

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, March 22, 2016

The Houston City Council convened at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 22, 2016; Mayor Sylvester Turner presiding, with Council Members Brenda Stardig, 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; Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director present. Council Member Jerry Davis absent on city business.

At 1:36 p.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting of City Council to order and stated that the first order of business was the presentation portion. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Gallegos, Knox, Kubosh, Edwards, Christie absent. **NO QUORUM**

Council Member Robinson invited Jim Jard to the podium and stated since November 1992 Jim Jard had served as a Commissioner of the Planning Commission, his tireless work had been highly influential providing sound input on many issues affecting the City's growth and development and Mr. Jard's contributions to the City was countless including influential roles in many efforts such as Chairing the Planning Commission Development Ordinance Subcommittee from 2013 to 2015 and he established the Historical Preservation Ordinance, Residential Buffer Ordinance, and the Transit Corridor Ordinance and among many others and also amended the Off-Street Parking Ordinance and the Tree and Shrub Ordinance and most notably Mr. Jard played a leading role in all major recent Revisions to Chapter 42 of the City's Code of Ordinance including those in 1999, 2009 and 2013 and on March 23, 2016 Mr. Jard will retire after 24 dedicated years of service, the City of Houston commends and congratulates him for his commitment to improving the City through his many contribution and extends best wishes on a long and happy retirement and therefore Mayor Turner proclaimed March 23, 2016 as Jim Jard Day in Houston Texas. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Gallegos and Edwards absent.

Council Member Green stated it was a privilege in welcoming the first Houston reality TV on the WE Network that would features six African American Lawyers who practice law, civil and criminal here in the City of Houston and invited the Members of the Sisters in Law Reality Show to the podium; the show premieres this Thursday at 9:00 p.m. on the We Network and they were just so excited that not only were they highlighting these fantastic women; these fantastic women would also see the producers of WE just did a phenomenal job highlighting the City of Houston, the beauty of the City, the streetscape of the City, the internationalism of the City, the chicness if the City and he was just so pleased that they were present and very proud of them; set in Houston the WE television network was poised for groundbreaking new TV series which would follow a group of elite high powered female lawyers as they juggle busy careers and family social calendars, Sisters in Law would showcase six powerful attorneys and highlighting the legal work of Black Houston, the attorneys include the show creator and public defender Juanita Jackson, former Houston Council Member and current Houston Independent School District Trustee Jolanda Jones, Board certified Criminal Attorney Vivian King, Civil Attorney Rhonda Wills, Criminal Attorney Monique Sparks and Civil Attorney Tiye Foley, these women were bring a conscious face to the profession in Houston in the background, this television series Sisters in Law would highlight the vibrancy of Houston as a cosmopolitan destination with restaurants, arts, museum, fine hotels, extraordinary shopping and night life, this television series would spotlight Houston as chic city with southern charm and the City of Houston commends and recognizes all those that were involved in producing Sisters in Law and extends best wishes for great success and therefore Mayor Turner proclaimed March 22, 2016 as Sisters in Law Day in Houston Texas. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Gallegos and Edwards absent.

At 1:58 p.m. Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Cisneros for the invocation and she invited Pastor David Smith to the podium for the invocation and Council Member Cisneros led the Pledge of Allegiance. Council Member Green absent.

At 2:01 p.m. the roll was called. Council Member Jerry Davis absent on city business.

Council Member Cohen moved to adopt previous minutes from March 1, 2016 and March 8, 2016 and seconded by Council Member Green, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent on city business. **MOTION ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner stated that he had missed them and he could not wait for Spring Break to be over to see them again and he hoped that they had a wonderful Spring Break.

Mayor Turner requested the City Secretary to call the List of Speakers.

Mr. Charles Facciponte, 5306 Fayette St., 77056, (713)409-2222 appeared and stated that he and his wife were residents of Saint George Place and he was the Vice President of the Saint George Place Civic Club and present to encourage Members of Council to approve the Ordinance to create the Saint George Place Management District, the request to create the Management District was the result of the desire of the residents of Saint George Place and they would like to provide 24 security as well as improve the landscaping at Saint George Place, unfortunately their funding to do this was restricted by the Public Improvement District Fund that they received and the current assessment rate of seven cents per square foot of land that each property owner pays into the District was established about 20 years ago, with no means for adjustment for inflation or cost increase and the board was trying to provide these items based on the 1995 funding rates and this was an impossible task, in order to show property owners support, the Saint George Civic Association received signed petitions from approximately 56% of the neighborhood residents to approve the new Management District, along with supplementing funding of the New District by the neighborhoods property owners and these petitions had been provided and verified by the TECQ, following their petition drive last year, in order to improve their security, the Board requested property owners to make voluntary contribution of \$300 per resident. Council Members Boykins and Green absent.

Mr. Jay Murdock, 1341 G Street N.W., Washington, DC, 20005, (202)680-8915 appeared and stated he was present to provide some testimony of the glass recycling issue; he was with Owens Corning, a leading fiber glass insulation and composite material manufacturer and today he was present comment on behalf of the North American Insulation Manufacturers or NAIMA, Owens Corning was a member NAIMA along with all the others major North American Manufacturer in the U.S. and NAIMA's members use a large volume of recycled glass content and in fact, fiber glass insulation was the seconded largest user of recycled glass in North America and it was the single largest user of recycled glass in Texas; NAIMA members include their members Owens Corning, Johns Manville and Certain Teed and together they have about four facilities in the state; Houston, Waxahachie, Cleburne and Sherman and these operations employ approximately 800 workers and many of these workers were Union Employees and these operations manufacture insulation used in residential, commercial and industrial building for energy and noise reduction, as well as in duct and pipe applications, in 2014, NAIMA member companies in the United States used more than 1.7 billion pounds of recycled glass and since 1992, 49.2 billion pounds of recycled material have been diverted from the waste stream, using recycled content in the manufacturing of fiber glass insulation was important to architects, builders and consumers and was this an important product attribute and features that they offer to the market place. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin and Gallegos absent.

Mayor Turner stated that he wanted to take a moment to just say, it was a difference in cost and how to pay for it and the same two year deal with Waste Management was going to cost the city about a little more than \$7.2 million in two years only and that was with 100% of the load where the City would not have been able to work with other vendors for a more long term deal and the deal that the City struck was for a two year deal instead of \$7.2 million it was \$5.7 million for only 75% of the load and now allows the City to look for more expanded and cost efficient items during this time period, they were still recycling glass, it just had to be taken to ten neighborhood depositories, so glass was still a part of recycling it just was not curbside and the problem with curbside with the single stream, it toxic products and drives the cost up, so it was just simply when they were factoring the cost, it was just more cost efficient from the original deal.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Murdock at length about recycling and recycling glass.

Ms. Maria Guadalupe Hernandez, 6500 Rookin St., 77074, (281)704-8865 appeared and stated that she was community engineer and she would like to thank Mayor Turner and Members of Council for working together renew the recycling contract to continue recycling and at the last CIP meeting recycling issue was very important to them and their community and they were very pleased to continue to work with them and the City of Houston to make their recycling a priority to them and to keep Houston beautiful. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Gallegos and Kubosh absent.

Mr. Curt Bucey, 16365 Park Ten Place, Ste. 200, 77084, (832)483-3338 appeared and presented information to Members of Council and stated he was the Executive Vice President of Strategic Materials the National's Largest Glass Recycler and the only one in Houston, they were disappointed with the plan to eliminate glass from curbside and SMI was days away from investing \$8,000,000 to expand in Houston and this would have created a model for glass recycling in the country; in Houston glass would have been recycled, turn into a new bottle filled with beer and all in within the greater Houston area and loss of the Houston volume has stopped their expanding plans and corresponding job creation that would have occurred and they were still willing to go forward if they get can get visibility and assuring on the volume; drop off centers have been offered as a equalizers to take glass out of the curbside, they had been getting this glass for the past 20 years from drop off centers which was about 5 to 10% from what comes from curbside, it had been inferred that the difference between the \$90 and the \$95 processing fee was due to glass processing cost, it was not and glass recycling does not cost the City an incremental \$1.4 to run glass through a two inch screen and even more so when the profit share had been changed and considered and as far as glass quality which he passed out an handle how they price glass, higher quality equals higher prices and lower quality equals to lower prices, and was in financial distress, they have not upgraded their systems and they were willing to receive a lower price for glass in exchange for not having to invest and their expansion would reduce the distance that curbside material would have to travel by 200 miles which would be a substantial freight savings and helping the glass economics and if glass was eliminated, cost were going to switch from a pocket called recycling to the other pocket called landfill, education, extra processing fees as the public would still put glass in the bin like had been trained to do, it was bad public policy to start dismantling recycling on a piece by piece basis especially when it had taken many years to develop reliable plants and markets and today markets were looking for more glass not less. Council Members Boykins and Christie absent.

Mayor Turner asked Mr. Bucey, was he willing to pay \$4.2 million to make up the difference; Mr. Bucey stated he was not and Mayor Turner asked him if he voiced his concerns

to Waste Management and does he directly deal with Waste Management, he said yes and does he directly deal with the City of Houston and then he said no and Mayor Turner advised him to speak to Waste Management; and Mayor Turner stated his concern was something that they can pay for and it was Waste Management choice to eliminate glass in order to reduce the cost for the City of Houston to come forth with an arrangement that they can work with for two years.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Bucey at length about glass recycling.

Mr. Bryan Vickers, 1220 N. Fillmore St., Arlington, VA, 22201, (703)684-6359 appeared and stated he was present to speak the about glass recycling program for Houston and its future which he works with the Glass Packaging Institute, which was the trade association for the glass bottle makers, they make wine, beer bottles, food jars as well as the glass recyclers across the country, they collectively were companies who employ about 20,000 Americans and that they have two container plants in Texas which one was in Houston and three glass recycling facilities, one here in Houston as well and one of their member companies with strategic materials; just so everyone was aware for their industry, recycling glass was very important and that they buy about \$2.4 million tons a year nationally on average recycling content of their food and beverage containers was about 3% so it was significant and critical manufacturing input and he could not stress that enough and that they were disappointed about the proposal for the City of Houston to eliminate glass from the curbside recycling program, especially after the City Council and the City had made a huge investment to provide bins for the residents in Houston and under the proposed contract which what they had seen on the news reports that 25% of that material would go to the landfilled which was the glass and \$25.00 tip fees and they were looking at between \$250,000 to \$300,000 tips fees paid by the City to go to the landfill and the most successful company that does the curbside recycling was Kanas City which was 20,000 tons annually and the goal really on glass recycling to return it to a manufactured product, fiberglass for NAIMA and for them it could go either way and they really were willing to work with the City and the stakeholders and they know there were challenges. Council Members Boykins and Edwards absent.

Mr. Laolu Davies, 5340 Welayan, 77005 (832)202-2233 appeared and stated he was here to speak on Item 32 in support of it and the item talks about expansion of the tax abatement program expand and included projects that promote local employment paying a livable wage and more importantly development of workforce affordable in Houston, the workforce affordable housing was particularly why he was before this Council because he worked in the development of multi-family housing using house tax credits and he had several and in 2009 the City came out of the economic downturn, they really watched the City sustain an economic boom and with that same certain challenges among which were the rising costs of housing and so the last six to seven years Houston had been known as bags of affordability and whether it was for working young professionals, nurses and the base workforce was to make this City run and operate, housing prices especially rents, have gotten out of reach for so many and he just wanted to say to the Mayor that he was putting this City in the right direction and in September of 2005 he wrote a paper on workforce housing which those Council Members at the time made the recommendations on tax abatements and he just recently released as a private citizen on how he thought they could build more workforce housing for the City that called for construction of 100,000 new multi-family units and 50,000 single family units and in that plan which he passed put to Members of Council was a summary of his plan and there were some other recommendations again was with the tax abatements being one of them and the other being proposal included adopting a fast track permitting plans for the city, providing flexible parking for revitalization. Council Member Boykins and Laster absent.

Ms. Tarah Taylor, 2400 S. Loop W., No.1310, 77054, (713)371-8492 appeared and stated she was the Political Coordinator of the Texas Organization Project and was in support of Item 32 and most of their members were from the working class, lower class and they teach the how to advocate for their communities and how they can thrive and with that in mind, she was here today on behalf of the Texas Organization Project Members to say thank you to Members of Council for the Amendments to the Ordinance, the Abatement Ordinance but after it passages, their members look forward in meeting with the Economic Development Committee and the Chief Officer to assist the City to add more community benefits like a living wage and making these suggested requirements because they want to create an environment in Houston for business to flourish, but ultimately they do this so their communities can receive the maximum benefits and for now she wanted to thank them in advance for putting the communities first with a vote in favor of this Amended Ordinance and they look forward in working with them to progress it in the future. Council Members Boykins, Laster and Edwards absent.

Mayor Turner stated to Ms. Taylor they certainly wanted to encourage her as she looked at the economic tools of the City to direct when they talking about workforce, affordable housing and livable wage, all of those things were critical components as they look forward to rebuild not only streets but neighborhoods and communities and he believes this was one way to move the ball further down the field and completing some of the things he spoke about earlier.

Ms. Berenice Suchilt, 1625 Main St., 77002, (832)277-8087 appeared and stated that she was representing Texas Organization Project as well as Young Invincible and KPFT and they thanked them for their work and they have done a great contribution to their community, considering this Tax Abatement Ordinance and this plan would contribute to their community and create a more balance economy in their society by inviting more for profit companies that were more progressive and by doing this by giving tax cuts they can contribute more to the living wages to people that actually need it and to decrease poverty in their communities and was a win, win and when they contribute equity by giving people good wages and benefits, they get better performances and it would be so wonderful to see this community more integrated and see more community gardens and they want to work with the Economic Development Council to insure that this Ordinance was incentivizing companies to pay livable wages to their employees and she believes that these commitments to community benefits should be mandatory to receive any tax and she looks forward in working with Members of Council more closely to make this Ordinance progressive. Council Members Boykins, Laster and Edwards absent.

Mr. Paul Magaziner, no address, (713)825-7605 appeared and stated that he represents Corridors United as well as he was a Transit Layman expert for Charles White Community Breakfast for the last five or six years and he was present representing the minority communities as well as the low income transit riders in Houston and taxpayers, Corridors United had filed two different titles 6's against Metro in the last few years and the next one was coming up shortly and he was requesting that the Elected City Officials to do one of two things, to give Corridor United the public opportunity to voice their many complaints to the City of Houston transportation Committee in a two hour meeting with Metro attendance on their new bus network, discriminatory Metro policies or request Council Members to tag Mayor Turners appointments, which one of these appointments was fantastic, Mr. Lax Freidman and he only wish that he would had been on the Board three or four years ago before the Metro lift reevaluation started, why do they need this meeting, the continuation of Metro's current Board direction which was going to happen with only two new choices means a continuation of what

they call the Jim Crow Transit Authority of Houston, Texas and if they were denied the meeting and Council does not tag the nominees, it would be in his opinion that the Jim Crow Transit Agency would become this horse shoe responsibility, last year in a face to face meeting with Council Member Green they were told Mayor Parker stated she would never allow the meeting that they need with the City of Houston transportation Committee and Mayor Turner had stated that everything was on the table, transparency, equity, let's see if that was true and three minutes was hardly enough time to speak and focus briefly on matters such as Metro's current policy, their new bus network and current general mobility payments to the City of Houston and given a proper time, they want to expand these matters with Metro Lift, Metro ADA noncompliance, ridiculous Metro Capital Projects from 2016 to 2020, their procurement practices, their Real Estate practices and bad news Metro Board decisions, why should they listen to them, they were going to show the City of Houston that they can increase their general mobility payment in 2016 by 10%, that was \$42,000,000.00 and they need to take a look at what they had been complaining about for many years, new Metro from 2010 to 2016 was worse than old Metro and Metro's current policy needs to be exposed and the fair policy for cash paying riders since 2009 was highly discriminatory and needs to stop and in 2015, new Metro proclaimed when they ended the cash paper transfer program that only 4% of Metro's riders paid cash. Council Members Council Members Boykins, Martin and Laster absent.

Council Member Kubosh discussed with Mr. Magaziner the organization he request to and who they where they were from and who they were comprised of.

Mr. Sherman Mayes, 6330 Tadlock Ln., 77085, (832)921-9526 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Boykins, Martin and Laster absent.

Council Member Kubosh moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing Mr. Carlos Calbillo out of order and seconded by Council Member Knox and Mayor Turner advised that they did not have enough Members present to make a motion but if no one opposed this request it will be done.

Mr. Carlos Calbillo, 407 Cordell St., 77009, (832)758-8640 appeared and stated he a resident of the East End of Houston and fighting constituent of District I and on more than one occasion he had address this body as an attempt to discuss some of the issues relating to the continuing problems caused in the 2nd Ward community by for lack of a better term, gentrification and it related miseries being fostered upon their residents, this continues to be an issue in communities all over the City where transitional legacy homeowners and residents attempt to keep their neighborhoods viable, fight to go keep them affordable and livable in a time of unprecedented population growth and change, there was a KHOU TV news report recently in the effort to remove homeless folks out of the Downtown area, driven by concern over the growing tourism and visitors coming in for their growing conventions business, the NCAA, Final Four and the Super Bowl on the horizon, the gist of the report was that his hometown would be presenting a bad image to the world because of the individuals that sleep in Downtown Houston streets at night, certainly not representing the City in its best light; while he believes everyone was sympathetic to the plight of these folks, his concerns was that they not be forced by law enforcement or by City generated policies to leave them where they were and to be forced to gravitate back in into 2nd Ward building shanty towns nearby completed Guadalupe Plaza Park and as you may know Mr. Mayor, the community fought for over a year to remove both the vague rants and the Priest who fed them 24 hours and to make the homeless industry gravitate back into the 2nd Ward was not any kind of solution in short term even that was acceptable and he was requesting them to coordinate with the County and

utilizing resources available such as Federal Block Grants to find a far out of Downtown facility to locate these support services, these services were essential to health and well-being of their society as all people were essential for support and direction and a place to live as long as vague rant services were in Downtown, their homeless brothers and sisters would be living in Downtown on the streets, under the freeway and showing to all that it was their collective indifference which was a major cause of homelessness services move and homeless individuals can be motivated to move to the service, lets prove to all that Houston the can do City can do something to address this malady in a caring and responsible manner. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Travis and Laster absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Council Member Kubosh thanked him for coming and highlighting these issues and stated that they do have services for the homeless and that Mayor Parker worked hard to get services to the homeless and he meets with the Officers who work those homeless details and the Officers were telling him that there needs to be some changes to the Ordinances to give them some authority to help because so long as they were allowing them to sleep on the streets and they were not getting into the services that they have for them.

Ms. Deirdre Gilbert, 7019 Brewster Ln., Missouri City, TX, 77459, (832)488-5765 appeared and presented information to Members of Council and stated that she was present to request an investigation as well as possibly to have the F.B.I and the Department of Justice to come in and she was the National Director of the National Medical Malpractice Advocacy Association that she created in 2013 after the death of her daughter, this City was in a State of Emergency and they need some help, she had tried to conduct investigation on her own that relates to her daughter's death, she had filed complaint after complaint, she had gotten investigation after investigation and they have gone all the way up to the DA to have all of the evidence hidden and destroyed where they cannot get any type of help, they could not get any one to come in; six years later, she was approached by someone who worked in the hospital at the time, who stated that the doctor was drunk, information that they knew in 2011 but HPD who she had contacted on many occasions had hidden the evidence, they claim that they filed a complaint but a complaint was never filed, they went to the DA because they claimed that they talked to the DA Office and they said that they spoke to Connie Spence which they never spoke to her because DA Anderson told them so, that they have a hospital system here that had over 1100 people who had died over medical malpractice and there was not one entity that was protecting the citizens of this City and State and they need to know how they were going to help and for the first time in history they been granted the presidential message for trying to help those who had been harmed by medical error and now they were coming to them as a City to find out how they can help them protect, she could not get the evidence for her daughter and she still was fighting, they will take this to court until they get justice and that what she intend to do. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Laster and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen Presiding.

Ms. Gilbert was questioned by Members of Council.

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, Laster and Robinson 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 Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Laster and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Ms. Rebecca Lillico, 1242 W.31st St., 77018, (832)865-3507 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Laster and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Mr. Isaac Aboulafia, 5015 Yarwell Dr., 77096, (928)850-2153 appeared and presented information to Members of Council and stated he was present in seeking assistance from the City to address a street flooding problem in the block of the 5000 block of Yarwell Drive and had been contacting the City about water located on the street for over four years; the street had localized depressions and subsidence causes even the lightest rain events to create ponded water, this problem was made worse when the City did a street overlay that was installed in 1997 which had deteriorated substantially over the past 18 years and the water not only caused a nuisance for his family and neighbors but it also presents an unacceptable health risk, disease carrying mosquitos spawn in this water; he applied for a construction permit to replace his driveway and sidewalk in 2013 and he had personally met with the permitting personal and he explicitly requested the City to allow him to raise his driveway and adjacent curb and gutter to help eliminate the problem caused by the deteriorating street, however City Permit Reviewer rejected his requested and since then, Public Works personal had suggested that he and his neighbors design, permit and pay for and perform repairs to the City streets near his home, as a lifelong resident and taxpayer of Houston that the Officials of the City would suggest that a private resident fund and repair deteriorated City of Houston infrastructure and he respectfully requested numerous occasions to meet with his elected Officials in search for a reasonable solution for this problem and had been rejected and he had attended a District C CIP meeting on March 9th and he was dismayed to learn that despite his many request for repairs for years on the 5000 Yarwell was not in the current CIP or any other CIP repairs throughout the next 5 years through 2021 and just today he received a call from Public Works Department telling him that they cannot maintain the street because the problems were a result of natural substance which requires street replacement and in essence the City has attempted to cite every reason possible for not repairing the street rather looking for a solution and he was proud to notice a substantial improvement of the pothole problem since he became Mayor. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin Gallegos and Laster absent.

Council Member Cohen stated the she does truly share his frustration with the gutter ponding, it was a challenge and they see it everywhere throughout the City and she was aware of all the communications with her office and had worked diligently with the City Department in trying to get all the answers they possibly can for his concern and the fact of the matter had been going on since 2012 and she knows that her offices had been assisting him but unfortunately, the ball really was in his court to organize his neighbors to fix the pounding on the block and per City Code Curb and Gutter maintenance was the responsibility of the adjacent owner and that was the next step.

Ms. Emma Lowe, 7606 Portal, 77071, (713)501-9308 appeared and presented a proposal to Members of Council and stated that a lot of what she had to say had to do with what the previous speaker was talking about and she wanted to talk about increasing the funding for the City of Houston, she was a retired teacher and this was something that been in her heart for some time; why was Houston faced with massive financial infrastructure challenges when it was considered one of the most diverse job markets in the United States and she wanted to know why they were having the problems that they have in this huge job market, for instance what made her really come talk about it was because she heard on the news not long ago it was contemplating to layoffs of the Policemen or the Firemen which they need them both, look at the City streets, look at neighborhood upkeep, deteriorating schools systems and they can use a lot more up to date schools and she was working part time at an old school building but her kids

and grandkids go to very nice schools out in Katy and when they drive in Katy she sees all of those beautiful homes in Katy, Sugarland, Pearland and the Woodlands where do these people get all the money to get these beautiful homes and the answer was Houston and what does Houston get for all that; in the meantime, the outlying cities such as Katy, Sugarland, the Woodlands and many other cities have beautiful schools, neighborhoods and sufficient service personnel and she did not know about them talking about laying off Police Officers or Firemen, "why"; the City of Houston willingly and freely provide job opportunities for residents of those outlying areas, who converge daily onto Houston's street, freeways, and parkways to earn their livelihood and take it from the City of Houston back to their cities to grow, build and maintain their beautiful infrastructure systems

Ms. Caroline Adams, 2409 Hazard St., 77019, (832)291-5276 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin and Gallegos absent.

Mr. Dennis Woodward, 943 Thornton Rd., 77018, (713)290-8961 appeared and presented information to Members of Council and stated he was present today inspired by the discussion of the appropriateness of the bird migrations sculpture in the George R. Brown convention center, entry way, if they had never been to High Island to witness the spring migration in progress, please take a trip there in early April and the birds traveling north were like hotel guest arriving at day, people travel across oceans to come to Houston and to High Island to see the spectacle that was the spring migration in South East Texas, our forefathers in the City of Houston failed when they evicted nature from the City with their bulldozers and graders and they must change the question they care for the land so that the plants and animals would return to the City to make it the natural jewel it once was, the problem with air and water pollution and flooding were reducing forest and nature, if they would simply allow nature back into parts of the City where they were not used by humans, they would see these benefits, the land in the City Parks for the most were trees and grass, the grass was mowed, Parks and Recreation Department trucks drive across the ground and finally removing all organic material that would improve the soil, this practice of caring for the land this way degrades and compacts the soil and increases flooding, forested land was friable, loose and soaks up water like a sponge, however, in order to have forest, they have to underscore plants and land that was not mowed with hydrocarbon burning pollution spewing machines, trees that grow out in the middle of mowed compacted lawns were much more susceptible to drought and most people in Houston blame the drought for the loss of ten thousands of the trees and another reason they may want more wildlife in the City was because of mosquitos which they transmit diseases and packs of bats live under bridges in Houston and that they should request all future federal state and local states with bridges be built with specification that would encourages bats to create colonies and it was shameful in 2016 that they continue to destroy beauty in the City, they can save money by reducing the mowing and would immediately increase the value on the soil. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Gallegos and Green.

Mr. Joshua Bullard, 3328 McGowen, 77004, (832)258-7511 appeared and stated he wanted this to go into the minutes; there were a number of the Council Members that willfully decided to not hire individuals from the colleges and universities in senior advisory staff positions and one individual was Council Member Mike Knox who decided to retain John Moss as his Chief of Staff, the problem behind him was that their Senior Staff Position in District G, the incoming Council Member decided not to retain Mr. Moss and his services, not only that but the voters of District G were upset, they were very angry at what took place with former Council Member Pennington at the direction of his Chief of Staff which was John Moss and he can side with Council Member Travis by not retaining him; one of the problems that some of these

Council Members do not realize when they come to City Hall was that William Paul Thomas would tell them the purpose of them being here was to follow the leader but the voters elected them to be a leader and that was they need to act like, so individually they decide to get elected here and they have some Council Members that had retained two individuals from former Council Members staff and this was somebody that gets elected that decides to lock the doors on the Universities, the Colleges and Texas Workforce Commission and not only that but he does not think it was fair that they do not extend the opportunity to people that have the College credentials for the positions, so they have thousands of people that graduates from the Universities that would like to have these positions and they qualify for these positions and some of these staff members had been around for 20 plus years and it was costing them a fortune and all these staff members paycheck was public record and the problem was if they continue to act if these were a private offices, these were public offices, they were public officials that work for him and he do not want to retain people for 18 years, these were the reason they were set on a revolving door. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Gallegos, Green and Christie absent.

Members of Council discussed Mr. Bullard remarks.

Mr. John Noflin, 12903 Brent Rock Dr., 77082, (832)208-1498 appeared and stated that he was hoping now that someone would listen to him for what he had to say because of the cruel and unusual punishment and enough was enough and he had come here many time and put on this jacket to come here many times and for him to sit here in this wheel chair for hours after hours which that was also cruel and unusual punishment, the last time he was here sitting in a wheel chair was not a fun thing to do and when he say cruel and unusual punishment to have a doctor in the hospital after what happen to him March 5 ,2013 when the paramedics stooped the vehicles they were justifiable because he had anxiety attacks and they feared for their life, first of all there was no stopping once they call 911, it was to go to the hospital not to stop in route to the hospital and for him to have that one tape and just for this to happen to him four times in one month but had been scared to come here to tell anyone about it and know he was not scared because he sees balance here. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Gallegos, Green and Christie absent.

Mayor Turner advised him to speak with the Mayor's Citizen Assistance Office for further assistance.

Ms. Melinda Howard, 7323 Parkes St., 77088, (281)820-2052 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Gallegos, Green and Christie 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 Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Gallegos, Green and Christie absent.

Mr. Gregory Caraway, 1215 Dennis St., No.209, 77004, (821)773-1745 appeared and presented information to Members of Council and stated he wanted to thank them for all the efforts that they had done to end homelessness in Houston and they had made a commitment in this community and what they would like to do was to take this opportunity to individually thank them; that they were a community that had taken the opportunity to enroll in school, to continue their education, to work hard, to become productive citizens in this great City that was led by Mayor Turner and this City Council and they were requesting various resources that were made available by the work source featuring the paid training grants and other resources and

going forward to assist in the homeless community in the City of Houston. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Gallegos, Green and Christie absent.

Members of Council discussed the issues with homelessness with Mr. Caraway.

Ms. Susan Delane, 3414 Lyons Ave., 77020, (832)787-2993 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Gallegos, Green and Christie absent.

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. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Gallegos, Green and Christie absent.

Mr. Fredrick Metoyre, 6518 Westheimer, 77057, (214)298-6088 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Gallegos, Green and Christie absent.

Ms. Peggy Pierre, 131 Aldine Bender Rd., 77060, (409)499-6537 appeared and stated she was present in speaking about early voting and how much it was costing her to go and early vote and it was \$10.00 and they cannot afford it, they need some help from trying to get to the polls and back from the polls, they were being discourage because of the cost of Metro and Metro Lift, the cost was horrendous with the raise on February 1, 2016, the cost to them was 100% mark up for them to go to Acres Homes to vote. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Gallegos, Green and Christie absent.

Mayor Turner asked if she had spoken with the Mayor's Citizen Assistance Office and questioned her issue with the Metro and Metro Lift.

Mr. Michael Hughes, 5606 Schevers, 77033, (832)372-3338 appeared and stated he was present on March 8th and he does not apologizes for his expression of emotions and again he was at the community meeting that was hosted by Council Member Green on February 26th and he was forced to leave the meeting because someone had an issue living in the southeast Houston and south of 288 and they mentioned it three times and he replied to them that he lives on the other side of 288 just being light hearted and the next thing he knew he was approached like rabid dogs and was forced to get out of the meeting. . Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Gallegos, Green and Christie absent.

Ms. Melanie Scruggs, no address, no phone, appeared and stated she was the Houston Program Director with the Texas Campaign for the Environment and she was present to thank Mayor Turner and Council Members and the staff for all the attention to the recycling issue and she encourages all Council Members to vote yes on the proposed contract, they do see as a temporary solution and they were glad to hear that there were conversations that were going on about putting out a complete bidding process, looking at bring other recycling companies into Houston and they had heard from their supporters that they were disappointed that glass was not going to be included in the new program. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Gallegos, Green and Christie absent.

Members of Council discussed recycling with Ms. Scruggs and the recycling contract.

President Joseph Charles, Post Office Box 524373, 77052-4373, Houston, TX, appeared and requested more time 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, Travis, Gallegos, Green and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Mr. Joseph Omo Omuari, 3939 North Freeway, No.210, 77022, (832)815-7006 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Gallegos, Green and Christie 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 4:12p.m. The City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 23, 2016, Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Gallegos, Green and Christie absent. Council Member Jerry Davis absent on city business. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

At 8:19 a.m. Ms. Anna Russell, City Secretary, read the description or captions of the items on the Agenda.

The Houston City Council reconvened at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 23, 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 9:11 a.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting order and stated he would start with a moment of silence for the people from the Brussels attack.

Council Member Cohen moved to suspend the rules to consider Items 1, 64, 2, 3 and 4 and seconded by Council Member Green, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2016-0103 ADOPTED**

1. **REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment of the following individuals to the **BOARD OF THE METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY OF HARRIS COUNTY**, for terms to expire April 7, 2018:

Position One - **LEX FRIEDEN**

Position Four - **CARRIN F. PATMAN-**

was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Green, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2016-0104 ADOPTED**

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE

64. **REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following individuals to the **BOARD OF THE METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY OF HARRIS COUNTY**, for terms to expire April 7, 2018:

Position Two - **SANJAY RAMABHADRAN**, reappointment

Position Three - **TROI L. TAYLOR**, appointment

Position Five - **CHRISTOF SPIELER**, reappointment

was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Stardig, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2016-0105 ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner requested the Members **BOARD OF THE METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY OF HARRIS COUNTY** to the podium which he introduced them and thanked them for their wiliness to serve.

2. **REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the reappointment of the following individuals to the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF TAX INCREMENT REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER TWENTY FOUR (GREATER HOUSTON ZONE)**,

Position Two - **DAVID TURKEL**, for a term to expire 12/31/2017, and to serve as Chair for a term to expire 12/31/2016

Position Four - **MITTIE ANDERSON**, for a term to expire 12/31/2017

Position Six - **TED HEAP**, for a term to expire 12/31/2017-

was presented, moved by Council Member Green and seconded by Council Member Christie all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis and Martin absent. **MOTION 2016-0106 ADOPTED**

3. **REQUEST** from Mayor for reappointment of **DANA V. PERRY-DREXLER** as an **ASSOCIATE JUDGE OF MUNICIPAL COURTS** to serve a two year term- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Green, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis and Martin absent. **MOTION 2016-0107 ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner invited Ms. Dana V. Perry-Drexler to the podium and thanked her for her wiliness to serve.

4. **REQUEST** from Mayor for reappointment of the following individuals as **FULL-TIME MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGES** to serve four-year terms:

OSWALD J. SCOTT, JR.

LAWRENCE A. ROUSSEAU-

was presented, moved by Council Member Laster and seconded by Council Member Green, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis and Martin absent.

Mayor Turner invited the individuals as full-time Municipal Court Judges to the podium and introduced them and thanked them for their wiliness to serve.

Mayor Turner stated Council Member Kubosh, that he knows Council Member Kubosh efforts that were made and led by him to remove the vehicles out of the Bayou and he had been in contact with TCEQ and received a letter back from them which he would read a portion to them; "I understand that the City of Houston maybe interested in becoming a third party administrator for a project to remove vehicles from the Houston Bayous and this would seemly result in a direct benefit to the City of Houston environment and therefore would require an eligible preapproved SEP the removal of these vehicles would reduce the amount of pollution currently being introduced in the bayous and improve water qualities and have a positive influence and effect surrounding human and wildlife environment to begin the process in the preapprove SEP process regarding the approved brief described above and they want to submit the third party application which they did give the address and looks forward in working with the City of Houston.

Council Member Kubosh thanked Mayor Turner for his support in this project

At 9:39 a.m. Mayor Turner moved to the Mayor's Report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Turner stated that he would shortly be presenting to City Council a budget by April 15, 2016 a preliminary budget that maintains a health fund balance of at least 9.4 % and he was continuing discussions with various stakeholders to solve the City's outstanding pension obligations.

Mayor Turner stated with the NCAA Final Four just around the corner and what happened with the terrorist attack in Brussels, he knows there was awareness to the potential threat to public safety, at the airports they have increased curbside and ticket lobby surveillance and patrol which means there was no staying or waiting at the terminal and the law enforcement and safety personnel continue to work with the F.B.I and Home Land Security and others; that information was shared with others, they encourage the public to report suspicious activity by calling 1-855-492-8244 or visiting www.iwatchhouston.org.

Mayor Turner further stated that this Saturday was the Turn Around Houston Program which was a series of resource fairs to reduce barriers to employment that many Houstonians faces, there would be resume writing, tattoo removing, mental health services to help Houstonians turn their lives around this will take place March 26, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Sunnyside Multiservice center and was sponsored Houston First and the Turn Around Houston Program who had various resource partners and they were also looking at the summer youth programs and he was requesting his team to expand the Summer Youth Program.

At 9:51 a.m. Mayor Turner requested the City Secretary to call the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 5 through 61

ACCEPT WORK - NUMBERS 5 and 8

5. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$1,253,954.65 and acceptance of work on contract with **JERDON ENTERPRISE, L.P.**, for Third Ward to Main Street Connectivity Project - 3.96% over the original contract amount and under 5% contingency amount - **DISTRICT D – BOYKINS** –was presented, moved by Council Member Knox and seconded by Council Member Green, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2016-0109 ADOPTED**

8. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$1,823,868.67 and acceptance of work on contract with **METRO CITY CONSTRUCTION, L.P.** for Installation of Short Segment of Water Lines at Various Locations 10.43% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICTS D - BOYKINS; E - MARTIN and I – GALLEGOS** – was presented, moved by Council Member Knox and seconded by Council Member Green, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2016-0110 ADOPTED**

PROPERTY - NUMBERS 9 and 10

9. 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. Forgings 24/7, Inc., a Texas corporation, et al., Cause No. 1056072; for acquisition of Parcel JY14-002; for the **NORTHEAST TRANSMISSION 108-INCH WATER LINE EASEMENT ACQUISITION PROJECT - DISTRICT B – DAVIS**- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Members Knox, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2016-0111 ADOPTED**

10. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering, reviewed and approved by the Joint Referral Committee, on request from Charles D. Smith, (Chief Facilities Officer), Houston Community College System, declining the acceptance of, rejecting, and refusing the dedication of a cul-de-sac at the terminus of Palmetto Street, located in the Houston Community College Eastside Campus Section 3 Subdivision, out of the Jacob Thomas Survey, A-74, Parcel SY16-018 - **DISTRICT I – GALLEGOS** - was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Members Knox, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2016-0112 ADOPTED**

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS - NUMBER 11

11. CIBOLO SPRAYERS, INC for Swinglok Sprayer Truck Repair Services for the Fleet Management Department - \$18,203.84 - Aggregate Total \$66,315.83 - Fleet Management Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Knox, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2016-0113 ADOPTED**

ORDINANCES - NUMBERS 15 through 61

15. ORDINANCE finding and determining that public convenience and necessity no longer require the continued use of Palmetto Street, from Redwood Street west to its terminus; vacating and abandoning the street to the Houston Community College System, abutting owner, in consideration of the payment of \$66,542.00 to the City and other consideration, Parcel SY16-003 **DISTRICT I – GALLEGOS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0184 ADOPTED**

- 16. ORDINANCE** authorizing the sale of a 10-foot-wide water line easement and a 10-foot-wide temporary construction easement, both located within the Fairbanks North Fire Station Site and in the James Clarkson Survey, A-188, Houston, Texas; selling the easement to the **HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 23**, in consideration of its payment to the City of \$2,390.00 and other consideration- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0185 ADOPTED**
- 21. ORDINANCE** amending Ordinance Number 2009-0287, as amended, to increase the maximum contract amount of the contract between the City and **YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION of HOUSTON** for Nutrition Services to the elderly provided through the Houston Health Department's Harris County Area Agency on Aging - \$1,350,000.00 - Grant Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0186 ADOPTED**
- 22. ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **PALCO, INC** for Veteran Directed Home & Community Based Services; providing a maximum contract amount 1 Year with four one-year renewals - \$1,000,000.00 - Health Special Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0187 ADOPTED**
- 25. ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing submission of an application for grant assistance to the State of Texas through the Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division ("CJD") to fund the **FY2017 NORTHEAST PAROLE INITIATIVE**; 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. **ORDINANCE 2016-0188 ADOPTED**
- 28. ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Lease Agreement between the City of Houston and **ESC POLYTECH CONSULTANTS, INC**, for certain premises at William P. Hobby Airport Revenue - **DISTRICT I - GALLEGOS** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0189 ADOPTED**
- 35. ORDINANCE** establishing the north and south sides of the 2600-2700 block of Dalview 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. **ORDINANCE 2016-0190 ADOPTED**
- 36. ORDINANCE** establishing the north and south sides of the 2600-2700 block of Druid 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. **ORDINANCE 2016-0191 ADOPTED**
- 37. ORDINANCE** establishing the north and south sides of the 9300 block of Leto Road, within the City of Houston as a special minimum lot size block pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT A – STARDIG-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0192 ADOPTED**
- 38. ORDINANCE** establishing the north and south sides of the 1200 block of Mathis Street, between Armstead Street and Northwood Street within the City of Houston as a special minimum lot size

block pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT H – CISNEROS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0193 ADOPTED**

39. **ORDINANCE** establishing the Riverside Terrace Subdivision, Sections 8, 9, and 16, and Southland Terrace Subdivision, within the City of Houston as a special minimum lot size area pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT D – BOYKINS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0194 ADOPTED**
40. **ORDINANCE** establishing the Highland Acres Homes Annex; White Oak Terrace Tract E; Yorkdale Tracts A, B, C and D; Yorkdale Addition Section One, within the City of Houston as a special minimum lot size area pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas **DISTRICT B – DAVIS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0195 ADOPTED**
41. **ORDINANCE** consenting to the addition of 34.4289 acres of land to **FORT BEND COUNTY ASSISTANCE DISTRICT NO. 1**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0196 ADOPTED**
42. **ORDINANCE** consenting to the addition of 39.0298 acres of land to **DOWDELL PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT**, for inclusion in its district- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0197 ADOPTED**
43. **ORDINANCE** consenting to the addition of 578.33 acres of land to **HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 489**, for inclusion in its district- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0198 ADOPTED**
44. **ORDINANCE** consenting to the addition of 10.7807 acres of land to **NORTHWEST HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 10**, for inclusion in its district- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0199 ADOPTED**
45. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Replacement Water Line Capacity and Cost Sharing Agreement between the City of Houston and **GULF COAST WATER AUTHORITY (City of League City), CLEAR LAKE CITY WATER AUTHORITY, HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 55, THE CITY OF WEBSTER, the CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD and BAYBROOK MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1** for the new Galveston Line Project **DISTRICTS D - BOYKINS and E – MARTIN**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0200 ADOPTED**
46. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$345,600.00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF-A and approving and authorizing Interlocal Agreement between the City of Houston and **HARRIS COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT** for Unit W129-00-00 Conveyance Improvements, Phase 3 Project from Richmond Avenue to Westpark Drive; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF-A- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0201 ADOPTED**
49. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$580,000.00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF-A as an additional appropriation to Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **CHESTER ENGINEERS, INC** for FY15 Storm Water Pump Station and

Flood Warning System Rehabilitation and Drainage Improvements (as approved by Ordinance No. 2015-0462)- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0202 ADOPTED**

- 50. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$2,175,753.00 out of Metro Projects Construction DDSRF and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **AGUIRRE & FIELDS, LP** for Lorraine Paving and Drainage from Houston Avenue to Jensen Drive; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Metro Projects Construction DDSRF - **DISTRICTS B - DAVIS and H - CISNEROS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0203 ADOPTED**
- 51. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$865,000.00 out of Water and Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **WESTON SOLUTIONS, INC** for Clinton Park Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT H - CISNEROS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0204 ADOPTED**
- 53. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$1,426,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **PARSONS WATER & INFRASTRUCTURE, INC** for Sims North Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund **DISTRICT I - GALLEGOS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0205 ADOPTED**
- 54. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$2,006,660.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT SERVICES, PA d/b/a IMS ENGINEERS, INC** for Neighborhood Sewer Systems Improvements; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS A - STARDIG; B - DAVIS; C - COHEN and D - BOYKINS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0206 ADOPTED**
- 55. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$753,700.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **CH2M HILL ENGINEERS, INC** for West District Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT G - TRAVIS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0207 ADOPTED**
- 56. ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing first amendment to the FY2016 Ditches Rehab Work Orders #1 Contract between the City of Houston and **T CONSTRUCTION, LLC** (Approved by Ordinance No. 2015-0854)- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0208 ADOPTED**
- 58. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$3,688,727.00 out of Metro Projects Construction DDSRF, \$1,885,782.00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF and \$1,276,991.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **SER CONSTRUCTION PARTNERS, LLC.** for Silber Paving and Drainage from IH-10 to Hartland;

setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering, testing, CIP Cost Recovery, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Metro Projects Construction DDSRF, Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF and the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund DISTRICT A – STARDIG- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0209 ADOPTED**

59. ORDINANCE appropriating \$424,900.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **TEXAS PRIDE UTILITIES, LLC** for Wastewater System/Substitute Service Support - Sherman Street Package 2; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering, testing, CIP Cost Recovery, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - DISTRICTS H - CISNEROS and I – GALLEGOS- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0210 ADOPTED**

60. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,696,520.35 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **CES UTILITIES, INC** for Waterline Rehab and Replacement Project; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering and testing, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0211 ADOPTED**

61. ORDINANCE granting to **HOUSTON GREASE LLC, A Texas Limited Liability Company**, 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; and making certain findings related thereto - FIRST READING- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0212 PASSED FIRST READING**

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

6. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$4,548,795.67 and acceptance of work on contract with **INDUSTRIAL TX CORP.** for Lift Station Renewal and Replacement: Bissonnet #4, Fondren #2, Lydia and Market #1 - 0.32% under the original contract amount - DISTRICTS D - BOYKINS; H - CISNEROS, J - LASTER and K – GREEN- was presented, moved by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Knox, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2016-0114 ADOPTED**

7. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$3,045,254.81 and acceptance of work on contract with **REPIPE CONSTRUCTION, LTD.** for Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation by Cured-In-Place Pipe Method 1.94% under the original contract amount (4258-45) - **DISTRICTS A - STARDIG; B - DAVIS; C - COHEN; D - BOYKINS; G - TRAVIS; H - CISNEROS; J - LASTER and K – GREEN**- was presented, moved by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Green, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2016-0115 ADOPTED**

12. **ORDINANCE** supplementing the City of Houston, Texas Master Ordinance No. 2004-299, supplementing the City of Houston, Texas Ordinance No. 2004-300, Ordinance No. 2008-252, Ordinance No. 2010-215 and Ordinance 2013-0200; authorizing the substitution of a Credit Facility, the execution and delivery of a Reimbursement Agreement, a Co-Bond Counsel Agreement, and a Reoffering Circular for the City of Houston, Texas Combined Utility System First Lien Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2004B-2, and declaring an emergency- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0213 ADOPTED**

13. **ORDINANCE** finding and determining that public convenience and necessity no longer require the continued use of Millport Street, from Belmore Street to Bingle Road; vacating and abandoning the street to F. L. Tucker, Ltd. and Crown Business Park Inc., abutting owners, in consideration of their payment of \$177,884.00 to the City and other consideration - **DISTRICT A – STARDIG**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0214 ADOPTED**

14. **ORDINANCE** finding and determining that public convenience and necessity no longer require the continued use of Ormandy Drive, from the west plat line of the South Fondren Place Subdivision east then north approximately 122 feet to the south property line of the proposed cul-de-sac and a 10-foot-wide water line easement; vacating and abandoning said parcel to Iglesia Palabra De Restauracion Pentecostes, Inc., the abutting owner, in consideration of owner's payment of \$29,358.00 to the City and their conveyance to the City of a 20-foot-wide storm sewer easement and rights-of-way for an construction of, a cul-de-sac, and other good and valuable consideration **DISTRICT K – GREEN**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0215 ADOPTED**

17. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Restated Agreement for Recycling Services between the City of Houston, Texas and **WASTE MANAGEMENT OF TEXAS, INC** for the Solid Waste Management Department for Recycling Services; providing a maximum contract amount - 2 Years \$5,758,000.00 - General Fund- was presented, after a lengthy discussion, Council Member Martin moved to call the question on Item 17 and was seconded by Council Member Green, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2016-0116 ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner stated that the question on Item 17 was called and called for a vote of Item 17 Council Members Travis and Knox voting no, balance voting aye. **ORDINANCE 2016-0216 ADOPTED**

Council Member Edwards recognized the Eisenhower High School Business Law Class, there were present at City Hall today and requested them to stand up.

Council Member Robinson would also like to recognize a group that was present, the Houston Apartment Association and requested them to stand up.

18. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$2,000,000.00 out of TIRZ Affordable Housing Fund and approving and authorizing Repair Agency Agreement between the City of Houston and **REBUILDING TOGETHER HOUSTON**, as Repair Agency, for performance of minor critical emergency repairs to homes owned by qualified households; establishing a maximum contract amount; approving the second amended and restated administrative guidelines for the Minor Critical Emergency Home Repair Program- was presented and tagged by Council Member Boykins. Council Member Edwards absent.
19. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing first amendment to contract between the City of Houston and **CHILD CARE COUNCIL OF GREATER HOUSTON**, providing up to \$410,000 in additional Community Development Block Grant Funds for the continuing administration and operation of a Juvenile Delinquency Program- was presented and tagged by Council Member Davis. Council Member Edwards absent.
20. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing first amendment to contract between the City of Houston and **CHILD CARE COUNCIL OF GREATER HOUSTON**, providing up to \$410,000 in additional Community Development Block Grant Funds for the continuing administration and operation of a Child Care Program- was presented and tagged by Council Member Davis. Council Member Edwards absent.
23. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing various Vendor Agreements between the City and (1) **GPLUS DENTAL, P.L.L.C. dba CONNECT DENTAL SPECIALISTS**, 2) **LALJI DENTAL PC dba ROYAL DENTAL**, and 3) **SOUTH CENTRAL HOUSTON ACTION COUNCIL, INC, dba CENTRAL CARE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER**, respectively, for Dental Services provided to older adults through the Houston Health Department's Harris County Area Agency on Aging; providing maximum contract amounts - Through September 30, 2016 with 4 one-year automatic renewals - \$950,000.00 per agreements - Grant Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Edwards absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0217 ADOPTED**
24. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing submission of an application for grant assistance to the State of Texas through the Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division ("CJD") to fund the **FY2017 ROBBERY OFFENDER APPREHENSION PROGRAM**; 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. **ORDINANCE 2016-0218 ADOPTED**
26. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing submission of an application for grant assistance to the State of Texas through the Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division ("CJD") to fund the **FY2017 DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED TASK FORCE**; 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. **ORDINANCE 2016-0219 ADOPTED**
27. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing submission of an application for grant assistance to the State of Texas through the Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division ("CJD") to fund the **FY2017 CRIMINAL GANG/REPEAT OFFENDER APPREHENSION PROGRAM**; 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. **ORDINANCE 2016-0220 ADOPTED**

29. **ORDINANCE** accepting the individual proposals from **WESTCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, UNDERWRITERS AT LLOYDS, HOUSTON CASUALTY COMPANY, AXIS SURPLUS INSURANCE COMPANY, ARCH SPECIALTY INSURANCE COMPANY, RSUI INDEMNITY COMPANY, ESSEX INSURANCE COMPANY, WESTPORT INSURANCE CORPORATION, FAIR AMERICAN SELECT INSURANCE COMPANY, ENDURANCE AMERICAN SPECIALTY INSURANCE COMPANY, TOKIO MARINE AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY, LEXINGTON INSURANCE COMPANY, STARR SURPLUS LINES INSURANCE COMPANY, CHUBB CUSTOM INSURANCE COMPANY, and GENERAL SECURITY INDEMNITY COMPANY OF ARIZONA**, which are participating in the Layered Property Insurance Program, and approving and authorizing the purchase of a General City Property Insurance Policy - \$9,605,990.90 - Property and Casualty Fund- was presented and tagged by Council Member Green.
30. **ORDINANCE** accepting the proposal from **UNDERWRITERS AT LLOYDS**, approving and authorizing the purchase of Terrorism Insurance for the proposed City-wide Insurance Policy for all scheduled City of Houston locations - \$512,894.00 - Property and Casualty Fund- was presented and tagged by Council Member Green.
31. **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. 2016-0143) to change the pay grade/title of four classifications and add seven new classifications; providing a repealer; providing for severability- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0221 ADOPTED**
32. **ORDINANCE** adopting guidelines and criteria, making certain elections regarding eligibility, and amending Article IV of Chapter 44 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas, relating to tax abatements- was presented and tagged by Council Member Stardig.
33. **ORDINANCE** authorizing the sale of two tracts of surplus real property consisting of an aggregate of approximately 41,999 square feet and located at 7420 Park Place Boulevard, out of Lot 1, Block 9, re-subdivision of Santa Rosa Community Center, H. B. Prentiss Survey, Houston, Harris County, Texas; approving and authorizing a Marketing Agreement between the City of Houston and **CHAMPIONS REAL ESTATE GROUP, LLC**, for the marketing and sale of said tracts **DISTRICT I – GALLEGOS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0222 ADOPTED**
34. **ORDINANCE** finding and determining public convenience and necessity for the acquisition of real property interests in connection with the public improvement project known as the Emancipation Park Expansion Project; authorizing the acquisition of fee simple interest in two parcels of land required for the project and situated in the J. Holman Survey, Abstract No. 323, in Harris County, Texas, said parcels of land being located along and off the northerly side of Tuam Street, between Dowling and Hutchins in Houston, Harris County, Texas, by gift, dedication, purchase and the use of eminent domain and further authorizing payment of the costs of such purchases and/or eminent domain proceedings and associated costs for relocation assistance, appraisal fees, title policies/services, recording fees, court costs, and expert witness fees in

connection with the acquisition of fee simple interest in two parcels of land required for the project - **DISTRICT D – BOYKINS**- was presented and tagged by Council Member Edwards.

- 47. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$1,259,000.00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF-A and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **QUADRANT CONSULTANTS, INC** for Wynnewood Acres Area Drainage & Paving Improvements; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF-A - **DISTRICT I – GALLEGOS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0223 ADOPTED**
- 48. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$1,675,000.00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF-A and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **PARSONS BRINCKERHOFF, INC** for Richmond Plaza 2 (South) Drainage and Paving Improvements; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF-A **DISTRICT J – LASTER**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0224 ADOPTED**
- 52. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$20,000.00 out of Metro Projects Construction DDSRF and \$20,000.00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF; approving and authorizing Professional Construction Management and Inspection Services Agreement between the City of Houston and **ERGONOMIC TRANSPORTATION SOLUTIONS, INC** for Traffic Signalization and Intersection Redesign Construction Projects- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0225 ADOPTED**
- 57. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$7,879,000.00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF-A; awarding contract to **TRIPLE B SERVICES, L.L.P.** for Skyscraper Shadows Area Roadside Ditch Rehabilitation; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering, testing, CIP Cost Recovery, construction management, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF-A - **DISTRICT D – BOYKINS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0226 ADOPTED**

MATTERS HELD - NUMBERS 62 and 63

- 62. ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing agreement between the City of Houston, Texas and **HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS** for the Houston Health Department for patient rides for the Emergency Tele-Health and Navigation Program; providing a maximum contract amount \$92,726.26 - Contractor Responsibility Fund - **TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BOYKINS**
This was Item 17 on Agenda of March 9, 2016- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0227 ADOPTED**
- 63. ORDINANCE** relating to the **SAINT GEORGE PLACE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**; consenting to its creation - **DISTRICT J - LASTER** - **TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER TRAVIS**

This was Item 21 on Agenda of March 9, 2016- was presented, all voting aye, nays none.
ORDINANCE 2016-0228 ADOPTED

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

Members of Council announced events and discussed matters of interest.

There being no further business before Council; the City Council adjourned at 11:28 a.m.
Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Laster, Knox, Robinson, Kubosh
and Christie absent.

DETAILED INFORMATION ON FILE ON THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

Anna Russell, City Secretary