

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, February 9, 2016

The Houston City Council convened at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 9, 2016; Mayor Sylvester Turner presiding, with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Ellen Cohen, Dwight Boykins, Steve Le, Greg Travis, Karla Cisneros, Robert Gallegos, Mike Laster, Larry Green, Mike Knox, David Robinson, Michael Kubosh, and Amanda Edwards; Harlan Heilman, Division Chief, Claims & Subrogation Division,; Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director and Ms. Stella Ortega Agenda Office present. Council Members Jerry Davis, Dave Martin and Jack Christie out of the city on city business.

At 1:36 p.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting of City Council to order and stated first order of business was the presentation portion. Council Member Stardig, Travis, Laster, Green, Knox and Edwards absent.

Council Member Robinson stated that today was Cicero's Azul No. 4 Oil Well day; the oil well was drilled in the Tampico area of Mexico by the Pan American Petroleum and Transport Company during the 1915 to 1916 and it blew out on February 10, 1916 at the depth of approximately 1700 feet and brought under control in nine days; the No.4 oil well reached estimated maximum flow of 260,858 barrels of oil per day which exceeds the maximum recorded flow rate of any other individual oil well in the world and in the century after the oil well was discovered it continues producing oil to these days and the Pan American Petroleum and Transport Company was presided by legendary California oil man Edward L. Doheny and its technical team was led by a Mexican Chief Geologist which was now regarded as a giant in petroleum history and the Houston, Tampico-Houston Sister City Association and its founder Marco Bracamontes had developed a touring exhibit celebrating Mexico's Oil History presented in four countries and two continents and today they would be celebrating their 100th Anniversary of the blowing out of the Cicero's Azul No.4 Oil Well, the City of Houston congratulates all of those on this occasion and extends best wish on this memorable celebration and therefor Mayor Turner proclaimed February 9, 2016 as Cicero's Azul No. 4 Oil Well Day in Houston Texas. Council Members Stardig, Travis, Laster, Green and Knox absent.

Council Member Boykins invited the Principal of Jack Yates High School, Kenneth Davis, distinguished alumni Ms. Maxine Williams and Reggie Philips to the podium, today was a very special day and requested all the Alumna and the students that were present to stand; Jack Yates High School was named after the Reverend Jack Yates that was a prolific community leader, the first Pastor of Antioch Baptist Church and Founding Pastor of the Bethel Missionary Baptist Church; he led the effort to established the Emancipation Park Houston College that was now known as Texas Southern University and his home now sits in Sam Houston Park and Jack Yates Senior High School opened its doors 90 years ago on February 8, 1926 in the Third Ward to 600 students and 17 faculty members, their colors were crimson and gold, the mascot was the mighty lion, the City of Houston commends and congratulates Jack Yates Senior High School for 90 years of trail blazing existence and historical achievement and extends best wishes for continued success and therefore Mayor Turner proclaimed February 9, 2016 as Jack Yates Senior High School Day in Houston Texas. Council Member Travis absent.

Council Member Cohen stated it was her pleasure to invite Nana Booker to the podium and it was a special presentation for her today because she had known Nana for 30 years; she had served as Honorary Consul of Australia since 1999 and developed ties between Texas and Australia, for her service she was recognized by the Australian Government which and was given one of Australia's highest honors for a non-citizen and was recently named Australia's first ever Honorary Consul Emeritus; that the honorable Nana Booker tirelessly and faithfully served

Houston and Government of Australia as Honorary Consul for Texas from December of 1999 through March 2015 and advocated for the establishment of a Consul General to serve this region and the Government of Australia awarded her as Member of the Order of Australia for service worthy of particular recognition and was named as First Honorary Consul Emeritus and she had promoted positive international relations since serving as the City of Houston Director of Protocol during which time she supported the creation of Houston's International Protocol Office and she had brought Australia arts and culture to Houston through her work as Honorary Consul and through Booker Lowe Gallery which was one of only a handful of gallery's that showcasing Australia's International acclaimed indigenous art, the City of Houston commends and congratulates Nana Booker for her dedication for bettering the Houston Australian relationship and extends best wishes, therefore Mayor Turner proclaimed February 9, 2016 as Nana Booker Day in Houston Texas. Council Member Boykins absent.

At 2:06 p.m. Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Gallegos for the invocation and he invited Pastor Robert Dixon II to the podium for the invocation and Council Member Gallegos led the pledge of alliance.

At 2:10 p.m. the roll was called. Council Members Davis, Martin and Christie out of the city on city business.

Council Member Cohen moved that the previous minutes be adopted and seconded by Council Member Knox, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION ADOPTED**

Council Member Boykins recognized two individuals that he failed to mention, they had some special guest that were also from the Jack Yates family the Fabulous 50 that was led by President Carolyn Simples and Ms. Norma Jean Jefferson that had served 41 years as an Election Judge for Harris County.

At 2:12 p.m. Mayor Turner requested the City Secretary to call the List of Speakers.

Mr. Randall Baxley, 4601 Beggs, 77009, (713)494-1981 appeared and stated that he was a native Houstonian, he loves District H and everything in District H even the homeless, he was tired from many things including Legacy Program, he was a student and participant in things Democratic, open, shared and recycle; he wanted to thank the Mayor and Members of Council for the wiliness to serve, he wanted to thank specifically Council Member Cisneros for sending members from the city to their North Side Safety Meeting and the Solid Waste Department for following up and seeing that their heavy waste was picked up in their neighborhood; now moving to the E. Waste issue and the recycling issue that Council Members were going to have to vote on tomorrow which was an important contract, he applaud the city for its efforts for its E. Waste Policy and for its Open Data Policy, that what he written down and now he was going to speak from the heart, that Compucycle serve was a good company as he can tell, everything was good and going well with that, some of the particulars of exactly how to get waste to these places and different things were not quite that right but more importantly there was an opportunity to take that E Waste and not to allow for profits to teach the children, the homeless and the people like him that was retired, more things about computers as how they tear those things apart, his wife loves tearing down the computers, they were part of two organizations, one was at Willowcreek Community Church and he hopes that Council takes the proper depth of looking and making sure that Houston does not end up on the web with E Waste ending up in bad place. Council Members Stardig and Boykins absent.

Council Member Cohen moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing Mr. Lorenza Butler, Jr out of order and seconded by Council Member Green, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Stardig and Boykins absent. **MOTION 2016-0059 ADOPTED**

Council Member Kubosh moved to suspend the rules to add Pastor Elmo Johnson to the top of the three minutes non-agenda speaker list and seconded Council Member Green, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Stardig and Boykins absent.

Mr. Robert Gonzalez, 1335 Boyle St., 77020, (832)834-7469 appeared and stated he was the President of the National Association of Minority Contractors in Houston and was present to speak in favor of the New Public Works small contractor rotation program, Public Works came to their Association and presented this to them quite some time ago and he also wanted to say if they had more programs like this there would be a lot more opportunities not just for minority business but to small business, it would allow small businesses to rotate through the program and graduate, small projects without having to worry about bonding with bond oversight so if they get better at what they do and they graduate through the program there would be bonding available to them and he just wanted to be on the record that this was something that would help the City and Public Works. Council Members Stardig and Boykins absent.

Mr. Ruben Mercado, 6621 Meadowlawn, 77023, (281)772-4585 appeared and stated he was present as a grateful small business owner and was present to speak about the importance of a close relationship with Public Works and Engineering and their small business community, he was a great advocate for the small business community, Public Works and Engineering was showing a strong desire to help advance the small business owner, Dale Rudick and his staff were strong advocates of their small business community and he had worked with Tony Henshaw for many years and had helped him identified small business contractors that had the capacity to be able to do some of their infrastructure projects that they have with the City of Houston and he had been very proud to be able to help them along with NUMAC and this program would help develop established companies to get to the next level, it also helps companies to get into the City system as they were repairing the infrastructure of the City, this program was to help companies with their cash flow by paying within a few days after the work had been done and accepted and with the two year program these companies would be able to become a prime contractor, this was a great program; he also wanted to talk about a program that he participated with last year and that was the pothole emergency purchase order program and he had the opportunity to be one of the participants and there were another five small contractors that were able to participant; this program has many benefits to the City and the Citizens of this City, they personally had repaired 50,000 potholes in a three and a half month period of time and because of this program he hired 10 additional employees and requesting for Council to fund this again. Mayor Turner, Council Members Boykins and Laster absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Mr. Lorenza Butler. Jr, 3906 Daphne St., 77021, (832)880-3733 appeared and stated their Mayor, Council Members, were proud Texans that were gathering at City Hall on February 13, 2016 to participate in the 20th Annual Texas Lunar Festival that celebrates the beginning of the year of the monkey, marking the Asian Lunar year and the festival draws diverse cultural tradition while highlighting the many common elements of many different countries, he wanted to invite all Council Members to the Texas Lunar Festival. Mayor Turner, Council Members Boykins, Gallegos and Laster absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Dr. Alkebu Motapa, 5022 Cosby, 77021, (713)741-5150 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Boykins, Gallegos and Laster absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Pastor Elmo Johnson, no address, no phone, appeared and stated he was present to speak about home ownership for low moderate income and he would also like to talk about how they can get rid of blight out of their community, put young men and women back to work, to get them off the corners into getting them to work and he had 17 names that they were ready to go to work, they say to the Revered that they were on paper and thank God for the City of Houston Second Chance program and after they put them to work, they could train them as electricians, plumbing and roofing; there were three things in this proposal, get rid of blight, bring homes on the tax roll and uplift their community, it was a win for everyone, people had dreams of home ownership and he had heard the theme "if you can dream it, you can achieve it" they want to help in that area he would like to speak with those department and to Members of Council, they think the City of Houston was in good hands because those that love the lord, God would give them wisdom and knowledge, he thanks God for the Mayor and the City Council and they do want help in the home ownership for low moderate program, he had built over 100 homes in the Fourth Ward area and those home sold for less than \$100,000 and they had people cry because they thought that they could never own a home, the previous administrations wanted to be a home town not an apartment town and home ownership was very needed in their community, to get all of the blight out of their communities and put those lots on the tax roll because they would have low moderate income home and he was requesting to meet with the Mayor and other City Council Members to try get these thing done. Mayor Turner, Council Members Boykins and Laster absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Council Member Cohen asked Pastor Johnson to call her office for an appointment and Council Member Robinson suggested that he contact the Economic Council Committee that may be able to help.

Mr. Robert Williams, 12211 Fondren Rd., Apt.1011, 77035, (713)283-7634 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Boykins and Laster absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Mr. Donald Clark, 6716 Homestead, 77028, (281)932-0193 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Boykins and Laster absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Ms. Cheryl Conley, 8974 Stone Oak Dr., Montgomery, TX, 77316, (281)723-9696 appeared presented information and stated she was present in regards the Houston Downtown Aquarium, in 2004 Tilman Fertitta decided that he wanted white tigers at the Landry's restaurant at the Aquarium and at the time there was a Houston City Ordinance prohibiting wild animals within the Houston city limits but he was able to get the tigers anyway and promised humane treatment to the animals which she does not believe, additionally the Houston City Health Code states the animals were not permitted in eating establishments unless they were service animals which he got around this requirement by housing the tigers on the main floor of the restaurant and the restaurant was on the second floor, Tilman built a concrete and glass display for the tigers and when not on display to the public the animals were confine by a 10x 10 concrete cell with only a table to rest upon which she had a photo in the package she present to Members of Council, Tilman Fertitta had done exactly what he wanted to do with no regard to the City of Houston reputation or promises that had be made to the City Council Members regarding humane treatment at the Downtown Aquarium website, under the tab, there were list

of several organization that they stated were partner with the restaurant, she had contacted those organization and one was a very well-known organization, a nature conservancy, they said they had no partnership with Aquarium and the website and they demanded to be removed from the website and they could find the posting of the denial of the partnerships in the packet that she presented, another organization, Wild Aid said the only partnership, they had with the Aquarium was in the past they had received a donation of money from a wishing well at the Aquarium and they do not have a current relationship with them and since then Tilman Fetitta had removed and changed the website because he got caught in his lies, the Aquarium was credited by the Association of Zoos which there currently 218 Members in the AZA and she had contacted every single one them through e-mails, telephone or Facebook and out of the 218, 110 of them had tigers and there were only two location that do not provide outside housing for the tigers, both of them were owned by Tilman Fertitta and one them was the Downtown Aquarium in Houston, this was an embarrassment to the City of Houston. Council Members Boykins Laster, Green and Knox absent.

Ms. Dominic Mazoch, 110 W. Rocky Creek, 77076, (713)697-0748 appeared and stated that they were possibly having an environmental disaster in the Bayous with the cars that were still in them, there were hazard chemical like batteries, fluids and that sort of things, the cars themselves interrupt stream flow which his question was if these cars stay in Brays Bayou all the flooding last May was worse; he understands that the City was low on money and he knows that the Flood District has to watch their money, which this could be a possible environmental disaster, had anyone thought to go to the EPA, the Texas Department of Environmental Quality to get grants, money coming in and not going out of the City pockets, this flooding roads and Metro bus routes and possible some of the rail lines, maybe there was still TEXDOT money to get this stuff out or maybe they can work Metro to go to the Federal Transit to get the cars out, these were things as they go into the future, not with this but with other projects, everyone needs to think outside of the box and he had more discussion by texting with Council Member Kubosh about this and this was something they had to do and this was something that they had to think outside of the box and work together, local, State and Nationally to solve the problems that the City of Houston has. Council Members Boykins, Green and Robinson absent.

Ms. Pamela K. Anders, 1116 Milford, 77006, (713)256-6677 appeared and stated she lives in District C and she was present to let Members of Council know that she was personally mad and she cannot take it anymore, it being the fact that she lived in what was perceived by some as a jewel of a neighborhood, the Museum District and one of the most wonderful attractions this City had to offer but unfortunately the criminals had found their site in this jewel neighborhood as well; Since Labor Day weekend in 2015 through today she was aware of 9 break ins within a golf ball shout from her home and one house being hit twice in the same time period which she would give Members of Council a map for them to look at, the small pocket that she was referring to was assessed \$6,264,340 in property taxes for 2015, so her question was to Members of Council where were all the taxes going to because it's not being allocated to the schools nor the HPD and she really does not want to even think about the fact that they were talking about not being able fund the pension fund, they City was collecting taxes from the citizens but they were not providing with the promised services; value of property was based on sales, location, perceived desire and she no longer perceived her neighborhood to be anything less than a hood and she is expected to pay taxes same as the other hoods do, as a realtor for 32 years, she knows that there was one homeowner near her quadrant that could honestly fill out a sellers disclosure today and not indicate that they live in what she would now be referring to as the hood and she did not know that guns had been involved in any of the break in but she believe that it was not far behind, she plans to plead the same case to HCAD when protesting value for last year and this year and to also suggest her neighbors to do the same, she has

nightmares from her experience in the break in that her neighbor went through January 8th at 10:30 in the morning and she cannot get the mental image of the man in the ski mask out of her head, three cop cars 12 cops and K9 squad was not enough to scare these criminals and her neighbors were trying diligently to raise money to hire one Constable that was going to cost \$75 to \$80,000 for a 40 hour workweek and her husband and herself would be building a wall and put in a moat if need be and request Council Member Cohen to meet with the neighbors.

Mayor Turner stated that they certainly need more Police Officers in the City, they were operating with fewer than what they had ten years ago and that roughly 1900 of them right now were able to retire, so they do need more Police Officers across the board and public safety was the number one concern and they would be continuing to work on that as the City moves forward.

Mr. Donald Burns, 13021 Donegal, 77047, (713)882-0307 appeared and stated he lives out of District D and a couple of months ago, a woman got attacked by a Pitbull and his Council Member had generated some money to help get these dogs off the street, Once he got involved by making a few calls about this and BARC informed him that they had these cages that they could take and put out and they could put a \$375 deposit for the cages and the inner city people do not have the money to put down on a cage but if they could get some of these cages which they have responsible property owners in every area that would have one these cages and BARC said that they would come pick the dogs up, they would also leave the cages there if there was a \$375 deposit, it seems like it was an awful expense and one of the biggest problems in the inner City area where the Pitbull's, run in packs and some of them were bred to fight and some of them get out of their yards and some of them were from pet owners that do not know how to take care of them; he rescued 2 months ago a German Shepherd that was thrown out in front of his house and the way his mother got it was by a can dog food, the kids in the neighborhood were chasing the dog for two hours; also he came down to City Hall because of the illegal dumping, about 15 to 20 years ago Neighborhoods Protection used to get out and open trash bags to recover mail, he does this on his corner which he did it two weeks ago and he saw a woman throwing her trash out that lives across the street and what he did was pick up the trash and take the trash her and showed her mail and they usually come and pick it up, also they are putting up some signs that say no dumping signs and are vertical to the street which they cannot see them, they need to change the direction of the signs and on the way here he took a picture of the signs and there was a trash bag underneath it and those were just couple of his ideas that he thought of and he does not know what to do about the TVs and tires that need to go. Mayor Turner, Council Members Le and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

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 Le and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Mr. Joe Jordan, 14173 N.W. Freeway, Apt. No.166, 77040, (713)680-3181 appeared and presented information to Members of Council and stated that they were Stakeholders and they wanted to make the City stronger and proud; they have an operator in the City that does not share their views and that company was UBER, in the packet, the first two page would show actual customer receipts that they give to their passengers, one shows what the City of Houston tax collected and one does not, he spoke to the fellow that gave him those receipts and told him of the car that has the decals on it, it was the City permit, they charge the tax and UBER admits in the Houston Chronicle, they have 4,000 drivers in the City of Houston and they believe it was more than that, they heard a rumor that the UBER drivers were at Mr. Bubbles car wash and

they requested to them to get a discount to keep the UBER cars clean and the car wash said "ok" and the car wash asked them how many cars and they said 13,000 which they believe there were between 7,000 to 13,000 UBER cars in the City of Houston that were not licensed, that were operating illegally; if Council goes to the third page, this was from Administration and Regularly Affairs and it was showing 4,063 violation and most of them were operating illegally without their current stickers and in Chapter 46 the Ordinance says if a company had three violation, they were subject to being permanently canceled as a company; if they turn on the next page, it shows how they select drivers which he pointed to the picture of a man that just got out of jail and the next day he was hired by UBER, the gentlemen that wanted to blow up the Houston Gallery and Sharptown had been working for UBER for quite a bit of time with no background checks; so they had some issues and some recommendations that the City stop this 30 day temporary license because they very seldom come back, they would like this program to be stopped; they were also worried about the rodeo that was coming up, that last year it was a big mess because hundreds of them were going up and down Kirby and it became a gridlock and they believe there should be a punishment for UBER and to give them the brown lot and Council could see the map that shows the lots. Council Member Green absent.

Ms. Betty Ross, 8404 Wipprecht St., 77026, (832)706-8583 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Boykins and Green absent.

Mr. Otis Jefferson, Sr., 7317 Gleason, 77016, (281)570-8087 appeared and stated that he was an old cab driver and he had been driving a cab in Houston for 47 years and been on the job for 58 years and he was requesting to speak with Members of Council about the cab drivers, the main thing, they feel that the cab drivers were not recognized as cab drivers because they stay at the airport the whole time at Hobby and Intercontinental, they first started at Hobby to provide cabs for the airport and now they pay \$3.00 every trip they make and if they get 5 trip they have to pay \$3.00 for every trip and they were requesting to the City to get with them and have a meeting with them, so they can understand why people can go and pick up and they been out there for 10 hours and he was talking about the cab drivers but the only thing he was requesting from City Council was to give them some type of consideration; the cab drivers took care of business before anyone else came in and he does not feel good about what they did to them; he was 80 years old but he was talking for the cab drivers now, he owns his own cab company and thinks that they should have a meeting with every cab driver, so they can understand what was going since these people came here. Council Member Boykins absent.

Mr. Reginald Moore, 8619 Barronwood Circle East, 77083,(281)495-1869 appeared and stated he was a second generation from Yates Lion and was here representing those who were not here that had passed on, Yates was in a critical situation, today they came to celebrate her 90th birthday but he was concerned whether or not she was going to make to 91, he was concerned about the community, concerned gentrification, they had schools that were being shut down because the communities cannot sustain the school and right at this current time they have hospitals that had closed down because of misappropriation of funds, they had descendants who built these homes in Third Ward and the Fourth Ward; they just had \$30 million dollars that were sent back over a period of time before Mayor Turner took office; misappropriation of funds, they had some of these travesties done during a period when they had a black administration in the housing and community development and a lot of this gentrification was done because of the \$30 million dollars that was misappropriated which all of that was black on black crimes, so of the Minister and non-profit who was involved in that; Riverside Hospital was closed down and they also had the state put an overseer or conservator over Riverside Hospital, they had thieves going from one agencies to another and if they go back to 2003, they would see a lot of these projects failed because of misappropriating funds,

they need to do an investigation and Yates without the population would have a hard time to sustain their business and industries, there were no hearing about the hospital being shut down, no accountability and there were individuals that were sitting down benefiting over this. Council Members Boykins, Laster and Kubosh absent.

Ms. Pat Louis, 5015 Newpark, 77041, (713)397-4979 appeared and stated she was present on behalf of the interest of small business owners, she herself was a small business owner and one of the things she seen a lot of was the planning that had gone into Superbowl 2017 and the thought behind it, it was extremely exciting to know that it was going to happen in this City next year, one of the things that concerns her was the small business owner because she had not seen a lot planning and thought that had gone into the small business owners, they had heard that Houston wants to be on the map to showcase this City and this was an opportunity for the small business owners to also be showcased in Houston; Houston was a very diverse City and very diverse businesses and one of the things that she was requesting for the City Council to do was to give some thought about small businesses and some planning, there was enough time to develop committees and consider a shop small business event around the Superbowl and also making that cost effective for the small businesses that was one of biggest issues was having a lot of events that small business cannot afford, cannot afford a vending booth and she was requesting to let the small businesses in on some of the \$500 million dollars, they would like to be involved in that \$500 million dollars, this was another opportunity with National stage for National media to showcase their small business owners that were in Houston, it was a win, win situation and she believes it would show as a model for future Superbowl, she was encouraging City Hall to please to consider that. Mayor Turner, Council Members Kubosh absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Council Member Green advised Ms. Louis that there will be a committee relating to small business and there will be out reach for participation.

Mr. Fredrick Metoyer, 2574 Marilee St. Apt. 39, 77057, (214)298-6088 appeared and stated he was present to commend Mayor Turner and to exercise to get knowledge about the Texas Guarantee Association with dealing with bonds it was something that he had been working from 42 subsection 1983 Civil Rights, it was concerning insurance that he would like to have a little more support and knowledge from the State, City and the County proceeds to help him resolve an issue that has insurance pay outs, that was basically in a New Jersey Court but it was regulated out of Texas so he wanted to come to City Hall to get some help, if he could receive an award that was an enforcement by nine attorney generals of course it does not take a million dollars to live but it would be nice to have but his case was \$242 million a little bit some and he has a issue with Houston and some of the proceeds and maybe some of the money could be contributed as back as well self-taught and he would request someone to give him a legal lead from some of the funds that come out of Texas; and expressed his further concerns and ask if was there anybody that could help him to resolve this issue. Mayor Turner, Council Member Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

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 Member Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Mr. Stanley Rosenthal, P.O. Box 2750 Bay City, TX, 77404, (713)729-2493 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Member Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Mr. Sean Krieger, no address, (979)220-9634 appeared and stated he was with Krieger Containers and was present to request a little clarification on one of the resolutions that was passed along some time ago, what he was asking about was impact fee exemption within the City of Houston and to give an answer to show how old this was, this bill was passed around from the time he was born, the scope of the bill created an exemption for impact fees, just to give an example of what impact fees were, when they build something, the City of Houston would charge for utilities for the new amount of water and sewage that would be used on their lines and right now that about \$1800 dollars for a service unit to give Council Members a price, that impact fees can be exempted for anyone right now under \$208,000 initial that they were building, right now that was only for single family housing in the City of Houston. Mayor Turner, Council Member Green 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 Member Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Mr. Joseph Omo Omuari, 3939 North Freeway, No.210, 77022, (832)815-7006 appeared and stated the one million dollars that the Mayor mention for the City of Houston; they must fight the power of corruption no matter what the color of skin, religion, political party, they must speak the truth to power and they must turn backs on them when they place their feet in the path of destruction and at this rate with the policies there was a good chance the revolution would be televised. Mayor Turner, Council Member Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

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 3:46 p.m. The City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 10, 2016, Mayor Turner, Council Member Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

At 8:34 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, February 10, 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 9:10 a.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting order and recognized Council Member Cohen for a procedural motion. Council Members Stardig, Davis and Boykins absent.

Council Member Cohen moved to suspend the rules to consider Item 1 out of order and seconded by Council Member Green, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Stardig, Davis and Boykins absent. **MOTION 2016-0061 ADOPTED**

1. **CONFIRMATION** of the reappointment of **THELTON BRANCH** for Position Two of the **PORT OF HOUSTON AUTHORITY OF HARRIS COUNTY**, for a two year term- was presented,

moved by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Stardig, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **MOTION 2016-0062 ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner invited Mr. Branch to the podium and Mayor Turner and Members of Council thanked him for his wiliness to serve.

At 9:25 a.m. Mayor Turner moved to the Mayor's Report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Turner stated that he was in San Francisco for the Superbowl and Council Members Boykins and Martin were also present, he wanted to let everyone know that they paid for it with their own expense; it was a good trip in terms in getting ready for the 2017 Superbowl, they took a delegation of their Firefighters, Police Officers, Special Events, Homeland Security, Aviation and Metro and they all interacted with their counterparts in the region to make sure the they would be safe for the 2017 and they will be prepared, especially in transit mobility, it was a level one security event; on the economic benefit that City of Houston can possibly look at more than \$500 million and that was just for the Superbowl alone, now if the Pro Bowl should come, it would be quite bit more and that volunteers without question would be needed and looking at the need to have more than 10,000 volunteers.

Mayor Turner stated that he also wanted to speak about the Zika Virus, the Houston Public Health Leadership had been preparing for the arrival of the virus for about a month now, the Houston Health Department was well experienced in tracking and investigating infectious diseases to protect the City of Houston, they had prepared their response; Dr. David Persee would serve as the incident commander over the response to the Zika Virus and he was in Austin testifying before one of the special committee on this subject; in order to tackle this , they need to focus on protection and mosquito breeding reduction and they need everyone help to reduce the breeding mosquitoes and protecting from bites, the next steps was to conduct an education awareness campaign, present information to Neighborhood Associations, during the CIP Town Hall meetings and to reach out to schools, medias and February was known as Junk Waste Month and for more information on the Zika Virus, they can go to the City of Houston Website.

Mayor Turner recognized State Representative Borris Miles who was present in the Council Meeting.

At 9:49 a.m. Mayor Turner requested the City Secretary to call the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 2 through 24

MISCELLANEOUS - NUMBER 2

2. **REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following individuals to the **INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for terms to expire June 1, 2019:

Position Seven - **LEESHAN BIRNEY**, reappointment

Position Eight - **STEPHEN H. LE**, reappointment

Position Nine - **NANCY MAI**, appointment

Position Ten - **OWEN C WANG**, appointment

Position Eleven - **WEA H. LEE**, reappointment-

the City secretary advised that Item 2 had been pulled by the administration and would not be considered.

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS - NUMBER 3

3. **APPROVE** spending authority in an amount not to exceed \$15,000,000.00 to address an Emergency for Reclaimed Asphalt Pavement Materials for the Department of Public Works & Engineering on award to **CENTURY ASPHALT, LTD.** - the City secretary advised that Item 3 had been pulled by the administration and would not be considered.

ORDINANCES - NUMBERS 5 through 24

5. **ORDINANCE** finding and determining that public convenience and necessity no longer require the continued use of a 12-foot-wide alley, from Collingsworth Street south to its terminus, between Billingsley Street and Irvington Boulevard; vacating and abandoning the alley to Avenue Community Development Corporation, abutting owner, in consideration of the payment of \$40,749.00 to the City and other consideration - **DISTRICT H – CISNEROS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Martin absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0106 ADOPTED**
6. **ORDINANCE** authorizing participation with other Entergy Service Area cities in matters concerning **ENERGY TEXAS, INC** before the Public Utility Commission of Texas and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission during 2016 - **DISTRICT E – MARTIN-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Martin absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0107 ADOPTED**
12. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Listing Agreement between the City of Houston and **CUSHMAN& WAKEFIELD OF TEXAS, INC,** for the Marketing and Sale of certain real property consisting of approximately 1.8086 acres of land located at the northwest corner of Nicholson Street and W. 20th Street and approximately 2.070 acres of land located at the northeast corner of Nicholson Street and W. 19th Street, being a part of the John Austin 2 League Grant, Abstract Number 1, Houston, Harris County, Texas, and identified as Parcels SY14-101 and SY15-072 **DISTRICT C – COHEN-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Martin absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0108 ADOPTED**
14. **ORDINANCE** establishing the north and south sides of the 4700 block of Coke 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 B – DAVIS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Martin absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0109 ADOPTED**
15. **ORDINANCE** establishing the north and south sides of the 3800 block of Rosedale Street, between Scott Street and Honey Circle 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 D – BOYKINS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Martin absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0110 ADOPTED**
16. **ORDINANCE** consenting to the addition of 4.6695 acres of land to **KLEINWOOD MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT,** for inclusion in its district- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Martin absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0111 ADOPTED**
17. **ORDINANCE** awarding contract to **ALLY GENERAL SOLUTIONS LLC, CASTEC CONSTRUCTION LLC, GCI SOLUTIONS LLC, KENALL, INC, OZ BUILDING CONTRACTORS,**

INC, POSEY'S CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT, INC, PRESTON BANKS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LLC, PMG PROJECT MANAGEMENT GROUP LLC, SKE CONSTRUCTION LLC, and TEXAS PRIDE UTILITIES LLC as part of the Small Contractors Rotation Pilot Program - 2 Years - \$3,294,000.00 - Enterprise and DDSRF Funds- 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.

18. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing third amendment to Untreated Water Supply Contract between the City of Houston and **BAYTOWN WATER SUPPLY CONTRACT** (Approved by Ordinance No. 94-1013, as amended) for the addition of a secondary point of delivery and increase in contract quantity- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Martin absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0112 ADOPTED**
19. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$955,404.00 out of Metro Projects Construction DDSRF and authorizing Traffic Signal Central Control and Local Traffic Signal Controller Software Contract between the City of Houston and **TRAFFICWARE GROUP, INC**; providing a maximum contract amount - \$2,380,000.00 - Grant Fund - Total \$3,335,404.00- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Martin absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0113 ADOPTED**
20. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$2,762,000.00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF-A Fund as an additional appropriation to Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City and **HALFF ASSOCIATES, INC**, for Storm Water Engineering Program Support (as approved by Ordinance No. 2015-0621) - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Martin absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0114 ADOPTED**
21. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$2,493,600.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **AMANI ENGINEERING, INC** for Wastewater Force Main Renewal and Replacement - Sleepy Hollow, Telephone Road #1 and West Park #1; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS C - COHEN; G - TRAVIS and I - GALLEGOS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Martin absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0115 ADOPTED**
22. **ORDINANCE** No. 2016-88, passed second reading on February 3, 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 **THIRD AND FINAL READING**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Martin absent. **ADOPTED THIRD AND FINAL READING IN FULL ORDINANCE 2016-0088**
23. **ORDINANCE** No. 2016-89, passed second reading on February 3, 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 - **THIRD AND FINAL READING**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Martin absent. **ADOPTED THIRD AND FINAL READING IN FULL ORDINANCE 2016-0089**

24. **ORDINANCE** No. 2016-90, passed second reading on February 3, 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 **THIRD AND FINAL READING**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Martin absent. **ADOPTED THIRD AND FINAL READING IN FULL ORDINANCE 2016-0090**

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

4. **RESOLUTION** designating the **CHEEK-NEAL COFFEE COMPANY BUILDING** located at 2017 Preston Street within the City of Houston as a landmark and protected landmark - **DISTRICT I – GALLEGOS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Martin absent. **RESOLUTION 2016-0003 ADOPTED**
7. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing first amendment to the Electricity Supply Agreement between the City of Houston and **RELIANT ENERGY RETAIL SERVICES, LLC**- was presented and tagged by Council Member Laster. Council Member Martin absent.
8. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$1,031,000.00 out of Convention & Entertainment Facilities Department Consolidated Construction Fund and approving transfer of such funds to the Houston First Corporation for payment to the **HOUSTON ARTS ALLIANCE** for George R. Brown Convention Center Civic Art - **DISTRICT I – GALLEGOS**- was presented, Council Members Davis, Gallegos and Stardig tagged and after a lengthy discussion Council Members Davis, Gallegos and Stardig released their tag and Council Member Kubosh moved to delay Item 8 for two weeks and seconded by Council Member Stardig, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Boykins and Martin absent. **MOTION 2016-0063 ADOPTED**
9. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **WAGeworks, INC** for Professional Services related to Flexible Spending Accounts Program Administration Services for Health and Dependent Care for City employees effective May 1, 2016; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0116 ADOPTED**
10. **ORDINANCE** approving first amendment to agreement for Purchase of Electronic Recyclable Material between the City of Houston and **COMPUCYCLE, INC**; providing a maximum contract amount - \$350,000.00 - General Fund- was presented and tagged by Council Member Christie.
11. **ORDINANCE** to correct amounts previously appropriated in Ordinance No. 2015-1214 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- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0117 ADOPTED**

13. **ORDINANCE** extending the provisions of **SECTION 28-303 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, to certain improved single-family residential lots in **BRAEBURN VALLEY WEST SUBDIVISION, SECTION 1**, to prohibit parking vehicles in the front or side yards of such residences - **DISTRICT J – LASTER**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0118 ADOPTED**

NON CONSENT AGENDA - NUMBER 25

MISCELLANEOUS

25. **MOTION TO SET A DATE** not less than seven days from February 10, 2016, to receive nominations for Position 4 of the **HARRIS COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for a two year term- was presented, Council Member Cohen moved to set February 17, 2016 to receive nominations for Position 4 of the Harris County Appraisal District Board of Directors and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2016-0064 ADOPTED**

MATTERS HELD - NUMBER 26

26. **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
TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LASTER
This was Item 9 on Agenda of February 3, 2016- was presented, Council Member Cohen moved to refer Item 26 back to the administration and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2016-0065 ADOPTED**

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

Members of Council announced events and discussed matters of interest.

There being no further business before Council; the City Council adjourned at 10:51 a.m. Council Members Martin, Travis, Green, Robinson and Kubosh absent.

DETAILED INFORMATION ON FILE ON THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

Anna Russell, City Secretary

