

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, February 2, 2016

The Houston City Council convened at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 2, 2016; Mayor Sylvester Turner presiding, with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jerry Davis, Ellen Cohen, Dwight Boykins, Dave Martin, Steve Le, Greg Travis, Karla Cisneros, Robert Gallegos, Mike Laster, Larry Green, Mike Knox, David Robinson, Michael Kubosh, Amanda Edwards and Jack Christie D.C.; Harlan Heilman, Division Chief, Claims & Subrogation Division and Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agenda present.

At 1:46 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen called the meeting of City Council to order and stated that first order of business was the presentation portion. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Martin, Gallegos, Green, Knox, Robinson, Kubosh and Edwards absent.

Council Member Boykins stated that today was a wonderful day in the City of Houston that they had been blessed with two individuals, who had done so much for the City of Houston and Gerald and Anita Smith were champions in this City and they were always there for people no matter who they are; he wanted to thanked them for their accomplishments, their support, in love for this great City, which they have friends and family present for support as well; as men and women of faith, the book of Luke, Chapter 12, verse 48 said "much is given, much is required" and underneath this verse you should find Gerald and Anita Smiths picture; Gerald Smith was the Chief Executive Officer of Smith Graham Company in addition to his company and community work, he was currently a Member of the Board of Trustee and Chair of the Investment Oversight Committee for Charles Schwab of Funds and was a board Member of the New York Life Insurance company and had been inducted in the National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame for his achievements; in 1978 Anita Smith graduated from Texas Tech University where she became a proud member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and now she was an Interior Designer and had her Interior Designs published in House Beautiful and Houston Life and among others, she was also a member of Ensemble Theater Founders, a funding Director for the Smithsonian and National Museum of African American History and Cultural and the City of Houston commends Gerald and Anita Smith and congratulates them for their outstanding accomplishments and therefor on behalf of Mayor Turner, Mayor Pro Cohen proclaimed February 2, 2016 as Gerald and Anita Smith Day in Houston Texas. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Martin, Knox, Robinson, Kubosh and Edwards absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Council Member Green stated that today they were recognizing the 14th International Festival of Language and Culture, this event was sponsored by the Raindrop Foundation, an active social service agency that was located in District K and invited the sponsor of the Foundation to the podium; the mission of the International Festival of Language and Culture was to contribute cultural diversity of the United States by encouraging and motivating students to secondary schools and colleges as well as adult learners to show case their knowledge and skills, it was their mission to raise awareness of arts, music and to promote peace, love and culture and cultural encounters through the world, the vision of the festival was to unite nations of the world with the universal human values and the Houston Gala program host students from six states including Texas and students from other countries and overall they were estimating around 3,000 people in attendance, the signature event was the 14th International Festival of Language and Culture which would occur this Saturday through February 6th , 2016 at the Hobby Center, this event would consist of live international music, dance, and choreography performance and a warm and peaceful environment and the City of Houston commends and applause the Raindrop Foundation and all that were involved in the 14th Annual International Festival of Language and Culture and extends best wishes for a successful event and therefore

on behalf of Mayor Turner, Mayor Pro Tem Cohen proclaimed February 6, 2016 as International Festival of Language and Culture Southwest USA Day in Houston Texas. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Gallegos and Knox absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

The Students from different countries bought gifts to present to the City of Houston. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Gallegos and Knox absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

At 2:04 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen recognized Council Member Kubosh for the invocation and he invited Benjamin James Nelson to the podium for the invocation and Council Member Kubosh led the pledge of alliance. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin and Green absent.

At 2:06 the roll was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig and Green absent.

Council Member Laster moved that the previous minutes be adopted and seconded by Council Member Knox, all voting aye, nays none. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **MOTION ADOPTED**

Council Member Laster moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing Ms. Barbara Quattro and Ms. Tara Jordan out of order and seconded by Council Member Le, all voting aye, nays none. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **MOTION 2016-0050 ADOPTED**

At 2:09 p.m. Mayor Turner requested the City Secretary to call the Speaker.

Ms. Michelle Smith, 16025 Kevindale Ct., 77040, (713)384-0498 appeared and stated she was the Founder and Executive Director of the Houston Metropolitan Dance Center AKA Met Dance, she had been a part of the Houston dance community since 1980 and now was proud to be celebrating their 20th season, first they would like to thank the City Council for their support of the Houston Arts Community and their continued support of the HOT moneys, the money was paramount to the midsized arts organizations such as Met Dance and they were particularly thankful for the resources that the Houston Arts Alliance provides through these funds that the Houston Arts Alliance provides to all arts programs and some of the midsized organization were looking for other streams of money but that takes time and all the mid-sized business help support this economy; Met Dance was recognized national as one of the contemporary dance center companies to watch and they have hundreds of students, professional dancers and choreographers that stay in hotels for weeks to enhance their artistic ability and creativity, they were unique and they portray the diversity that Houston was becoming known for and for Met Dance the HOT money pays for production cost for their performances of which the company produces over ten per season and in June of 2013 they moved into a new location that was in the Midtown area, offer and rental studio space; 6 years ago she stood right in front of City Council about this same point. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis and Kubosh absent Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Council Member Green moved to add Dr. Kevin Smith to the list of Speaker and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Kubosh and Edwards absent. **MOTION 2016-0051 ADOPTED**

Ms. Rebecca Udden, 2603 Fenwood, 77005, (713)303-8334 appeared and stated she was the Artistic Director of the Main Street Theater and she wanted to thank the Council

Members for their support of the Houston Arts Alliances, Main Street Theater was one of the professional theaters and now in its' 40th season and the company had grown incrementally over the past 40 years with just a small start up to a leading midsized institution that employs over 250 individual theater artists each of all ages and all over the city; funding from the City of Houston through the hotel occupancy tax had been both an incentive and a stabilizing factor and the leadership of the Houston Arts Alliance in distributing and administering that funding had been invaluable in their growth; the GACVB identified the diverse and vibrant scene in this Texas city and it makes sense a portion of the HOT tax should be used for this sector the Houston Arts Alliance provides a fair and transparent distribution of the HOT tax and their program helps strengthen arts organization of every size with training, planning and managing in the basics of filling out an IRS form into help developing a plan for concerts in the art community in every level to helping to build sustainable, responsible and creative sector. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Kubosh and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Mayor Turner stated that there was an additional \$5 million coming for Local Arts and he though there was an opportunity to even approach to the Legislature get more because the initial amount that was authorized by the Legislature was \$10 million and the Governor chose to cut it in half.

Mayor Turner stated that he wanted to apologize for being late and he also apologized to Council Members Green and Boykins for not being present for their presentation and the reason why he was late because he and Chief McClelland wanted to announce his was retiring, it would be effective as of February 26th; he thanked Mayor Pro Tem Cohen for standing in.

Ms. Barbara Quattro, 11007, 77072, (281)787-8827 appeared and stated that she lives in the Alief area and she was present again today, requesting that Members of Council would change the City of Houston election process that the current process requires that the candidates for the City Offices to submit an application for a place on the City ballot along with the filing fee, this application contains an affidavit swearing that all information on the application was true and correct; currently the application was accepted on its face and the prospective candidate was not asked to provide proof of citizenship nor proof of residency, a candidate not actually being a resident had become common in District F that it was turned into an inside joke and since 2003, they only have had one elected official that met the City's stated eligibility requirements, was this because the candidates know the ethnic and cultural makeup of District F can guarantee that no one would question their residency or was it because they know that the City would ignore enforcement of the rules; they the voters of Texas, had to provide proof of residency to ensure the integrity of the election and why then were the candidates not subjected to the same standards; they were tired of the City looking the other way and was there no one there to step up and make it fair elections and why do the citizens have to file complaints after the election if they question the candidates eligibility, furthermore the complaint was filed in the Legal Department and why doesn't the City take responsibility in investigative action and why does it have to be the Legal Department to hand this responsibility off to Harris County, all these issues can be avoided if the City of Houston takes the appropriate action at the beginning of the filing process and properly vets city applicants. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Laster and Green absent.

Ms. Tara Jordan, 11010 Holworth, 77072, (832)526-0125 appeared and stated she wanted to start off with a familiar paragraph that they recited, "I pledge allegiance to the flag, of the United States of America and to the Republic which it stands one nation, under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all; this pledge indicates the basic duty of the people,

government and in this case the City Council to act as defender for the people and justices when the issues of City Ordinance relating to the District F; this issue surfaced when it was made public when the in the Houston Chronicle well before the election and still remains unaddressed by the City Council, City Ordinance, Section 5 Chapter 4 requiring residency requirements of City Council and lack of enforcements of the City Ordinance was leading to the disappointment and losing faith in the election system and more importantly she was not alone, in the reflecting of the decline of voters turn out in the city, resulting in the perception was that the system was stacked against the people, why should they vote and it was hard to show enthusiasm without adding voter skepticism between the voter and City Council; she was a local HOA Board and she was familiar with following rules and yet she keeps a united front and if City Council does not speak up and follow through with the rules, they lose their reputation and people lose respect for the government, please allow Council Members to be seen as true and speaking up for what was right and speaking with what she just said; that her Council Member was having a breakfast meeting with certain members that on a regular bases to arrange big events, these events could be heard from the Tollway all the way to Dairy Ashford, the neighborhoods that were around does not have any peace, they were invited to the event but can never allowed to go and the same Council Member wants to eliminate their Civic Center. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Laster and Green absent.

Mr. Charles X. White, 8607 Martin Luther King, 77033, (713)292-3436 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Laster and Green absent.

Dr. Kevin Smith, no address, no phone appeared and stated he was a resident of District D and was present to speak to City Council regarding the City commitment to diversity and cultural awareness and the issue before them was not as critical as most other situation in this City, historical accuracy and resolution but this situation was life imitating a film and stated he presented collage of interior photos in the lobby of Beck's Prime Restaurant and that was not all of them, many people think this was insensitive in the public owned facility and the only person of color in the photo was displayed as a caddy during an era when golf was exclusionary. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Laster and Green 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, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis and Laster absent.

Mr. Randall Kallinen, 511 Broadway St., 77012, (713)320-3785 appeared and stated he was present to speak about transparency in police affairs, he was a Civil Rights Lawyer and member of the Greater Houston Coalition for Justice, in 2014 there were 26 individuals that were shot by the Houston Police Department and in the most recently there were 30 individuals that were shot by the Houston Police Department and since 2003, there had been 400 shooting of civilians in a row without one single true bill ruling or indictment by any grand jury and to his knowledge not one single policy violation confirmed by Internal Affairs Department; in August the Fifth Circuit of Appeals that sits in New Orleans court that reaffirmed that the City of Houston had evidence that was presented that there was a code of silence at the City of Houston Police Department, to be quiet about things that go on like Police misconduct and discrimination; they were present last year about the Police Body Cameras and they talked about secrecy that was involved in the body cameras and most recently they found out many Police Officer including Chief McClelland interacted with the State Legislature to pass this law which make it virtually impossible for any citizen ever to get anybody camera videos, these body cameras touted as a way for any civil rights to be promoted. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin and Le absent.

Ms. Dorothy Dawson, 5859 Hironde St., 77033, (713)733-8734 appeared and stated she was present to speak on Officer Swilley behalf, she was still an Officer to her even though she was relieved of her duties and she was requesting that she be reinstated as an officer her position because how can someone fire a police officer for doing her job and if that was the case she dare not to say what type of security they have in this city, with more than 20 years on the force and all the accomplishments, successful programs that she organized and reorganized, awards, recommendations, do they really think that she would risk her 20 years of service and all the good things she had done to throw all that away to do those trumped up charges that she had been accused of which she does not believe and some of the male Officers might do so but women would not ruin a reputation especially like her record with those charges that she had been accused of and if they looked at the charges they would know that the charges were fabricated because it does not make sense to ruin a career like that with those charges and she was requesting that she be reinstated and give all her back pay that she had missed from the time of her termination to active duty. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin and Le absent.

Ms. Adjua Umoja Justice, 115 W. Hamilton St., 77076, (281)406-8094 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin and Le absent.

Ms. Kathryn Swilley, 10903 Ensbrook, 77099, (832)594-2025 appeared and stated she was present today presenting her case based on new evidence that Mr. Mata tried to bring to Council last year and also Chief Durden advised Mr. Mata a few weeks ago, that he and Chief McClelland knew about her case and requested a meeting with them which she thinks that they did not know of the facts that was a problem; in 2008 she was terminated on trumped up charges of untruthness after refusing to drop her EEOC claim and during her termination hearing HPD Sergeant Todd and Lieutenant Sysco attempted to presented an erroneous document and that was the official transcript that she just presented to Mayor Turner; after being question by the hearing examiner that Sergeant Todd and Lieutenant Sysco admitted that she was terminated on a previous 15 day suspension in 2007 under IAD number 29409 which proves that her termination letter in March of 2008 was fabricated, in addition, the administration that Chief Hurett was kept out of the disciplinary process, she was terminated and suspended on the same IAD number and was double jeopardy and her attorney at the time wrote to the Police Union about her termination hearing advising them that there was not one document in the files to justified her termination and the only thing that was in the files was her previous 15 day suspension. Council Members Davis, Martin, Le and Knox absent.

Mayor Turner stated that he knows there have been several hearings and appeals and he knows that there have been five lawyers that were involved and what they can do, he requested for her to get with the City's Attorney and talk to him one more time and they would make a report to him and then they would see where things were.

Council Member Cohen moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing Ms. Sandra Price and Mr. John Price out of order and seconded by Council Member Kubosh, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis, Martin, Le and Knox absent.

Ms. Sandra Price, 754 Davidson St., 77091, (713)906-6404 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Gallegos, Green, Kubosh and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Mr. John Price, 754 Davidson St., 77091, (713)906-6404 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Gallegos, Green, Kubosh and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.
NO QUORUM

Mayor Turner stated that the reason he wanted to do that was because he was going to have to step out and they were coming from an area that he represented for many years and this was issue an from time to time, that number one he thinks City Council changed the Ordinance in 2014 and there had been no changes since he had been present and that BARC would go out and see if animals that they believe had been mistreated and would report it and then HPD would go and inspect and there was no ticketing that had been taken place now in the area and he believes that their concerns were missed placed and the policy had not changed in the last 32 days and their concerns had been addressed by the Mayor Office and he wanted to remind everyone that there were no animal cruelty allowed in the City of Houston.

Rev. Dwayne Lark, 1830 Killiney Ct., 77047, (281)513-5340 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Martin, Le and Knox absent.

Mr. D.J. Wright, 16706 New Market Ln., 77083, (832)498-0240 appeared and stated that he used to be a Houston Police Officer for about 10 years and to piggy back on what Ms. Swilley had said, which the same thing had happen to him, he filed an EEOC Complaint and after that he was terminated for the same thing for untruthfulness and insubordination, that the charges were false, the Department did not have any evidence to substantiate allegation against him but he had evidence but it was ignored and as a result he was terminated which it had been difficult since termination, he had difficulty finding employment, he lost his family and it had been a snowball effect since he was terminated and it was a real issue and a real problem with the Houston Police, when someone complains about the misconduct, someone get retaliated against and they try to find ways to terminate someone and he was requesting for Members of Council to look into his case again and he had evidence to prove that he did not commit the violations he was accused of. Mayor Turner, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le and Knox absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Mr. Johnny Mata, no address, (832)723-3110 appeared and stated he wanted to thank the four Council Members that were opposed to the shady deal on the cameras; it was insult to their organization and the community, Council had heard from two people that came in here and spoke about their cases, the injustice had ruined many careers of HPD Officers that broke the code of silence and the eradication begins, in this chamber, for whatever reason with some of the previous administration, they had gotten a lot of lips service but very little results and the Code of Silence disrupts others to remain silent on the face of Police misconduct, whether they were a witness for the use of deadly force or Police brutality, the code of silence, if they speak up, would get them in trouble just like the good folk that previously spoke, the Houston Police Department retaliates against Police Officers who speak about discrimination, instead of dealing with the discrimination and sexual harassment within the Department of silence misconduct remains. Mayor Turner, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Le, Travis and Knox absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Mr. Augustin Pinedo, 7838 Battle Creek Dr., 77040, (832)883-2510 appeared and stated he was a member of LULAC and he was a Texas Civil Rights Chairmen for the state of Texas; they had long problems with HPD and the City of Houston because of lack of transparency and present to discuss this with Members of Council, there was a great deal of new hope because of

the new Mayor and with the new Council Members, they want guarantees that there would be transparency in the videos, storage and to be available to Defense Attorneys as well as the public, right now the press states that they can only have access to the video once there was an actual indictment and there had not been an indictment since 2003 on an HPD Officer shooting, so that shows that a lot of these things would never be seen and actually that was the purpose of these body cameras to provide to them about transparency to what goes on in some of these unarmed shooting and so there can be justice and since they heard that the new Chief was gone, they were requesting that Members of Council make a good choice in the next person that they hire, that there be transparency, that person be committed to the rule of law and to the citizens and that he concerns himself a true servant of the people. Mayor Turner, Council Members Boykins, Martin and Travis absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Mr. D.L. Johnson, 722 East 40th St., 77022, (713)979-6418 appeared and stated he had two points within these three minutes and both involve the enforcement agencies in this City, basically they described it as protect and serve because this comes in the nature of something exactly like protecting and serving, one was a bicycle theft which this took place at the Northline Work Source Center, now the reason why it was important was because the effect of it, the bike was secured which it belonged to his friend and it was cut lose by a security guard that used to work there who had a rough encounter after he was no longer the security guard there and gave a number that they could follow up on; the number two point, about the Metro Police Staff, some people feel that not enough tickets were being written for smoking at the bus stops, it pits their citizenry against each other which some people want to smoke and the others do not want second hand smoke and his organization was a very old on which was CFED, Citizens for Equitable Broadcasting but the thing that promotes the smoking at the bus stop was because number one the letters were small, that says no smoking which was unreasonable and secondly with no tickets being issued he does not ride the bus all the time and no one had seen a ticket that was being written for people that smoke at the bus stops and that was unreasonable. Mayor Turner, Council Members Boykins, Martin, Travis, Green and Kubosh absent.

Mr. Ikenna Odii, 12777 Ashford Point Dr. No. 605, 77082, (832)215-8558 appeared and stated he thanked Members of Council for giving the opportunity to air his views on the credit card issue of taxi driver independent contractor, he was given a ticket when he was dropping off one of his customers after being harassed by a City lady even his customer wanted to fight the City lady, why should he be ticketed by collecting his money, Yellow Cab was the first company to have the credit card commission in their system, they should not accept any trip because of credit card issues and the software most of the time was not working; should he throw his money in the air or go back home to my family and tell them that the credit card was not working and the City said they should not collect the money this way, how does it look when he was being denied of that money for that day and why can he not use of the Square which was widely accessible able by all of his customers without no objection and some of them demand for it. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Travis and Kubosh absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Mayor Pro Tem Cohen stated that ARA reaches out to Yellow Cab in response and Yellow Cab stated that there was one week in December that their systems where down and they were in the process of a system upgrade.

Mr. David Smolensky, 8110 Wateka Dr., 77074, (832)282-9262 appeared and stated he was present to speak to the Mayor because he wanted to know about the vision for this City and

the other thing he wanted to know about was priorities because he was born and raised here, it seems that potholes and police, were more important for your families because you were out at night with the family and it was a race way, where were the Officers, he was in the service field and he was all around Houston and he may see one or two patrol cars, the problem with this idea, he know that they need the money for more Officers and that they would have to hire Veteran Officers because they do not have enough to run training to get them up to speed, the problem was that they put the citizen and the Police Officers at risk with the lack of Police Officers and he believes that this was so important, he believes that this goes over everyones head and this had been going on and this was his third administration to come up here to speak about this issue and that they were 2500 Police Officer short, he thinks that everyone needs to step up and starting seeing what were they going to do about the safety of the citizens; the other thing was to the Mayor, when he hires his new Department Heads in the City for whatever reason, they think that they do not have to report or speak to the citizens, they only talk to the Mayor and he was glad that the Police Chief was leaving because he needed to go because he did not know how to reach out and to touch the citizens, he tried to contact him six times and never got a meeting with him; the other issue real quick was that these funeral processions, about the Patrol Officers buying their motorcycles and taking a course to do the funeral which he witness it again on Saturday, it was called the five finger stop, they get on the freeway and get ahead of the traffic and makes traffic stop. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Green, Kubosh and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Council Member Davis stated that he believes that it was on their minds how to increase the Police Force through Cadet Classes and he believes that before Council Member Bradford left what he did was he tried to incentivize to get more Cadets into the classes to make the numbers that they were deficient in for Police Officers and right now the Public Safety takes three quarter of their budget and they were trying to figure out how to restructure pensions and certain things so they can move forward to hire new Public Safety Officers from Fire to Police as well.

Mr. William Beal, 4718 Boicewood St, 77016, (713)672-7571 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Green, Kubosh and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.
NO QUORUM

Mr. William Cagle, 9928 Fulton, 77076, (832)2727-8112 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Green, Kubosh and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Mr. Shalom Mezza, 4848 Bin Oak Park, 77081, (713)553-4783 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Green, Kubosh and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.
NO QUORUM

Mr. Alvin Combs, 12101 Fondren Rd., 77035, (832)889-9623 appeared and stated on May 19th 2015, he was involved in an accident and he worked with a water company, he was coming from Pearland on the Beltway and Fuqua, when he pull up to the light on the other side, underneath the freeway, a City truck was sitting there, so he proceeded to come around and the light turn green for traffic to go so he was looking and this truck continues to come fast and before he knew it he ran right into his work truck to where it spun him around twice and he was injured, this happen about 6:30 in the evening, he called 911 three times and an Officer never

showed up to the accident, he did see a black Police truck drive by but never stop neither did the Constables when they drove by; the truck was not driver able; now to further into the situation, he hired an attorney and it been nine months they told him that the City said that they could not do anything about it because there was no Police report and there was not enough injuries, how can they sustain on a person what he was injured in and that he had presented the crash report to Members of Council and he does not understand why they were going to drop the case. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Gallegos, Green, Kubosh and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Mr. Thomas Jackson, 9555 Croften St. Apt. 2030, 77016, (832)489-5932 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Gallegos, Green, Kubosh and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Mr. John J. Cieslewicz, 1250 DuBarry, 77018, (713)906-1725 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Gallegos, Green, Kubosh and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Mr. Joe Jennings, 8521 Ariel St., (832)643-5160 appeared and stated with LaRouche Pack and when addressed City Council in November of 2014 on a packet that he was holding up that was about the BRICKS, oil was selling at \$100 a barrel and people in Texas thought they had somehow be insulted from the crash that was ripping through the rest of the nation from the collapse of the mortgage bubble which destroyed tax revenue but now with the result of the crash of a much larger bubble that was built up around fracking and commodities speculation, oil and also the attacks on the oil price, ISIS smuggling of oil, oil was now \$30 a barrel and adding to this there was a scientific hoax perpetrated around the climate change at the Paris summit which opens an attack on fossil producers, everyone in the coal industry was taking a hit with layoffs, these events were daggers aimed at the City of Houston, the port industries and the nation as a whole and had presented a pamphlet to Members of Council and continued to express his opinion of the State of. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Green, Kubosh and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **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. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Green, Kubosh and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Ms. Michelle Acosta, 3000 Beauchamp St., 77009, (713)835-9699 appeared and stated she was present to discuss some of her concerns about some of the new LED lights that had been placed on the streets of the City and wanted to propose there was an opportunity for the City to put a temporary halt on further installations of the lights until there could be some testing done to see if there were any alternatives to the lights; she lives in the Heights and the Heights was a wonderful area to walk around on the streets at night and unfortunately with the new lights that were installed, it feels like they were stepping out a prison field with the spot lights glaring down and she had presented a picture to Members of Council that she took from her front porch at midnight and the street was so brightly lit that when she was sitting on her porch, she does not have to turn on her porch light or any of her other lights because it so bright already from the new LEDs and it was hard on her eyes; her other concern was the effort for her internal clock and possible others, when they step outside it seems like it was daylight, so rather

her body whining down, it was not getting that trigger and she requested if the City Council could look into any other possibility for alternative lights and a temporary halt on the project. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Green and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Ms. Kesha Rogers, 9100 Southwest Frwy, 77074, (713)541-2907 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Green and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Mr. R.J. Bobby Taylor, Post Office Box 202021, 77220, (832)870-7673 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Green and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Ms. Angie Thibodeaux, 9597 Jones Rd., 77065, (214)417-8558 appeared and stated she was the COO for the Neighborhood Assistance Corporation of America, she was present to speak about three topics, one was affordable housing and home ownership, the second one was neighborhood revitalization and the three was sustainability, she had been in contact with the Department of Neighborhoods on several occasion but had not received a phone call back but she request today for some time to sit with the Director of Neighborhoods, she would like the Department of Neighborhoods to look at ways to educate the general public with ways to better the Neighborhood, to take ownership and to invest in the neighborhoods, she lives in District A but her roots were in District B and she feels like she represent every district in her line of work she aims to serve and provide affordable housing for everyone in the City of Houston; she had a database that she would like to share with the Department of Neighborhoods with over five thousands volunteers which she was talking about free resources that were willing to go into the neighborhoods and look at these houses that they have in the communities, there were eyes sores and blighted neighborhoods, just last weekend they went into the Third Ward and Fifth Ward to canvass the area and show the community that they were present to help in the event they need it; she also made the attempt to contact the Director of Housing and all other housing entities and she holds this dear to her because in former life, welfare to work and the workforce investment acts was her baby, so the system that was designed was not to be a way of life, but a crutch, a support but she does not see the self-sufficient that comes out of the housing authority and she does not see the preparatory work that was done for those that were on the system to get off the system, well here was a solution, that there was an affordable housing program that was available to giving deserving families affordable mortgages and they do not have to have perfect credit the credit does not matter. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Green and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Mayor Pro Tem Cohen suggested to Ms. Thibodeaux to speak with Landon Taylor who was present and the Deputy Director of Neighborhoods.

Mr. James Partsch- Galvan, 2705 Terry St., 77009, (713)528-2607 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Green and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Ms. Rosa Clay, 9314 Fillmont Ln., 77044, (832)348-3328 appeared and stated she was present to speak about a voucher, a housing voucher that she had received, she had put her name on a list about six years ago, she was disabled, she went through and did everything they told her to do to find a place, they told her to go find a place that she could rent for \$500 dollars

and she could not even find a place to rent for \$500 even in the projects so they took the voucher back, after she had waited for six years, she spoke to the HUD Office, she was requesting help. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Green and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding

Mr. David Sommer, 905 Oak St., 77018, (832)540-4191 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Green and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

President Joseph Charles, Post office Box 524373, 77052-4373, Houston, TX, appeared and stated that he appreciated the extra minute 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. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Green and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding

Mr. Joseph Omo Omuari, 3939 North Freeway, No.210, 77022, (832)815-7006 appeared and stated he was present to voice his opinion about the local government harassing him and his company until his time expired. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Green and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Ms. Bridget Alexander McDaniel, Post Office Box 53993, Rosenberg, TX, 77471, (713)987-3854, appeared and stated that her complaint with the Houston Police Department that she was still being targeted but that had been resolved because the Police Chief was resigning, that was her complaint and there was a stalking case number of 150154211B of Terrance Darrel which he was a convict and using her identification, he was stealing cars and they stole 28 corvettes. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Laster, Green and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding **NO QUORUM**

Mr. Carlos Calbillo, 407 Cordell, 77009, (832)758-8640 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Laster, Green and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding **NO QUORUM**

Mr. Jonathan C.C. Day, 624 Highland, 77009, (832)673-0220 appeared and stated he handed Members of Council information about the cost saving relating to the LED lights, he was requesting for them to pause the Centerpoint Installation Program and perform a pilot program analyzing the alternatives, Centerpoint Energy had performed a cost, cost analysis that there were no benefit in it and so they did as private citizen, tried to talk to them about the tax dollars that could be saved by using an alternative LED street light and that \$127 million was a lot of money and if they thinks they were in that ballpark, they need to pause the program and analyze the efficiently of the alternative lights that would save a lot of money. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Laster, Green and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding **NO QUORUM**

Ms. Deborah Moran, 5615 Grape, 77096, (713)562-7670 appeared and stated that this may not be necessary but she was not going into any education material that she had sent Members of Council about the LED lights and their purpose for being present was to balance any information they get about the lighting engineers that had spoken to them in the last three weeks and for Members of Council to go through their e-mails and introduce themselves to the lighting engineers that they had spoken to. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Laster, Green and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Mr. Davis Atwood, 1802 Kipling, 77098, (832)693-5710 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Laster, Green and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Note: During the public session motions were offered to extend time for questions of various speakers, and votes taken, which were not prepared in written form and may be viewed on HTV Houston or on disc.

At 4:15 p.m. The City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 3, 2016, Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Laster, Green and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding **NO QUORUM**

At 8:42 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, January 27, 2016, Mayor Sylvester Turner presiding, with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jerry Davis, Ellen Cohen, Dwight Boykins, Dave Martin, Steve Le, Greg Travis, Karla Cisneros, Robert Gallegos, Mike Laster, Larry Green, Mike Knox, David Robinson, Michael Kubosh, Amanda Edwards and Jack Christie D.C.; Ms. Donna Edmundson, City Attorney and Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director present.

At 9:08 a.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting order and requested the Council Members join them. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Le, Cisneros, Green and Knox absent.

Mayor Turner stated that he was reorganizing things on the Mayors Staff, to make it work efficiently for him and for the citizen of the City of Houston and in that reorganization there would be some stream lining of responsibility where he might not need as many people, it would free him up for on people that he thinks he needs to move this City forward that he spoke about in the course of the campaign and staying under the budgetary amount and steps had already been taken to do that but this morning he wanted to introduce the former Independent School District Trustee Ms. Juliet Stipeche as the City Director of Education Initiatives and Community Affairs which was a new position in his new administration and the creation of this new position was meant to compliment not compete with the hard work of the Houston ISD creating the strong well educated Houston of tomorrow and would require everyone working together and she was the best choice for the position and she officially joined the Mayor's Office on Monday and thanked her for joining the Mayor's Staff.

Members of Council welcomed Ms. Juliet Stipeche on her position.

Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Kubosh for a point of personal privileged, Council Member Kubosh stated that Harris County Flood Control District gave him a report on the pilot program where they were removing vehicles out of the Bayou system and he wanted to let Council know that they had removed 12 cars from the Bayou and HPD would be following up with a detail report, so they can have it at Council and he also wanted to mention that the program would most likely end before the next Council Meeting because of funding and at that

point there would be meetings with the commissioners and other stakeholders to talk about how it went and what would go forward and at the end of the program they would have removed 17 percent of the cars that they know were in the Bayou System.

At 9:26 a.m. Mayor Turner moved to the Monthly Financial Report.

9:00 A.M. - REPORT FROM CITY CONTROLLER AND THE CITY ADMINISTRATION REGARDING

THE CURRENT FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE CITY including but not limited to, a 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- was presented,

Mr. Chris Brown, City Controller and Mr. Kelley Dowe, Director of Finance reviewed the Monthly Operation and Financial report; copies of which are on file in the City Secretary's office for review. After a lengthy discussion, Council Member Christie moved to accept the monthly financial report and seconded by Council Member Knox, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent.

MOTION 2016-0053 ADOPTED

At 10:11 a.m. Mayor Turner moved to the Mayor's Report and stated that he loved his job.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Turner stated with so much conversation with the Zika Virus, he was taking this seriously and that they were being proactive and the Houston Health Department held a planning meeting on January 29, 2016 with the Harris County and the Regional partners, including blood banks, healthcare providers, petrochemical companies, mosquito control specialists, and others to begin developing plans for pre-emptively preparing for and preventing the transmission of Zika virus in the Houston-area and to address different aspects of the issues such as travelers returning from affect areas, enhanced surveillance of potential cases, laboratory testing by the Houston Health Laboratory, response to local transmission and potential epidemic and to ensure a safe blood supply for the region and the current information about the virus was on the Houston Website; the Solid Waste Department was also taking a look at removing tires and other elements that were out there where water can be held and could be breeding grounds and he spoke to the Director about doing more to help eliminate those areas of breeding and would provide another update at next week Council Meeting.

At 10:16 a.m. Mayor Turner stated that Council would move to the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 6 through 18

ORDINANCES - NUMBERS 6 through 18

- 6. ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Lease Agreement between **SATURN VENTURE, LLC**, as Landlord, and the City of Houston, Texas, as Tenant, for 1,175 square feet of office space at 1335 Regents Park Drive, Building 2, Suite 130, Houston, Harris County, Texas, at a monthly

rental of \$1,542.19, for a Satellite Permitting Office - **DISTRICT E – MARTIN**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Edwards absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0097 ADOPTED**

7. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing submission of an electronic application to the **TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION** for the FY 2017 Statewide Transportation Enhancement Program Comprehensive Motor Vehicle Traffic Safety Grant; declaring the City's eligibility for such grant; authorizing the Chief of the Houston Police Department to act as the City's representative in the application process, to accept such grant funds, if awarded, and to apply for and accept all subsequent awards, if any, pertaining to the program- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Edwards absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0098 ADOPTED**

8. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing submission of an electronic application to the **TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION** for the FY2017 Statewide Transportation Enhancement Program Commercial Motor Vehicle Traffic Safety Grant; declaring the City's eligibility for such grant; authorizing the Chief of the Houston Police Department to act as the City's representative in the application process, to accept such grant funds, if awarded, and to apply for and accept all subsequent awards, if any, pertaining to the program- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Edwards absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0099 ADOPTED**

10. **ORDINANCE** designating the **FAIRWAY ENERGY PARTNERS, LLC** Reinvestment Zone for Tax Abatement purposes pursuant to Article IV of Chapter 44 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT K – GREEN**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Edwards absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0100 ADOPTED**

11. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Tax Abatement Agreement between the City of Houston, Texas, and **FAIRWAY ENERGY PARTNERS, LLC** for property located within the Fairway Energy Partners, LLC Reinvestment Zone; granting a variance to certain requirements of Chapter 44 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT A - STARDIG**
This item should only be considered after passage of Item 10 above- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Edwards absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0101 ADOPTED**

12. **ORDINANCE** amending Ordinance No. 2015-1214 to appropriate \$2,301,080.00 out of Tax Increment Funds for Reinvestment Zone Number Two, City of Houston, Texas (Midtown Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Nine, City of Houston, Texas (South Post Oak Zone), and Reinvestment Zone Number Thirteen, City of Houston, Texas (Old Sixth Ward Zone) for payment to **HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT** as provided herein- the City Secretary advised that the item had not been received and if received during the meeting, the item would be considered at the end of the agenda.

14. **ORDINANCE** de-appropriating \$245,740.00 from Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund in the Developer Participation Contract Program Fund (Approved by Ordinance No. 2008-742, as amended); re-appropriating \$245,740.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund for the Interlocal Development Agreement between the City of Houston and **HARRIS COUNTY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 4** for the Park Row Extension and Utility Service; approving and authorizing first amendment to said agreement; providing a

maximum contract amount- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Edwards absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0102 ADOPTED**

15. **ORDINANCE** No. 2016-88, passed first reading on January 27, 2016
ORDINANCE granting to **LUCIO MURCIA dba L MURCIA TRANSPORT**, a Texas Sole Proprietorship, the right, privilege, and franchise to collect, haul, and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions **SECOND READING**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Edwards absent. **PASSED SECONDED READING IN FULL**

16. **ORDINANCE** No. 2016-89, passed first reading January 27, 2016
ORDINANCE granting to **RAVEN MECHANICAL, LP**, a Texas Partnership, the right, privilege, and franchise to collect, haul, and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions - **SECOND READING**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Edwards absent. **PASSED SECONDED READING IN FULL**

17. **ORDINANCE** No. 2016-90, passed first reading January 27, 2016
ORDINANCE granting to **RODOLFO LOREDO dba DHAWK GREASE SERVICES**, a Texas Sole Proprietorship, the right, privilege, and franchise to collect, haul, and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions **SECOND READING**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Edwards absent. **PASSED SECONDED READING IN FULL**

18. **ORDINANCE** No. 2016-57, passed second reading January 27, 2016
ORDINANCE granting to **A & A GREASE TRAP CLEANING**, a Texas Sole Proprietorship, the right, privilege, and franchise to collect, haul, and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions - **THIRD AND FINAL READING**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Edwards absent. **PASSED ORDINANCE 2016-0057 ADOPTED THIRD AND FINAL READING IN FULL**

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

1. **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 incurred in connection with eminent domain proceeding styled City of Houston v. Edward C. Kane, a/k/a E. C. Kane, et al., Cause No. 1056497; for acquisition of Parcels KY13-201 & KY13-202; for the **NORTHEAST TRANSMISSION 108-INCH WATER LINE EASEMENT ACQUISITION PROJECT**- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member

Davis, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Edwards absent. **MOTION 2016-0054 ADOPTED**

2. **AMEND MOTION #2012-864, 12/19/2012, TO INCREASE** spending authority from \$256,669.30 to \$359,337.02 for Surface Materials for Playgrounds and Jogging Trails for Parks & Recreation Department, awarded to **THE FIBAR GROUP, LLC** - \$102,667.72 - General Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Edwards absent. **MOTION 2016-0055 ADOPTED**
3. **ARROW AVIATION COMPANY, LLC** for Installation of Electronic Flight Instrument System for the Houston Police Department - \$516,409.70 - Grant Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2016-0056 ADOPTED**
4. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **BRENTWOOD ECONOMIC COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION dba BRENTWOOD COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**, providing up to \$503,757.75 in Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Funds for the administration and operation of a Community Residence and the administration of a Short-Term Rent, Mortgage and Utility Assistance Program, along with supportive services- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0103 ADOPTED**
5. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS** for the administration of a Texas Homeless Housing and Services Program and the acceptance of an award of \$1,320,400 - Grant Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0104 ADOPTED**
9. **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. 2015-1291) to add five new classifications, correct the grade of an existing classification and upgrade an existing classification; providing a repealer; providing for severability- was presented and tagged by Council Member Laster.
13. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$100,000.00 out of Fire Department Consolidated Construction Fund; \$100,000.00 out of General Government Consolidated Construction Fund; \$100,000.00 out of Public Health Consolidated Construction Fund; \$100,000.00 out of Public Library Consolidated Construction Fund; \$100,000.00 out of Police Consolidated Construction Fund; \$100,000.00 out of Solid Waste Consolidated Construction Fund; \$100,000.00 out of Parks Consolidated Construction Fund as an appropriation to the Task Order and Job Order Contracting Program for Urgent Facility Capital Repairs- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0105 ADOPTED**

NON CONSENT AGENDA - NUMBER 19

MISCELLANEOUS

19. RECEIVE nominations for Position Two of the **PORT OF HOUSTON AUTHORITY OF HARRIS COUNTY**, for a two year term- was presented,

Council Member Edwards nominated Theldon Branch for reappointment and presented his resume to the **PORT OF HOUSTON AUTHORITY OF HARRIS COUNTY, FOR POSITION TWO.**

Council Member Laster moved to close nominations to the **PORT OF HOUSTON AUTHORITY OF HARRIS COUNTY, POSITION TWO** and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2016-0057 ADOPTED**

MATTERS HELD - NUMBER 20

20. MOTION by Council Member Laster/Seconded by Council Member Green to adopt recommendation from Director of Finance for approval of Calendar Year 2016 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 STARDIG, MARTIN, GREEN and LASTER**

This was Item 2 on Agenda of January 27, 2016- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2016-0058 ADOPTED**

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS - Council Member Martin first

Members of Council announced events and discussed matters of interest.

Mayor Turner stated he certainly wanted to acknowledge the luncheon that many of them attended yesterday with the County and Judge Emmett and he thought it was an excellent presentation, speaking about collaboration and looking forward to working for the County and he wanted to highlight that it was on transportation and he had the opportunity to speak to the Commissioner and Executive Director on TXDot last week in Austin about dealing with congestion, that Harris County was the most congested region in the state.

Mayor Turner stated that he wanted to acknowledge Chief McClelland for 39 years of service to the City of Houston as a Police Officer which that was a lot of time invested and he appreciated his service.

Members of Council thanked Chief McClelland for his years of service to the City of Houston.

There being no further business before Council; the City Council adjourned at 11:18 a.m. Council Members Davis, Martin, Laster and Kubosh absent.

DETAILED INFORMATION ON FILE ON THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

Anna Russell, City Secretary

