

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

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

At 1:56 p.m. Mayor Parker called the meeting to order and stated they would start with the presentation portion of the City Council meeting. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Robinson absent.

Mayor Parker stated that the presentation today would be AARP, the Texas Chapter and invited the members of the Chapter to the podium, and Dr. Foreman stated that AARP was thrilled to welcome the City Of Houston to the AARP network of age friendly communities and they wanted to give thanks for including AARP as a stakeholder in the general plan process and for recognizing the importance of livable communities and for people to feel safe, connected to their streets and their neighborhood and AARP launched the network of age friendly communities in April of 2015 which was a U.S. affiliate of the world health organization program and AARP was committed to work with the City of Houston and community partner to accomplish phase 1, which was developing 3 year action plan, indicator to monitor progress toward the plan, phase 2 implementing the plan in the years 3 to 5 and phase 3 continuing improvements in the plan in years 5 and beyond and they would also like to recognize their volunteers, community partners that were joining them to develop this planned with Go Healthy Task Force, Sheltering Arms, Care for Elder, the Houston Parks Board, the University of Houston downtown, Metro and through the years they plan to add more and AARP wanted to present the Mayor with a framed certificate representing their shared vision to make the City of Houston an age friendly community and Mayor Parker stated on the behalf of the City of Houston and the various departments that have been engaged in the effort to make the City of Houston more age friendly she accepted the certificate. Council Members Martin, Pennington and Gonzalez absent.

At 2:11 p.m. Mayor Parker recognized Council Member Gallegos for the invocation and he invited Dr. Dana Carson to offer the invocation and Council Member Gallegos led the pledge of allegiance. Council Members Pennington and Gonzalez absent.

At 2:14 p.m. the City Secretary called the roll. Council Member Gonzalez absent. Council Member Richard Nguyen absent due to Jury Duty and Council Member C. O. "Brad" Bradford absent on City Business.

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

The City Secretary began calling the list of speakers.

Ms. Stacey Lewis, 11019 Maiden Cane, 77086, (832)800-6113 appeared and stated she was present in support of Item 9, the contract with Emancipet, Inc. for professional Spay, Neutering and Healthy Pet Services for the City of Houston's Administration and Regulatory Affairs Department. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Boykins and Gonzalez absent.

Mr. Mike Moreno, 7636 Avenue J, 77012, (713) 876-2880 appeared and stated he was present in support of Item 9, the contract with Emancipet, Inc. for professional Spay, Neutering and Healthy Pet Services for the City of Houston's Administration and Regulatory Affairs Department. Council Members Davis, Boykins and Gonzalez absent.

Ms. Amy Mills, 7010 Easy Wind Dr. Ste.260, Austin, TX, 78752, (512)587-7729 appeared and stated she was the C.E.O of Emancipet, Inc. and was presented information to Council with information about Item 9 and was present to offer more information about Emancipet plans of things to do in the City of Houston. Council Member Davis absent.

After a lengthy discussion Council Member Pennington moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending the time for questioning Ms. Amy Mills and seconded by Council Member Costello, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **MOTION 2015-0160 ADOPTED**

Mr. Marlen Whitley, 4024 Glen Cove Dr., 77061, (832)274-3096 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis and Costello absent.

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

Mr. Joshua Bullard, 3328 McGowen, 77004, (832)258-7511 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis and Costello absent.

Mr. Blake Hogue, 409 Kimswick, Deer Park, TX, 77536, (713)385-2168 appeared and stated he works with Liondale Houston Refinery Operation and was present to voice his concerns about refinery safety and the safety for the communities near the Houston Ship Channel. Council Member Davis and Martin absent.

Mr. Roderick Davis, 3514 Nagle St., 77004, (340)277-2168 appeared and stated he was present to speak about a group of neighbors that are down the street and these neighbors were having loud music, drugs and shooting guns at all hours of the night and he had contacted the Houston Police several times and was requesting help from Council for a resolution. Council Members Davis, Martin and Green absent.

Mr. David Smolensky, 8110 Wateka Dr., 77074, (832)282-9262 appeared and stated he was present to speak about the Houston Police Chief, his concerns were for the City, there were not enough police officers on duty and there was a division between the Houston Police Chief and the Houston Police Officers and also was present to speak about Public Works and how they are digging the ditches. Council Members Davis, Martin and Gonzalez absent.

Mr. Joe Jordan, 14173 Northwest Frwy. Ste.166, 77040, (713)680-3180 appeared presented information and stated he was present to voice his concerns about UBER drivers and a new policy about a 30 day permit. Council Members Davis and Martin absent.

After a lengthy discussion Council Member Kubosh moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending the time for questioning Mr. Joe Jordan and seconded by Council Member Stardig, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis, Martin and Green absent.

MOTION 2015-0161 ADOPTED

Mr. Kevin Claypool, 4618 Park, Bellaire, TX, 77401, (713)471-1734 appeared and stated he was present to voice his concerns about UBER drivers and the insurance gap. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. Robert Fenlon, 5938 Bel Arbor, 77033, (713)701-1881 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. Edwin Harrison, 3320 Southmore Blvd., 77004, (832)282-1412 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mrs. Linda Harrison, 3320 Southmore Blvd., 77004, (832)282-1412 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Ms. Lalita Hamilton, 5455 Richmond Ave, No. 2072, 77056, (301)237-8711 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Ms. Monique Joeph, 2615 Barrington, Sugarland, TX, 77478, (281)704-8520 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. Mark Young, 1510 Ambrosden Ln., Channelview, TX, 77530, (832)613-3603 appeared and stated he was with the United Steel Workers and was present to voice his concerns about refinery safety and the strike. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Mr. Josh Lege, 10130 North L. Strret, La Porte, TX, 77571, (409)549-3187 appeared and stated he was with United Steel Workers and was present to voice his concerns about refinery safety and the strike. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Gonzalez, Green and Christie absent. **NO QUORUM**

Mr. John Noflin, 12903 Brent Rock, 77082, (832)208-1498 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Gonzalez, Green and Christie absent. **NO QUORUM**

Mr. Alfredo Blanco, 1813 Alta Vista, 77023, (713)859-6414 appeared and presented pictures about Mason Park and was present to voice his concern about Mason Park and the park being neglected and was requesting for Council to help with these issues. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Pennington, Green and Christie absent. **NO QUORUM**

Mr. Agustin Pinedo, 7838 Battle Creek Dr., 77040,(832)883-2510 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Pennington, Green and Christie absent. **NO QUORUM**

Ms. Randa Fox, 3013 Bissonnet, 77005, (713)447-0889 appeared and presented information and stated that April was Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month and was the Founder of Not on Our Watch America Foundation and was present requesting that Houston to be a leader in creating safe, stable, nurturing relationships with children and requesting for the month of April to wear or place blue ribbons around in recognizing Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Pennington, Green and Christie absent.

Mr. James Partsch- Galavan, 1611 Holman, Houston, TX (713)528-2607 had reserved time to speak but, was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Pennington, Green and Christie 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, and Government Systems and continued to voice his personal experiences until his time expired. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Pennington, Green and Christie absent.

Ms. Deborah Elaine Allen, Post Office 26352, 77207-3552, (713)264-0127 had reserved time to speak but, was not present when her name was called. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Pennington, Green and Christie absent.

At 3:31 p.m. The City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 4, 2015. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Pennington, Green and Christie absent. Council Member C. O. "Brad" Bradford absent on City Business and Council Member Richard Nguyen absent due to Jury Duty.

At 8:30 a.m. Ms. Anna Russell, City Secretary, read the description or captions of the items on the Agenda.

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

At 9:06 a.m. Mayor Parker called the meeting order and stated that the first item on the Agenda was the Financial Report.

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, a copy of which is in the City Secretary's office for review.

Council Member Costello moved to accept the Financial report and seconded by Council Member Gonzalez, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Boykins and Pennington absent. **MOTION 2015-0162 ADOPTED**

CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 1 through 14

MISCELLANEOUS - NUMBERS 1 and 2

1. **REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment of **MATT ZEIS** to Position One of the **BOARD OF PUBLIC TRUSTS**, for a term to expire March 22, 2017- was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez and seconded by Council Member Costello, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2015-0163 ADOPTED**

Mayor Parker invited Mr. Matt Zeis to the podium and thanked him for his services.

2. **REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment of the following individuals to the **OFFICE OF BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY ADVISORY BOARD**:
 - Position One - **LANA KAY COBLE**, reappointment, for a term to expire 1/2/2017
 - Position Two - **VLADIMIR NARANJO**, reappointment, for a term to expire 1/2/2016
 - Position Three - **TROI L. TAYLOR**, reappointment, for a term to expire 1/2/2017
 - Position Four - **RAMESH GUNDA**, reappointment, for a term to expire 1/2/2016
 - Position Five - **ALICIA B. JIMERSON**, reappointment, for a term to expire 1/2/2017, and in addition to serve as Chair
 - Position Six - **DELL TRAHAN**, reappointment, for a term to expire 1/2/2016
 - Position Seven - **SAMUEL K. EATON, SR.**, reappointment, for a term to expire 1/2/2017
 - Position Nine - **NICOLE C. WEST**, reappointment, for a term to expire 1/2/2017
 - Position Ten - **ALAN D. BERGERON**, reappointment, for a term to expire 1/2/2016
 - Position Eleven - **MARIA RIOS**, reappointment, for a term to expire 1/2/2017
 - Position Twelve - **SAM MERCHANT**, reappointment, for a term to expire 1/2/2016
 - Position Thirteen - **MARLON MITCHELL**, reappointment, for a term to expire 1/2/2017
 - Position Fourteen - **LAURIE VIGNAUD**, reappointment, for a term to expire 1/2/2016
 - Position Fifteen - **RAUL DOMINGUEZ**, appointment, for a term to expire 1/2/2017- was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez and seconded by Council Member Costello, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2015-0164 ADOPTED**

Mayor Parker invited the members of the Office of Business Opportunity Advisory Board that were present to the podium and thanked them for their services.

PROPERTY - NUMBER 4

4. **RECOMMENDATION** from City Attorney to settle eminent domain proceeding styled City of Houston v. Hardwood Lumber Company, a Texas corporation, et al., Cause No. 1010160; for acquisition of Parcel AY10-146; for the **MKT SPUR HIKE & BIKE TRAIL PROJECT - DISTRICT C – COHEN**- was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez and seconded by Council Member Costello, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2015-0165 ADOPTED**

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS - NUMBER 6

6. **TEXAS CORRECTIONAL INDUSTRIES** for Bedding Sets for the General Services Department on behalf of the Houston Fire Department - \$93,684.50 - General Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez and seconded by Council Member Pennington, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2015-0166 ADOPTED**

ORDINANCES - NUMBERS 12 and 14

12. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Purchase Agreement between the City of Houston, Texas, as Seller, and **WEEKLEY HOMES, LLC, as Buyer**, for the sale of 5.9857 acres of land, located at 2001 Dairy Ashford, Houston, Harris County, Texas [Parcel SY11-044], in consideration of the payment to the Seller by Purchaser of \$2,750,000.00- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2015-0189 ADOPTED**

14. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Professional Environmental Consulting Services Task Order Contracts between the City of Houston and **ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS, INC, TERRACON CONSULTANTS, INC, ARCADIS U.S., INC, GARNER & ASSOCIATES, INC, FARMER ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP, LLC, TLC ENGINEERING, INC, TECHNOLOGY SERVING PEOPLE, INC, WESTON SOLUTIONS, INC, EFI GLOBAL, INC, PROFESSIONAL SERVICES INDUSTRIES, INC, INCONTROL TECHNOLOGIES, INC, BIOSPHERE CONSULTANTS, LLC, CLEAR VENTURES, INC, d/b/a CAM ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, CRG TEXAS, LLC, FERKAM MANAGEMENT CORPORATION d/b/a/ FERKAM GROUP**; appropriating \$43,000.00 out of General Improvements Consolidated Construction Fund, \$100,000.00 out of Parks Consolidated Construction Fund, \$270,000.00 out of Police Consolidated Construction Fund, \$50,000.00 out of Solid Waste Consolidated Construction Fund, \$45,000.00 out of Library Consolidated Construction Fund, \$20,000.00 out of Public Health Consolidated Construction Fund, and \$300,000.00 out of Fire Consolidated Construction Fund; providing a maximum contract amount - each contract \$600,000.00 - 3 Years with a one year option to renew- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2015-0190 ADOPTED**

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

PROPERTY - NUMBER 3

3. **RECOMMENDATION** from City Attorney to deposit the amount of the Award of Special Commissioners into the Registry of the Court and pay the costs of court in connection with eminent domain proceedings styled City of Houston v. El Dorado Associates, Ltd., et al., Cause No. 1047988; for acquisition of Parcel KY13-103; for the **NORTHEAST WATER LINE EASEMENT ACQUISITION PROJECT** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez and seconded by Council Member Pennington, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2015-0167 ADOPTED**

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS - NUMBER 5

5. **GILBREATH COMMUNICATIONS, INC** for Community/Disaster Preparedness Education/ Outreach Programs through the Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Purchasing with Houston-Galveston Area Council - \$485,403.45 - Grant Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez and seconded by Council Member Bradford, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2015-0168 ADOPTED**

ORDINANCES

7. **ORDINANCE** amending the City's Master Classification Ordinance (City of Houston Ordinance No. 90-1292, as most recently amended by City of Houston Ordinance No. 2014-898) to change pay grades for three job classifications; providing a repealer; providing for severability- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2015-0191 ADOPTED**
8. **ORDINANCE** amending Exhibit "A" of the City of Houston Ordinance No. 2015-181 to add four (4) Senior Captains, four (4) Captains, twelve (12) Engineer/Operators, and twenty (20) Firefighters, substituting the amended exhibit as part of the current Houston Fire Department Classified Personnel Ordinance; providing a repealer; providing for severability- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2015-0192 ADOPTED**
9. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing contract with **EMANCIPET, INC** for Professional Spay, Neutering and Healthy Pet Services for the City of Houston's Administration and Regulatory Affairs Department; establishing a maximum contract amount - \$260,000.00 - General Fund- was presented and after a lengthy discussion a vote was called, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2015-0193 ADOPTED**
10. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing first amendment to Interlocal Agreement between **the** City and **HARRIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION** for CASE for Kids City Connections

Program; amending Ordinance Number 2014-0958 to increase the maximum contract amount for the above contract- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2015-0194 ADOPTED**

11. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **ECCENTEX CORPORATION** for Professional Services and Case Management for the Houston Police Department; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options \$1,185,000.00 - General and Asset Forfeiture State Funds- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2015-0195 ADOPTED**

13. **ORDINANCE** authorizing the sale of certain real property consisting of approximately 1.273 acres of land located at 4215 Leeland Avenue, being a part of the J. Wells Survey, Abstract Number 832, Houston, Harris County, Texas, and identified as Parcel SY15-044; declaring Parcel SY15-044 surplus; appointing two independent appraisers to determine the Fair Market Value of Parcel SY15-044; approving and authorizing a Listing Agreement between the City of Houston and **TRANSWESTERN PROPERTY COMPANY SW GP, L.L.C. d/b/a TRANSWESTERN**, for the Marketing and Sale of Parcel SY15-044 - **DISTRICT I – GALLEGOS**- was presented and tagged by Council Member Gallegos.

MATTERS HELD - NUMBERS 15 through 17

15. **MOTION** by Council Member Gonzalez/Seconded by Council Member Bradford to adopt recommendation from Purchasing Agent to award to **BUSINESS SERVICES** for Commercial Refrigerators, Gas Ranges, Gas Ovens, Microwave Ovens and Griddles for the General Services Department on behalf of the Fire Department - \$113,798.68 - General Fund
TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS KUBOSH and STARDIG
This was Item 9 on Agenda of February 25, 2015- was presented, all voting aye, nays none.
MOTION 2015-0169 ADOPTED

16. **ORDINANCE** approving the issuance of bonds by the **MAIN STREET/MARKET SQUARE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY dba DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**
DISTRICTS C - COHEN; H - GONZALEZ and I - GALLEGOS
TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LASTER
This was Item 15 on Agenda of February 25, 2015- was presented and after a lengthy discussion a vote was called, Council Member Martin voting no, balance voting aye. **ORDINANCE 2015-0196 ADOPTED**

17. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing agreement between the City of Houston and **THE VILLAGE LEARNING CENTER, INC**, to provide a grant of \$3,000,000 in Community Development Block Grant Funds for acquisition of a facility, located in the vicinity of 3838 Plum Valley Drive, Houston, Texas, which will be used to provide services to low to moderate income individuals with developmental disabilities - **DISTRICT E - MARTIN**
TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MARTIN
This was Item 20 on Agenda of February 25, 2015- was presented, all voting aye, nays none.
ORDINANCE 2015-0197 ADOPTED

Mayor Parker stated that there was a young man present behind her and his name was Tim Wang and was a sophomore at Rice University and was participating in a program called the Owl Edge and was shadowing her and Chris Newport for two days to observe local Government.

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Members of Council announced events and discussed matters of interest.

There are no further business before Council; the City Council adjourned at 11:04 a.m. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Laster, Kubosh and Bradford absent.

DETAILED INFORMATION ON FILE ON THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

Anna Russell, City Secretary

