

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Friday, March 13, 2015

A Special Council Meeting was held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, March 13, 2015, Vice Mayor Pro Tem Jerry Davis presiding, Brenda Stardig, Ellen R. Cohen, Dave Martin, Oliver Pennington, Robert Gallegos, Stephen C. Costello, David W. Robinson, Michael Kubosh and C.O. "Brad" Bradford and Donna Edmundson City Attorney, present. Mayor Annise D. Parker, Council Members Dwight Boykins, Edward Gonzalez, Mike Laster, Larry Green and Jack Christie D.C. absent.

At 10:08 a.m. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis called the meeting to order.

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis called on Reverend T. Leon to offer the invocation and Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis led all in the pledge.

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis requested the City Secretary to roll call. Mayor Parker, Council Members Boykins, Gonzalez, Laster, Green and Christie absent.

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis stated that the meeting was called under provisions of Article VII Section 3 of the City Charter by written request signed by three Council Members with opening remarks by Council Members Kubosh, Bradford, Stardig and Martin and (2) discussion of the "Agreement Regarding Litigation and to Mutually Support Legislation" executed and entered into as of the 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2015, by and between Annise D. Parker, the Mayor of the City of Houston, Texas and the Houston Firefighters' Relief and Retirement fund; (3) Public Comments and (4) Vote in support or opposition to the "Agreement".

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis called on Council Members Stardig, Kubosh and Bradford for opening statements.

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis stated that anyone wishing to sign up to speak may do so on the sign up list available on the table near the doors.

Council Member Martin was recognized for an opening statement.

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis stated that he would be leaving early and Council Member Bradford would chair the meeting.

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis left the meeting and Council Member Bradford presiding as chair for the balance of the meeting and began calling on the speakers who had signed up to speak.

Council Member Bradford stated he was going to open up with the discussion among Council Members.

Council Members Costello and Pennington voiced their concerns about the agreement and the budget.

Council Member Bradford stated that they were going to begin calling on the speakers who had signed up to speak.

Senator Paul Bettencourt appeared and stated he was present on opposition to the agreement.

Mr. Bob Harvey, President and CEO of the Greater Houston Partnership was not present when his name was called and had a letter distributed to all members of Council which expressed concern of the financial security of the pension system.

Mr. Corral Robinson appeared and stated he was present in opposition of the agreement signed by Mayor Parker.

Council Member Bradford stated that if anyone wished to speak and had not signed up, a sign in sheet was available on the table near the doors.

Council Member Cohen stated that she had another obligation and will have to walk out of the meeting in about 45 minutes because of a prior commitment

Mr. Craig Mason appeared and stated he was present in opposition to the agreement and upon questioned by Council Member Pennington stated he was a member of the Pension Board but abstained from voting on the agreement as he felt the Board did not have the authority to enter into the agreement.

Mr. Bill Frazer, C.A.A. appeared and stated he was present in opposition to the agreement.

Mr. Don Hooper appeared and stated he was present in opposition to the agreement.

Mr. Jim Noteware appeared and stated he was present in opposition to the agreement.

Mr. Alvin White appeared and stated he was President of HPFFA and urged support of the agreement, that the problem was with the mustering out pay.

Council Member Bradford that they would move on to Item 4 as follows: vote in support or opposition to the "Agreement Regarding Litigation and to Mutually Support Legislation" executed and entered into as of the 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2015, by and between Annise D. Parker, the Mayor of the City of Houston, Texas and the Houston Firefighters' Relief and Retirement Fund.- was presented, moved by Council Member Kubosh and seconded by Council Member Stardig and Council Member Robinson stated that he was going to tag Item 4 on the Agenda.

Council Member Bradford stated that he was going to rule the tag out of order under the rules of Council. Council Members Cohen and Robinson absent.

Council Member Bradford Further stated that he ruled the matter moot under City Council Rule 14, inasmuch as today was the last day to file Bills in Austin which would order the matter moot. **NO QUORUM**

At 11:46 am the City Council was adjourned as a quorum was not present. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Nguyen, Gonzalez, Laster, Green, Robinson and Christie absent.

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Anna Russell, City Secretary

