzer stated that she wanted to thank Mayor Parker and the City of Houston for recognizing Missing Person Day and to present a proclamation for Missing Person Day, she also wanted to thank family, friends, Congressman Poe, Texas Center for the Missing, Tim Miller and Texas EquuSearch for their support in the last four years and it was her daughter's 21st birthday today and it has been her mission to not let anyone forget that she was still missing. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Pennington and Costello absent.

Mr. Tim Miller, no address, no phone number appeared and stated he was the founder of EquuSearch and he remembered the first time he met Ms. Lowitzer and the searches that have been done for Alexandria, the leads that came in which unfortunately all led to a dead-end and he had been through what Ms. Lowitzer was going through but fortunately Laura was found not the way he wanted her to be found and that was the reason EquuSearch started, it was to help families. . Council Members Davis, Boykins, Pennington and Costello absent.

Council Member Kubosh invited members of EquuSearch and the parents of missing children that were present to the podium to take a picture. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Pennington and Costello absent.

Mr. Richard Sranco, 6 Burress St., No. 526, 77022, (832)623-6045 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Pennington and Costello absent.

Council Member Boykins moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of adding Ms. Akua Holt to the speakers list and seconded by Council Member Laster, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis, Pennington and Costello absent. **MOTION 2015-0089 ADOPTED**

Ms. Rene Arnold, 14075 Main St., 77035, (713)855-2852 appeared and presented information on the Wellness Institute and stated she was present to share information and that she was a representative of the Fountain of Praise; through the Dr. Richard Wainerdi Wellness Institute in partnership with Central Community Center which they are focusing health issues related to the African American community and they have an event that was coming up called protect you legacy, breast cancer awareness expo next Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Fountain Life Center and the goal was to bring support groups like survivors, caregivers, and also access to free mammogram at the event. Council Members Davis and Pennington absent.

Mayor Parker asked Ms. Arnold if there was a website or phone number that people may get more information and Ms. Arnold stated that the website was www.tofp.org and also there was information about research opportunity that was coming up in April. Council Members Davis and Pennington absent.

Mr. James Partsch- Galavan, 1611 Holman, Houston, Tx (713)528-2607 had reserved a time to speak but, was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis and Pennington absent.

Mr. David Disu, 2840 Shadowbriar Dr., No.714, 77007, (281)690-0078 2607 had reserved a time to speak but, was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis and Pennington absent.

Ms. Akua Holt, no address, no phone number appeared and stated this was her second time speaking to Council and she was present to share her thoughts on the disparity of the art funding in the city and she had questioned radio stations, panels and people "do you know anything about the arts funding and who was receiving the money" which most didn't know and at Miller Theater for 19 years and she had only been funded \$10,000 or less for those 19 years, she understood with the arts funding there needs to be parity and fairness but there were issues with the arts funding which one was neighborhood art funding, a while back when Houston was the Cultural Arts Council and there was a category that neighborhoods arts groups could get funding but now it's been restructured to the Houston Arts Alliance and there are no opportunities for neighborhoods to get funding if the budget was less than \$ 50,000 and this was a challenge for many artists, small groups who are not eligible because of the \$ 50,000 ceiling that's there or have two years of successful art programming in order to receive funding and council needs to look at the way the program was structured so others can compete with the groups that have been funded. Council Members Laster and Green absent.

President Joseph Charles, Post office Box 524373, 77052-4373, Houston, Tx, appeared and stated his subject was absolute Marshal Law, Salaries, Revoked, H/City, Texas/State, Government Systems. and continued to voice his personal experiences until his time expired. Council Members Laster and Green absent.

At 2:44 p.m. The City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 4, 2015. Council Member Dave Martin absent on personal business and Council Member Edward Gonzalez absent due to being ill.

The Houston City Council reconvened at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 4, 2015 Mayor Annise Parker presiding, with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jerry Davis, Ellen R. Cohen, Dwight Boykins, Dave Martin, Richard Nguyen, Oliver Pennington Robert Gallegos, Mike Laster, Larry V. Green, Stephen C. Costello, David Robinson, Michael Kubosh, C.O."Brad" Bradford, Jack Christie D.C., Donna Edmundson, Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agendas Director, present. Council Member Edward Gonzalez absent due to being ill.

At 8:29 a.m. Ms. Anna Russell, City Secretary, read the description or captions of the items on the Agenda.

At 9:04 a.m. Mayor Parker called the meeting order.

REPORT FROM CITY CONTROLLER AND THE CITY ADMINISTRATION REGARDING THE CURRENT FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE CITY including but not limited to, revenue, expenditure and encumbrance report for the General Fund, all special revenue funds and all enterprise funds, and a report on the status of bond funds and a Quarterly Investment Report by the City Controller presented.

Mr. Green and Mr. Dowe reviewed the Monthly Operation and Financial; Report, and Mr. Green received the Quarterly Investment Report, copies of which are in the City Secretary's office for review.

Council Member Costello and seconded by Council Member Robinson moved to accepted the reports, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2015-0090 ADOPTED**

MAYOR'S REPORT

CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 1 through 38

MISCELLANEOUS - 3

3. **RECOMMENDATION** from Fire Chief for Extension of Injury on Duty Leave for Classified Member **GREGORY CHANNEL** – was presented, moved by Council Member Bradford and seconded by Council Member Christie, all voting aye, nays none. **RECOMMENDATION 2015-0091 ADOPTED**

PROPERTY - NUMBERS 7 through 9

7. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering, reviewed and approved by the Joint Referral Committee, on request from Mary Lawler, Avenue CDC, on behalf of McDuffie Marshall, Ltd., (Robert J. Rose, President), for abandonment and sale of a 12-foot-wide alley, from Collingsworth Street south to its terminus, between Billingsley Street and Irvington Boulevard, in Block 29 of the Irvington Addition, out of the John Austin Two League Grant Survey, A-1, Parcel SY15-062 - **DISTRICT H – GONZALEZ**- was presented, moved by Council Member Bradford and seconded by Council Member Christie, all voting aye, nays none. **RECOMMENDATION 2015-0092 ADOPTED**
8. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering, reviewed and approved by the Joint Referral Committee, on request from Gerald W. Grissom, Brown & Gay Engineers, Inc, on behalf of Sunrise Montrose Apartments, LLC, (James M. Hinton, President), for abandonment and sale of: 1) a 10-foot-wide sanitary sewer easement located within Lots 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11, Block 3 of the Columbus Addition, Lot 9, Block 2 of the Kenedy Addition, and Lot 7, Block 2 of the MacDonald Addition; 2) a 5-foot-wide utility easement, located in Lot 6, Block 3 of the Columbus Addition; and 3) a 5-foot-wide utility easement, located in Lots 9 and 10, Block 3 of the Columbus Addition, all out of the Obedience Smith Survey, A-596, Parcels SY15-074A, SY15-074B and SY15-074C - **DISTRICT C – COHEN**-was presented, moved by Council Member Bradford and seconded by Council Member Christie, all voting aye, nays none. **RECOMMENDATION 2015-0093 ADOPTED**
9. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering, reviewed and approved by the Joint Referral Committee, on request from Anita Crawford, declining the acceptance of, rejecting, and refusing the dedication of a 15-foot-wide alley, between Washington Avenue and Lillian Street, from Fowler Street to Patterson Street, located within the Brunner Addition, out of the John Austin Survey, Parcel SY14-058 - **DISTRICT C – COHEN**- was presented, moved by Council Member Bradford and seconded by Council Member Christie, all voting aye, nays none. **RECOMMENDATION 2015-0094 ADOPTED**

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS - NUMBERS 10 through 13

10. **TRIPLE D UNIFORM RENTAL, INC** for Apparel Uniforms for the Houston Airport System 3 Years with two one-year options - \$513,292.00 - Enterprise Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Bradford and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2015-0095 ADOPTED**
11. **KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS U.S.A., INC** to approve spending authority to Lease High-Speed Document Printers and Associated Accessories through the Texas Department of Information Resources for the Houston Police Department - \$628,073.76 - General Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Bradford and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2015-0096 ADOPTED**
12. **BELL HELICOPTER TRAINING ACADEMY** for Training Services for the Houston Police Department - \$61,000.00 - Police Special Services Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Bradford and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2015-0097 ADOPTED**
13. **RR DONNELLEY** - \$405,341.85 and **AMTEC SALES, INC dba PRINT MEDIA** - \$250,125.00 for Barcoded Traffic, Non-Traffic and Parking Citations for Various Departments - 3 Years with two one-year options - General and Parking Management Funds- was presented, moved by Council Member Bradford and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2015-0098 ADOPTED**

ORDINANCES - NUMBERS 17 through 38

17. **ORDINANCE** amending City of Houston Ordinance Nos. 2007-648 passed June 12, 2007, as amended; 2011-281 passed April 25, 2011, as amended; 2012-353 passed April 25, 2012, as amended; and 2013-353 passed April 30, 2013, which authorized the submission of the 2007 Consolidated Action Plan and the 2011, 2012, and 2013 Annual Action Plans, to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, including the applications for the Community Development Block Grant Program, among others- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2015-0085 ADOPTED**
18. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and the **ALIEF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT** for the administration of an After School Achievement Program - \$60,000.00 - General Fund - **DISTRICT F – NGUYEN**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2015-0086 ADOPTED**
22. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing the purchase of a Boiler and Machinery Insurance Policy from **LIBERTY MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY**; providing a maximum contract amount- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2015-0087 ADOPTED**

24. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **ACCURATE METER & BACKFLOW, LLC** for Backflow Preventers Certification, Testing and Repair Services for the Department of Public Works & Engineering; providing a maximum contract amount 3 Years with 2 one-year options - \$1,077,325.00 - Enterprise Fund-was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2015-0088 ADOPTED**

26. **ORDINANCE** establishing the north and south sides of the 1100 block of Bomar Street, between Van Buren Street and Montrose Boulevard, within the City of Houston as a special minimum lot size block pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT C – COHEN**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2015-0089 ADOPTED**

27. **ORDINANCE** establishing the north and south sides of the 1200-1300 block of Bomar, between Waugh Drive and Van Buren Street within the City of Houston as a special minimum lot size block pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT C – COHEN**-was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2015-0090 ADOPTED**

28. **ORDINANCE** establishing the north and south sides of the 500-700 block of Frisco Street, between Helmers Street and Irvington Street, within the City of Houston as a special minimum lot size block pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT H – GONZALEZ**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2015-0091 ADOPTED**

29. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$23,000.00 out of Public Library Consolidated Construction Fund and \$82,071.00 out of Reimbursement of Equipment/Projects Fund to Professional Landscape Architectural Task Order Contract between the City of Houston and **LAUREN GRIFFITH, INC** for Central Library Plaza Improvements - Phase One (Approved by Ordinance No. 2014-0403) **DISTRICT I – GALLEGOS**- copy from Agenda and the City Secretary stated that Item 29 has not been received and would be considered at the end of this meeting if received during the meeting.

30. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$300,195.00 out of Parks Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding construction contract to **PROGRESSIVE COMMERCIAL AQUATICS, INC** for Pool Plaster - De Zavala, Independence Heights, Macgregor, Sunnyside, and Yellowstone Parks; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by Parks Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS D - BOYKINS; H - GONZALEZ and I – GALLEGOS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2015-0092 ADOPTED**

31. **ORDINANCE** issuing a permit to **MORGAN ENTERPRISES, INC** to construct, operate, maintain, improve, repair and replace one new pipeline in certain portions of specified public street rights-of-way and prescribing the conditions and provisions under which the permit is issued - **DISTRICT D – BOYKINS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2015-0093 ADOPTED**

32. **MUNICIPAL** Setting Designation Ordinance prohibiting the use of designated groundwater beneath a tract of land containing 2.2869 acres commonly known as 4310 Directors Row, Houston, Harris County, Texas; and supporting issuance of a Municipal Setting Designation by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality - **DISTRICT A – STARDIG**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2015-0094 ADOPTED**

33. **MUNICIPAL** Setting Designation Ordinance prohibiting the use of designated groundwater beneath a tract of land containing 6.840 acres commonly known as 1300 North Post Oak Road, Houston, Harris County, Texas, and a tract of land containing 11.5085 acres commonly known as 1255 North Post Oak Road, Houston, Harris County, Texas; and supporting issuance of a Municipal Setting Designation by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality - **DISTRICT A – STARDIG**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2015-0095 ADOPTED**
34. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$20,000.00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF and \$20,000.00 out of Metro Projects Construction DDSRF; approving and authorizing Professional Construction Management and Inspection Services Agreement between the City of Houston and **FREESE AND NICHOLS, INC** for Drainage and Paving Construction Projects- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2015-0096 ADOPTED**
35. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$40,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; approving and authorizing Professional Construction Management and Inspection Services Agreement between the City of Houston and **LEGGETTE, BRASHEARS & GRAHAM, INC dba LBG-GUYTON ASSOCIATES** for Water Facility Construction Projects- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2015-0097 ADOPTED**
36. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$784,135.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding contract to **NATIONAL WORKS, INC** for Sanitary Sewer Cleaning and Television Inspection in support of Rehabilitation; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund (WW4277-82)- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2015-0098 ADOPTED**
37. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$852,238.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding contract to **CSI CONSOLIDATED, LLC dba CLEAN SERVE, LLC** for Sanitary Sewer Cleaning and Television Inspection in support of Rehabilitation; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund (WW4277-84)- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2015-0099 ADOPTED**

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

1. **RECOMMENDATION** from Chief Development Officer for approval of payment to the **GREATER HOUSTON PARTNERSHIP** for corporate membership at the managing partner level - \$95,000.00 General Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Costello and seconded by Council Member Bradford, all voting aye, nays none. **RECOMMENDATION 2015-0099 ADOPTED**
2. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Administration & Regulatory Affairs Department for the designation of a residential parking permit area in the Super Neighborhoods of Neartown/Montrose and Greenway/Upper Kirby - **DISTRICT C – COHEN**-was presented, moved by Council Member Bradford and seconded by Council Member Christie, all voting aye, nays none. **RECOMMENDATION 2015-0100 ADOPTED**

ACCEPT WORK - NUMBER 4

4. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$2,022,820.35 and acceptance of work on contract with **D. L. ELLIOTT ENTERPRISES, INC** for Water Distribution System Rehabilitation and Renewal - 4.46% under the original contract amount (WA 11045)- was presented, moved by Council Member Bradford and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. **RECOMMENDATION 2015-0101 ADOPTED**

PROPERTY - NUMBERS 5 AND 6

5. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Houston Airport System that City Council declare surplus and authorize the sealed bid sale of various properties, Parcels SY15-085, SY15-086, SY15-087, SY15-088, SY15-089, SY15-090 and SY15-091, to expand an existing utility corridor traversing the area - **DISTRICT B – DAVIS**- was presented, moved by Council Member Bradford and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. **RECOMMENDATION 2015-0102 ADOPTED**
6. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering, reviewed and approved by the Joint Referral Committee, on request from Dan Elkins, Kimley-Horn and Associates, on behalf of Stanmore/ADEF Blalock, L.P., and Palmetto/Stammore Blalock, L.P., [Stanmore GPBW, LLC, (Jason Schlanger, Vice President), General Partner of both businesses], for abandonment and sale of a 10-foot-wide water line easement and two 150-square-foot water meter easements, located in the Blalock Woods Apartments, out of the Thomas A. Hoskins Survey, A-342, Parcels SY15-052A, SY15-052B, SY15-052C and SY15-052D - **DISTRICT A – STARDIG**- was presented and tagged by Council Member Stardig

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS – 14

14. **J. TYLER SERVICES, INC** - \$165,135.86, **CONTRACT RESOURCE GROUP, LLC** - \$173,623.38 and **PIONEER CONTRACT SERVICES, INC** - \$69,849.35 for Office Furniture from the State of Texas Procurement and Support Services Contract through the State Cooperative Purchasing Program for Various Departments - General, Enterprise and Other- was presented, moved by Council Member Bradford and seconded by Council Member Pennington, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2015-0103 ADOPTED**

ORDINANCES

15. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing a District Office Lease Agreement between the City of Houston, Texas, as Landlord, and the **HONORABLE SHEILA JACKSON LEE**, member of the U.S. House of Representatives, as Tenant, for lease space located at the Acres Homes Multi-Service Center at 6719 West Montgomery Road, Houston, Texas- was not received and was not considered.
16. **ORDINANCE** approving first amendment to Lease Agreement between **EL CENTRO DE CORAZON** and the City of Houston, Texas, related to the leased premises located at 7037 Capital, Houston, Texas, for the Department of Health & Human Services - **DISTRICT I – GALLEGOS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2015-0100 ADOPTED**
19. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing first amendment to Service Agreement for HPD Section 457 Eligible Deferred Compensation Plan Administration Services between the City of Houston, the **HOUSTON POLICE OFFICERS UNION (as exclusive Bargaining Agent for all Houston Police Officers)** and **DAILY ACCESS CORPORATION**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Bradford absent. **ORDINANCE 2015-0101 ADOPTED**
20. **ORDINANCE** amending Ordinance No. 2011-274, as amended, to increase the maximum contract amount and appropriating \$800,000.00 out of Miscellaneous Capital Projects/Acquisitions CP Series E Fund; approving and authorizing second amendment to agreement for Financial Advisory Services between the City and **FIRST SOUTHWEST COMPANY** related to the infrastructure needs of the Houston Police and Municipal Courts Departments- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2015-0102 ADOPTED**
21. **ORDINANCE** amending Ordinance No. 2014-26 (Passed by City Council on January 15, 2014) and appropriating \$400,000.00 out of Miscellaneous Capital Projects/Acquisitions CP Series E Fund to increase the maximum contract amount for contract between the City of Houston and **HAWKINS DELAFIELD & WOOD LLP** for Legal Representation; approving and authorizing first amendment to contract to provide for Legal Representation of the City related to infrastructure needs for the Houston Police and Municipal Courts Departments; providing a maximum contract amount- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2015-0103 ADOPTED**

23. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing first amendment to Interlocal Agreement between the City of Houston and the **HARRIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**, Approved by Ordinance No. 2005-0137, for Record Storage and Retrieval Services for Various Departments; containing provisions relating to the subject; establishing a maximum contract amount- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2015-0104 ADOPTED**
25. **ORDINANCE** awarding contract to **MGT OF AMERICA, INC** for a Permit Fee Study for the Public Works & Engineering Department; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with 2 one-year options - \$88,378.00 - Building Inspection Fund- was presented and tagged by Council Members Stardig, Pennington and Kubosh
38. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$1,539,904.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding contract to **CSI CONSOLIDATED, LLC dba CLEAN SERVE, LLC** for Large Diameter Sanitary Sewer Inspection using Robotic Technology; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund (WW4277-87) - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2015-0105 ADOPTED**

NON CONSENT AGENDA - NUMBERS 39 through 41

MISCELLANEOUS

39. **RECEIVE** nominations for Position 4 of the **WASTEWATER CAPACITY RESERVATION REVIEW BOARD**, for the remainder of the designated two year term- was presented,

Council Member Green stated he submitted in writing the nomination of Kamal Rasheed for reappointment on the wastewater capacity reservation review board.

Council Member Costello moved that the nominations be closed and was seconded by Council Member Bradford, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2015-0104 ADOPTED**

40. **RECEIVE** nominations for Positions 21 and 22 of the **HOUSTON CENTER FOR LITERACY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for the remainder of the three-year term that will end January 1, 2018- was present,

Council Member Gallegos stated he submitted the nomination Ryan Leach for appointment to Position 22 on the Houston Center for Literacy Board

Council Member Laster stated he submitted the nomination Dave Rosen to the Houston Center for Literacy Board to represent position 21.

Council Member Costello moved that the nomination be closed and was seconded by Council Member Bradford, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2015-0105 ADOPTED**

41. **REVIEW** on the record and make determination relative to the appeal from the decision of the General Appeals Board to uphold the decision of the Sign Administration denying an On-premise Sign Permit to Progressive Insurance, filed by Catarina Gonzales, Randle Law Office Ltd., LLP. regarding sign located at 1045 Wisterwood- was presented and tagged by Council Members Stardig, Laster and Costello.

MATTERS HELD - NUMBERS 42 through 44

42. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director of Finance for approval of Calendar Year 2015 Budgets submitted by the Houston Arts Alliance, the Houston Museum District Association, Miller Theatre Advisory Board, Inc and Theater District Improvement, Inc for support, advancement and promotion of the arts - **TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS MARTIN, COSTELLO, GALLEGOS, STARDIG, GREEN and BOYKINS** -This was Item 5 on Agenda of January 28, 2015- was presented, Council Member Gallegos stated he tagged this item because of concerns regarding clarification of the contract and the Legal Department would be sending a letter after meeting and discussing clarifying in detail the concern that were brought up at the meeting held on the 9th at the Fifth Ward Multi-Center and that all parties would know how to distribute the funds in the future.

Council Member Green stated he would not be supporting this item because of the challenges with regard to the museum funding to him was desperate and which he could see a privilege museum which does not have to worry about where the next dollar was coming from because of the class of museum and then you have an ancillary museums who has to fight for its funding and to fill out an application, there are funding requirement, certain dollar amount of which they have to fight for and they may get funding this year but not next year and the way funding the museums were are unfair to the smaller museum it doesn't give them an opportunity to grow or gain capacity and what it was saying was that one person's culture was more important than the other which he can't support the item.

Mayor Parker stated that this was an allocation agreed years ago and this contract was under the existing allocation.

Council Member Boykins stated that his concerns and issue was not dealing with the larger theaters, which does attract tourist and conventions to this city; that this process was flawed; if there was a 100 % pie, three quarters was allocated in noncompetitive funding and the other quarter was allocated based on size, what type of museum and make it also a noncompetitive funding, it's not fair to the smaller museums and which he will not support this item; it's not helping all parties, all ethnicity, and putting it on an uneven playing field throughout the city and was not a vote against the larger museum, it was a vote against the process.

Mayor Parker stated there always needed to be a process where there were competitive grants and she would never want to set up a structure where everything was allocated up front; remembering the Council that the only thing that was going to be voting on today was the submission of budgets; not allocating money or approving new contracts, only voting on the submission of the budgets.

Council Member Davis stated he can appreciate the dialog that have been taken place and since this was funded for five years, the question now was how they can bring the smaller museums to the table and can the Council ask Houston first to donate money because he thinks it should be part of their deal on why they picked Houston; he understood with this funding already locked up but are there other opportunities through Houston First?

Mayor Parker stated that the original funding was agreed years ago and that last years she put a big foot into the art agencies to peel off money for special events and now they had a dedicated funding source for that, the other was for the Cultural Plan; the Board for this Cultural Plan has good representation from the smaller agencies, that was designed to inform the dialogue to help solve exactly these problems.

After further lengthy discussion a vote was called on Item 42, moved by Council Member Pennington and seconded by Council Member Costello, Council Members Boykins and Green voting no, a balance vote for aye. **MOTION 2015-0106 ADOPTED**

43. **MOTION** by Council Member Gonzalez/Seconded by Council Member Bradford to adopt recommendation from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$4,182,595.94 and acceptance of work on contract with **ALSAY INCORPORATED** for Two New Water Wells in Sims Bayou Area - 6.70% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICT K - GREEN - TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GREEN**
This was Item 7 on Agenda of January 28, 2015- was presented, all voting aye, nays none.
MOTION 2015-0107 ADOPTED

44. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$2,809,725.00 out of Metro Projects Construction DDSRF, awarding contract to **TRAFFIC SYSTEMS CONSTRUCTION, INC** for Installation of Advanced Traffic Control Devices at Houston Arterial Traffic Signal System Intersections; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering, testing, CIP Cost Recovery, construction management, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Metro Projects Construction DDSRF - **DISTRICTS A - STARDIG; B - DAVIS; C - COHEN; D - BOYKINS; I - GALLEGOS and J - LASTER - TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GALLEGOS**
This was Item 35 on Agenda of January 28, 2015- was presented, all voting aye, nays none.
ORDINANCE 2015-0106 ADOPTED

Consideration of Item 29 received during the meeting.

29. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$23,000.00 out of Public Library Consolidated Construction Fund and \$82,071.00 out of Reimbursement of Equipment/Projects Fund to Professional Landscape Architectural Task Order Contract between the City of Houston and **LAUREN GRIFFITH, INC** for Central Library Plaza Improvements - Phase One (Approved by Ordinance No. 2014-0403) **DISTRICT I - GALLEGOS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2015-0107 ADOPTED**

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS –

Council Member Gallegos announced past and upcoming events in his district and also stated that tax season was present and he wanted to remind everyone that Neighborhood Centers are offering free assistance for families and individuals who earn up to \$58,000 and to find the nearest center to call 211. Council Members Davis, Pennington, Laster, Costello and Bradford absent.

Council Member Stardig announced past and upcoming events in her district. Council Members Davis, Pennington, Laster, Costello and Bradford absent.

Council Member Kubosh stated that yesterday was national Missing Children's day, which he spent most of his day with Texas EquiSearch and they were still working on the bayous on identifying the cars and raising funds and at two o'clock on Sims Bayou there will be a press conference. Council Members Davis, Pennington, Costello and Bradford absent.

Council Member Nguyen stated he wanted to remind everyone that February 15, 2015 was the last time people could enroll under the affordable care act and the city was assisting people at various multipurpose centers for an appointment or get locations please call 832-393-5423; and announced past events and upcoming events in his district. Council Members Davis, Pennington, Laster, Costello and Bradford absent.

Council Member Christie stated to prove this was an international city he probably went international all week, there are 92 countries that make up this great city and announced past events that he attended to gave sister cities proclamations and that they were happy to be in Houston and suggested to the Mayor about a month ago he would love to see two cities a month or every other week just present a ten minute notice of why they are present in Houston. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Pennington, Laster, Green, Costello, Kubosh and Bradford absent.

Council Member Robinson stated for all the good news in the city, the front page recognized the killing of a pastor and his family; the communities he had served was the Redeemer of Holy Spirit, Houston University and Rice University and he requested a moment of silence for the pastor. Council Members Davis, Pennington, Laster, Green, Costello and Bradford absent.

Council Member Boykins stated in recognizing February as black history month, his office will be recognizing African American leaders throughout the city, every week and this week they recognize Dr. Terrance Fontaine which a lot knew him from the previous Mayor, a native Houstonian and began his career in aviation and announced upcoming events in his district. Council Members Davis, Pennington, Laster, Costello and Bradford.

Council Member Martin announced past meetings and events he attended and upcoming events in his district. Council Members Davis, Pennington, Costello and Bradford absent.

Council Member Cohen announced upcoming events in her district. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Pennington, Costello and Bradford absent.

Council Member Green announced past meetings and events he attended and upcoming events in his district. Council Members Boykins, Pennington, Costello and Bradford absent.

Council Member Davis stated he wanted to make a statement and he understand that this maybe out of purview, which Council Member Christie stated about how we can partner up with different countries on a weekly basis and he agrees with that item and understood that the state budget will encompass budget cuts and he thinks there is no room for educational funding but he would like to see the city and the county partner together and start a funding for early education for ages 0-4 because we want this city to be great and it should start at education realm. Council Members Boykins, Pennington, Costello and Bradford absent.

There are no further business before Council, the City Council adjourned at 10:35 a.m. Council Members Boykins, Pennington, Costello and Bradford absent. Council Member Gonzalez absent due to being ill.

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Anna Russell, City Secretary