

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

The Houston City Council convened at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, August 2, 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 and Stella Ortega Agenda Office present. Council Member Jerry Davis out of the city on city business.

At 1:36 p.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting of City Council to order and stated that they had a full agenda because they were off last week. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Gallegos, Laster, Green, Knox, Kubosh and Christie absent. **NO QUORUM**

Mayor Turner stated that every now and then there were exceptional moments and today was one of them because he was just an exceptional person and it was a privilege and an honor to present this to Scott Kelly and he thinks everyone was familiar with what Scott had done; a native of Orange, New Jersey, Scott Kelly's contributions to our nation's space missions over the years display true dedication and he holds a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering and a Master of Science in Aviation Systems, he attended the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School in January 1993 and completed training in June 1994, after graduation, he worked as a test pilot at the Strike Aircraft Test Squadron, Naval Air Warfare Center, Aircraft Division and the Naval Air Station Patuxent River and he retired from the U.S. Navy in 2012; in April 1996, Scott Kelly was selected to become a member of the Astronaut Corps, upon completion of his training he was assigned to fulfill technical duties in the Astronaut Office Spacecraft Systems/Operations branch, he served as Space Shuttle pilot on STS-103 in 1999 and was the Mission Commander on STS-118 in 2007 and following STS-103, he served as NASA's director of operations in Star City Russia, he served as Flight Engineer for International Space Station Expedition 25 and Commander for International Space Station Expedition 26 and in March 2015, he embarked for a year-long mission to the International Space Station, during which nearly 400 experiments were conducted, the results of these experiments will be used to reduce risks to the health of crewmembers as NASA prepares to advance space travel beyond Low Earth orbit and his 340-day mission included 5,440 orbits around the Earth, and he conducted three spacewalks before returning in March 2016, he has logged more than 520 days in space on four space flights and currently holds the record for time in orbit by a U.S. Astronaut and he retired from NASA in March 2016; as a passionate astronaut, Scott Kelly's accolades are lengthy and include two Defense Superior Service Medals, a Navy Achievement Medal, a NASA Distinguished Service Medal, three NASA Space Flight Medals and the Russian Federation Medal for merit in Space Exploration, among many other recognitions and he has displayed an unwavering commitment to professional achievements and has earned the respect, recognition and gratitude of his peers, on August 2, 2016, he will be honored for his astronomical achievements, in recognition and appreciation of his tireless dedication and loyal service, the City of Houston congratulates and commends Scott Kelly as his contributions will help to advance our nation for many years to come and therefore I proclaim August 2, 2016, as Scott Kelly Day in Houston Texas. Council Members Martin, Le, Travis, Green, Knox and Kubosh absent.

Mayor Turner requested for all the Members from NASA that were present to stand to be recognized and expressed to them how proud that NASA made this City and continued to make them proud every single day.

Council Member Cohen invited the Members of the League of Women Voters to the podium and that the League of Women Voters was founded by Carrie Chapman Catt in 1920 during the convention of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, just six months after the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, giving women the right to vote after a 72-year struggle; while the initial fight was for women's suffrage, the League of Women Voters has expanded that goal to seek voting rights for all eligible citizens, particularly those in underserved communities, and to make elections fair, free and accessible and hundreds of local women and men of diverse ethnic and social backgrounds participate as members and supporters of the League of Women Voters Houston Chapter and every year, the chapter registers thousands of new citizens to vote at naturalization ceremonies; the League of Women Voters Houston Chapter also publishes voters' guides, hosts candidate forums and staffs televised phone banks to provide education to voters on candidates and the voting process and on August 25, 2016, the League of Women Voters of the Houston Area Education Fund will celebrate the 96<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment to the U.S. Constitution at a Women's Equality Day celebration and fundraiser and the City of Houston commends and appreciates the League of Women Voters Houston Chapter for its commitment ensuring that all citizens are educated on exercising their right to vote as well as their dedication to the advancement of women and extends best wishes on a successful observance and therefore Mayor Turner proclaimed August 2016 as Women's Equality Month in Houston, Texas. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Green, Knox and Kubosh absent.

Council Member Stardig invited Mr. Thomas Wayne Roberts to the podium and he advised her that this was a surprise and that he did not know it was his day. Council Member Stardig stated the Houston Fire Department plays an indispensable role in protecting life and property in our city, providing unparalleled levels of service. Each day, area residents benefit from the perseverance of employees who risk their lives to safeguard and protect us, Houstonians deeply appreciate and respect the dedication, valor and service of the Houston Fire Department and the effectiveness with which the Life Safety Division of the Houston Fire Department operates is due in part to the accomplishments of its dedicated employees, particularly those who have acquired valuable expertise and skills through many years of experience and Engineer Operator Thomas Wayne Roberts was one such able and skilled individual, having served the department, our city and its residents willingly and well since October 24, 1977; after more than 38 years of service in the proud tradition of the Houston Fire Department, Engineer Operator Thomas Wayne Roberts has chosen to begin his well-earned retirement on August 2, 2016 and in recognition and appreciation of his dedication and loyal service, the City of Houston congratulates and commends Engineer Operator Thomas Wayne Roberts on this milestone occasion and extends best wishes for a long and happy retirement and therefore Mayor Turner proclaimed August 2, 2016, as Engineer Operator Thomas Wayne Roberts Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Martin, Travis, Green and Knox absent.

Council Member Stardig stated that she wanted to take this opportunity to speak on what had happened a week ago on Saturday and because of their work and their work in District A, they had the opportunity to demolish blight, an apartment complex and the blight, slum apartments were the root cause of the issues with crime and our public services with Police and Fire, it was her great pleasure along with Mayor Turner and without his support they would not have been able to do it; it meant so much to her as a District Council Member to have all the At-Large Council Members in attendance and she presented a brick from the apartment complex that they demolished and it was in remembrance of what they can do together and she would be giving these bricks to all 5 At-Large Council Members. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Travis, Green and Knox absent.

Council Member Robinson stated he was very pleased to announce some visitors at City Hall today, students from the Houston Christian High School and this was the Houston International Leadership Program and requested them to stand to be recognized. Council Members Boykins, Martin and Travis absent.

Council Member Christie stated that they have the honor of having U.S. Congressmen that was from South Carolina, Mr. Bob Inglis and requested him to stand to be recognized and he would be speaking at the Permitting Center on Climate Change. Council Members Stardig and Martin absent.

At 2:13 p.m. Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Cisneros for the invocation and Council Member Cisneros invited Father Angel Thomas to offer the invocation and Council Member Cisneros led the pledge of alliance.

At 2:16 p.m. the roll was called. Council Member Jerry Davis out of the city on city business.

Council Member Cohen moved to adopt the previous minutes and seconded by Council Member Green, all voting aye, nays none.

Council Member Kubosh moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing Ms. Natasha Johnson, Mr. Edward Buford and Mr. Jerry Ford out of order and seconded by Council Member Green, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2016-0362 ADOPTED**

Council Member Christie moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing Kathryn Griffin Grinan out of order and seconded by Council Member Kubosh, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2016-0363 ADOPTED**

Council Member Travis stated he wanted to recognize Mary Schneider and requested her to stand to be recognized.

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

Mr. Herschel Smith, no address, (832)889-8529 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Boykins and Martin absent.

Mr. Clayton Hunt, 8550 Glenview Dr., 77017, (832)258-5528 appeared and stated that he was a Members of Young Americans for Liberty the U of H Chapter and he was present to speak in favor of the policy of changes that the coalition groups had come together to reform the body cameras policy to ask for community policing and to have an independent citizens review board for police encounters such as the Azriel Brazil case, in his opinion it just does not protect the rights of citizens, they saw in Dallas for some crazy person took that gray area, that question of all these different cases in this country where Black Men were being shot down by Police and he took that to fuel hatred and acted out on violently, instituting a body camera policy that was not able to turn on and off for the flip of a switch, that shows from beginning of an altercations to the after math, it removes that gray area and not only protects the rights for citizens but it also protects police too; they do not have to have it one way or another, it's good for everyone, community policing had been instituted all around the country and it have shown to reduce violence, it help when the police in the community to interact with the community. Council Members Boykins and Martin absent.

Ms. Kathryn Griffin Grinan, 2513 N. MacGregor Way, 77004, (832)273-6273 appeared and stated on 7/16/2016, she and four other rape survivors that were a part of the program

called Been There and Done That, they just left a press conference where Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee was present and they gave their story of survival and it was their first time speaking publicly, she treated them to the Krispy Kreme donut that was on Westheimer, it was two Caucasian and three African Americans, they were sitting out on the patio eating and drinking when they observe a Caucasian male watching them when they got ready to leave, the individual went to his car and came back with a City Parking Ticket Book and he put a ticket on her car, she has an artificial hip and her husband just had major back surgery so they have handicap stickers; she asked the gentlemen that was he putting a ticket on her car and he told her yes he was and she told him that her sticker was valid and she works for the Sheriff Department and they check it daily, he told her that they falsified it, that anyone could have done it, it was illegal and he was giving her the ticket and the first thing she said was that she was going to call the Mayor, she was so mad, she spoke to the Judge from the Municipal Courts, she went inside and asked the gentlemen what his name was and he told her that the name was one the ticket and also told her if she said anything else, he was going to write her another ticket and she told him to write her a ticket and he also said if she said anything else he was going to call 911, she told him to call 911, call 911 even his wife told her to shut up stupid and she told her that a couple of times; she said no bad words, she did act like she should act and they should be proud of her and she asked the man if he was doing this because she was Black and the man said, "sure am" and he called her the N-word, he told her that he was a City Employee and all she was requesting that volunteers were so important in the City because she started her career right here, in this building and across the street and all she was requesting, she does not know how many others that this individual had targeted because they were Black and was requesting that this individual that can write these tickets to be pulled because they were targeted and she even called Council Member Boykins and he took her call when he was on vacation, she called everyone except President Obama. Council Member Martin absent.

Mayor Turner requested for her to leave all that information so they can look into that and Ms. Griffin Grinan was questioned by Members of Council.

The City Secretary stated that previous she called Mr. Herschel Smith and he was present but did not hear his name being called and he would be the next speaker.

Mr. Herschel Smith, no address, (832)889-8529 appeared and stated he was a Constable of Precinct 3 in Waller County, he was no stranger from the City of Houston, he ran a homeless shelter for 23 years but what they want to do one Labor Day, they use to do this at their shelter called Laboring for the Homeless, they want to have a big BBQ and to give back to the homeless and do something on a positive note, if he had not learn anything else, he had learned one thing community base was the only key and when they put the community back with the Police, you can build a relationship because they can have the eye and ears to make things happen in the City and he wanted to lead the way, he had shared it with the deputies if they feed the homeless, it would help them and help individuals to become humble with dealing with people in the community, the most sensitive people they can deal with was the homeless and he had watched it first hand for 23 years and they want an opportunity to do that and he knows things had changed over the period of time since he been doing it but he appreciates a guy name Shane over the homeless progress which he did make a call to him and they would be meeting with him on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor and he wanted to make it known that the Policemen need to have a relationship, build that relationship with the community and this was the way one of the ways to do that and they want to make this an annual event, not just a onetime deal which he was going to do the barbequing and he was going to get people to serve it and he was hoping to get people from the Sheriff Department, HPD, Constables and other agencies and this was an opportunity to give back. Council Members Martin and Christie absent.

Ms. Natasha Johnson, 725 East 41<sup>st</sup>, 77022, (713)410-7599 appeared and stated that this was her third appearance here concerning the mow down in the Independent Heights, the last time she was present, they were put on hold which was September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 and that time they were trying to get a raise from 50 to 75 and that never happened; they have lots that have not been cut and at one time they had 40 lots that they were cutting at \$50.00 a lot, again all that had been put on hold, no one had contacted them back, they contacted Ms. Hipolite on July 12<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> and she said she was going to check on it, she was aware of other neighborhoods that had been doing the mow down but it seems like they had been put on hold and no one knows what's to answer, why, they had also sent 311 messages and the messages were telling them that the residents were afraid because the grass was 5ft, they have pictures of all the lots that they had cut which they were still not cut, while they were cutting them, their residents were feeling good because they can see on the other side, this was taking place for their seniors; one of the lots that had not been cut, the seniors seeing and hearing drugs being transferred which she did report that on June 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and all in March, the email that she had received that they would get to it in 4 weeks in March and no one still had come, she believes that they have a problem and she believes that the mow down program needs to be back in place. Council Members Boykins, Martin and Christie absent.

Mayor Turner stated with the Mow Down Program and one of the question was the sufficient funding in that category which that was addressed and for her speak with Takasha Francis and she would be able to address that immediately with her and for her to wait because Department of Neighborhoods would be coming down in a little bit to speak with her.

Mr. Edward Buford, 21122 Harvest Hill, 77073, (832)368-7300 appeared and stated he was Senior Pastor of Sunrise Community Church and he was part of the group that came to speak on the three different body cams, a community board to review the body cam but what he wanted to quickly spend his time on the body cam itself, he had spent his time in the last two weeks educating himself on the technology of the body cams that HPD was presently wearing; right now the question that everyone was asking was when do they turn off the cameras, does the Officers have the right to turn it on and off and the technology that he was seeing was that the cameras should never go off, they have three technical things that this body camera can do even in the Braziel killing, they had 30 seconds to deal with body cam when they originally wrote the policy on the pre-event when they can go to 2 minutes which they turn it down to 30 seconds when it should be 2 minute mark and then they can do the what was called the after the fact, after the fact maintain the body cameras working to when an Officers does not press it on, it allows the cameras to be buffering what was going on when an incident happens they can go to the administrator in HPD which that administrator can pull that information from that cam and then they would have the complete incident that they can look at it, without the Officer ever pressing it at all, then they also have that technology already working on the Police cruisers, the same thing that they have on the Officers cruisers they should put on the Officers because they have the video being captured at all times, then this technology has it when and if the Officers where on the scene it has a WiFi affect, when they have two Officers on a scene, one Officers presses the cam on, the other Officers cam comes automatically on and so does the cruiser; then he went down to the Public Affairs Office and questioned them on how long was an Officers shift and they told him the average Officer was 8 hours unless they get overtime, well if they left the cam on all day, it has enough footage to run for 12 hours so there was no reason to turn off those cameras , unless someone can tell him any different. Council Members Martin and Christie absent.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Buford and Mayor Turner stated that it was a policy that was put in place last year and it was a policy that was under review and they would always

review policies to make it better, he thinks it was important that this City was transparent, the body cameras was recently deployed, not every Police Officers has them right now and he believes that 300 had been deployed at this point in time.

Mr. Travis McGee, 4800 Pederson, 77033, (832)488-7709 appeared and stated he was invited to a lot of body camera meetings and they wanted it to be tagged for this particular reason, \$8 million dollars' worth of cameras but no accountability, the only people it benefits was the City of Houston and Police Officers if they have a discretion to turn them on and off, he was still waiting to see the footage the Mayor saw because he did not see the man shoot in the air and then turn around and pointed it at the Officers or taking steps toward the officers, so if they were going to be transparent they want to see that tape also, help him understand why they waited outside one man's house for 7 hours pacified him but they drove up and executed a man in less than 10 seconds, he wants to understand that part because if a man shooting at him, he was in more danger then him shooting at him, they have one guy shooting at the Police Officers but yet he was still alive, he does not understand that Public Service needs so much privacy in the first place, they have good and bad Police Officers and then they have good and bad people, they keep seeing the news that they was saying that they were praying for the Officers and for the Officers to make it home safely, they should want everyone to make it home safely, not just the Officers, he could have been Mr. Braziel 5 years ago, 5 to 6 Officers showed up to his business that they were invited, they all had guns, he was licensed to carry a gun, most of the Officers that were on the streets right now does not know the gun laws, they have at least 3 gun laws right now and the Officers do not know the difference or what's going on with that but if it was going to be transparent good or bad, they have to show it and the only thing it was going to change if they call murder, murder regardless who was doing the killing whether it was HPD or a regular citizen, he does not think an Officers life was more important than his life and if they were created equally then everyone has to mean it but ever since that happen in Dallas that's when the killing started happening here, if Officers were that afraid then they need to find other employment because when he was driving through Sunnyside and the streets lights were not working and a Police Officer comes up to him, he was afraid of his life and this policy has to benefit everyone, not the City of Houston and the Policer Officers, it has to benefit everyone. Council Members Cohen, Martin and Christie absent.

Mayor Turner stated that the initial claim to Mr. Braziel since he brought him up, that Mr. Braziel did not have a gun, that was what the initial claim was and people on the news saying that he did not have a gun, that this was another unarmed Black man that was shot down by the Police; that was not the case and he released all of the video whether it showed before or after, the video from the business as long as the video from the body cam, he released all of it, everything they had, he made the decision to release it and what they cannot deny, that Mr. Braziel walked from the side street into the middle of Cullen at 12:38 in the morning, they may not like the facts but they were what they were.

Mayor Turner requested for the audience to calm down as the meeting could not be resumed and at 2:56 p.m. Mayor Turner called for a 10 minute recess.

At 3:08 p.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting back to order and requested for the City Secretary to continue to call on the speaker list.

Mr. Jerry Ford Jr., 12627 British Knoll Ct., 77014, (832)613-2341 appeared and stated he wanted to paint a picture really quick for Members of Council and it would help express his frustration and the delmay that they were facing right now; growing up he played baseball and he had a problem being in outfielder with the sun, with a fly ball in the air, he would lose

because of the sun which his solution to that was to buy some sunglasses, the sunglasses were expensive \$300.00 and all the time on television, they would see the players sunglasses on their hats, so if there was a ball in the sun and on television they would see sometimes the players lose the ball and saying why do they have these sunglasses on top of their hat, the point of the story was they were here spending \$8 million dollars on body cameras, how do they justified spending \$8 million dollars on body cameras when they do not have a policy that was in place and ensures the individuals have the cameras on; he knows that the Mayor was reviewing the policy and his question to him was what was the timeline because there was no reason for them to spend this money and they were just having body cameras for show and if they were going to spend the \$8 million dollars, they want to make sure they have a policy there to justified why they were spending that money; they cannot have the Officers turn the cameras on and off whenever they feel like it, that was his issue and what he was requesting for them to speed up the process and make sure that next time there was a shooting they just do not see the aftermath, they want to see what led up to the aftermath and if the aftermath was justified enough, that was the point of a body camera policy and there was no reason to spend all this money if they were not going to do this right.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Ford at length.

Ms. Angela Betsill, 4139 Brandemere Way, 77066, (832)890-6064 appeared and stated she was present on the mental health issues in their community, she had to piggy back on the fact that they do need Police surveillance, her son was falsely accused of resisting arrest last September and the Officer arrest him without cause, they won the case in court but the Officer was no any help being accountable for his actions, the reason she was here today because there was a back to the story, though her younger son was vindicated in court, her older son lost touch with reality because of the direct result of that Officer actions, her son was diagnosed with bi-polar in 2012, Michael her son was virtually homeless, he was not responsive to reality, had become a nuisance to her household due to the mental illness, he did well for almost a year until that incident at the Mall with that officer that arrested her younger son, her son Michael documented this and that was the only reason why her younger son was vindicated because it was videotaped, so she also agrees that body cameras were most important and she thinks anytime a Police Officer has interaction with the community, it should be recorded, from the time he pulls a person over and until the interaction was completed, they do this service when bill collectors had called or when anyone else calls it says that this was being recorded for their protection and she thinks it was upon them to not only protect the citizens of the community and to also protect the Police Officers, they need to be recorded, Policemen lie. Council Members Laster and Kubosh absent.

Mr. Sylvester Jones, 4515 Wipprecht St. No.6, 77026, (832)889-9841 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Laster and Kubosh absent.

Mr. John Branch, 4430 Castor St., 77022, (832)880-0414 appeared and stated that in Independent Heights they do appreciation dinners for the Firefighters which Council Member Christie had come out every year and to the Mayor for coming out there as the Mayor and State Representative, they had always had their District Council Member to support them monetarily and be present but their Council Member this year only talks to a few people in the District in Independent Heights and does not return calls, does not give donations, does not come to events, hopefully she would resign and they would get another one but that was not the reason he was here, they got funds for Independent Heights to build Independent Heights Police Store Front and because of the City Demographics, Cashmere Circle touches Independent Heights,

Arces Homes Multi-Service Center touches Independent Heights and so does the Heights, so that means that Independent Heights was not going to get a Multi-Service Center, the Police Store Front was the only store front that was bought and paid for by the tax and all the other store fronts they lease or rent them, Independent Heights Store Front had been there for 21 years and it had been closed 6 of the last 8 years, there were weeds growing out of the gutters and the building had not been maintained, the last time it was painted the community went in and painted it, they were not asking for the store front to be back open because the Police Officers and Constables were doing a great job in the area but if they were not going to get a Multi-Service Center, they were asking for the community to rent the Police Store Front so they can have meetings, Zumba classes and things of that nature there because they do not have a clinic, they do not have library, they do not have a Multi-Service Center but this sits vacant for 6 years, why not rent to the community, they would pay for the light bill, they would maintain it and being open everyday and the Police can still come by and use it and the building not being used was not the correct factor and they were requesting for a 501 (c ) (3) to operate the building, it's been closed for the last 6 years and it was bought and paid for by tax dollars and they need a community service in their neighborhood. Council Members Laster and Kubosh absent.

Ms. LaShawn Brown, no address, (713)757-2506 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Laster and Kubosh absent.

Ms. Courtney Fadis, 10500 Valley Forge Dr., 77042, (832)868-1672 appeared and stated she came to speak on the topic of body cameras, currently only body cameras begin recording after an Officers desecration proving incomplete accounts if civilians interactions, granting Officers total control of their surveillance that was privilege to no other group of employees from bank tellers to emergency room personal, granting the Police Department property and storage right over its damning evidence also allowing HPD to investigate its own crimes, to endure fairness, safety and accurate documentation of civilian interaction with Police, she proposed some amendments for general order of 400-28 which regulates the use of storage and release of body camera videos, first all audio and video capture with the body cam must be considered as public property, stored, operated by a separate independent part; second the video evidence matching system must not be seized by the Chief of Police but seized from the separate party as she mentioned before; third to ensure total truthfulness any Officer that was involved with weapon discharges my not be allowed to review the video prior to giving a statement of the weapon discharged; require the body cam to be on and recorded for the entire shift of an Officer excluding privacy purposes for restroom and lunch breaks, all of this was necessary and they need these protections. Council Member Boykins absent.

Council Member Green moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose adding Mr. Ashton Woods to the list of speakers and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Boykins, Kubosh and Christie absent. **MOTION 2016-0364 ADOPTED**

Mr. Joseph Jackson, 5111 Chenevert St., 77004, (713)522-7071 appeared and stated that he would like to introduce to some students from the Real Life 360, it was a program that he thinks would start to address some of the issues that they have in their community Real Life 360 was a program that pays students to learn and pays the students to work, they provide free landscaping for the senior citizens and also cut blighted yards throughout the District, the students for one week learn to read financial statements, financial literacy, they have partnerships with banks they were encouraged to save 20% of their paycheck, they pay them \$10.00 an hour both in the field and when they were in the classroom, they have had 100% participation, he thinks it was a program that was worth studying and can be rolled out in other



areas in different communities on August 12<sup>th</sup> he wanted to extend an invitation to everyone that was on Council and the Mayor to come to a breakfast to explain more about how the program works and have the students available to speak and to share with them what they learned so far this summer, they want them to understand civics and how they function, how it relates to City Council and providing services in their community. Council Members Kubosh and Christie absent.

Ms. Krystal Muhammad, no address, no phone, appeared and stated Black Power, this was the first time addressing this particular Mayor, Mayor Turner and majority of City Council that was present beside Council Member Green and Council Member Stardig, this issue of Police oversight goes back to Human Rights violations, this was internationally crimes that were taking place and they were trying to get Houston to be one of the first cities that actually puts a strong policy that creates transparency but check long list of Police abuse that's been going on in this City, for the New Black Panther Party they emailed each Council Member a copy of an executive order that they see could be a model that the City of Houston should put in, it has a civilian board that was funded, that it was independent, it was funded and coming from the Police budget or wherever they can find \$8 million dollars from and the Mayor has the power to do that in the executive order, she been in the party for 15 years, this was something she heard from elderly, community leaders and all people from different areas on the need for a policy in place, Mayor Parker previously moved the musical chairs around with the current review board but it has no teeth, it needs to be independent civilian review board that looks at the body cam, they cannot govern themselves; Police had been trained to kill and should not be above the law, they need to handle in a higher standard and with the climate in this country right now, Houston should do what they did when the Civil Rights were going on and make progressive things to move the City forward, Mayor Turner had the chance right now and they should not have to be at odds with each other but they need to make serious policy changes and respect everyone's rights. Council Members Stardig and Christie absent.

Ms. Ebony S. (would not provide full name) no address, no phone, had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Stardig and Christie absent.

Ms. Leah Brown, 10500 Valley Forge Dr., 77042, (713)398-1246 appeared and stated that she was a Native Houstonian, was born and raised in Cashmere Gardens, she takes a lot of pride for her City, her neighborhood, her people and it saddens her to be before them speaking in the way individuals who swore to serve and protect her community that were treating their brothers and sisters of color, they all know of the murder of fellow Houstonian and brother Mr. Braziel; that Mayor Turner stated including today that he was wanting transparency in the case and everything that was going on in the City, she believes in order to have full transparency her suggests were as followed, require all Officers to walk the neighborhoods that they were assigned too, at least once a month the Officers visit the area schools and visit with students during lunch time making interaction more socialable to get rid of the negative ideas of Officers instead seeing them at the end of the gun, host an open house at area Police Stations, when officers were assign to areas make sure those Officers were similar in race or similar neighborhoods in that area and also require Officers review the demographics of citizen in that area and yearly training on community policing. Council Member Stardig absent.

Mr. Andrew Cobb, no address, no phone, appeared and stated that he was born and raised in Houston not too far from the Astrodome and both of his parents taught in HISD for over 35 years and went to college and came back to work in corporate It which he was fortunate enough to start his own IT company and since then he had a change in career paths and works

with a company that works with the homeless for 20 years, works with an organization that promotes peace among children and here was present to stand with the organizations that were fighting to end the American Story that Black Lives were not human as whites, this story started during slavery to help the white and wealthy adjust their actions and it continues with Police brutality, in the eyes of this country and the God he knows, we were all created equal, they were worthy of love and compassion but also very capable of harm by being cruel to each other, the request from his City to hold all citizen equal accountability for their actions, he does not believe in the death penalty which this State continues to practice and he believes violence creates more violence and he supports all of the meaningful changes that had been requested today by this group and he had not heard of one he disagrees with, to hold Police accountable for their actions, we are all human, all beautiful and he also hopes that all can be help to the same standards. Council member Stardig, Le and Green absent.

Ms. Heather Redmon, 26814 River Point Rd., Cypress, TX, 77433, (281)723-8743 appeared and stated that she was asked by the University of Houston from the Young American Free Liberty Chapter to help advocate change and reform in the Police Departments, in the passing decades Police in America had transform from friendly neighborhood peace keepers into a military force inside their own country, they were currently living in a world where Black Citizens fear for their lives during a route traffic stop and to live amongst law enforcement in peace this cannot continue, it needs to be know that the people that the Officers were protected were not acting out of protocol, Officers need to be out of control of their body cameras; violence and Police brutally had been overwhelming present in the news and it seems like everyday they were hearing about another account where a citizen was being shot by a Police Officer and so many of these cases there was not enough evidence to justified these killings, Police Officers with out of their control body cameras would hold them accountable of their actions and provide the families of the victims some type of peace after their passing, with a military type of Police force it's hard to trust an Officer who looks at you like an enemy and Officers need to be held accountable for their actions and not continue to live above the law, cameras would help restore faith in the citizens, cameras would eliminate the gray area in the investigation, people need to trust those who serve them from their tax dollars and they need to de-militarized the Police Force and transform them into the peace keepers of their community. Council Members Stardig, Le, Green and Edwards absent.

Mr. Anthony Collier, 6834 Carothers St., 77028, (832)869-7312 appeared and stated that he came before them all last year to ask them not to pass a body camera bill without having a proper policy for body camera, the reason he asked them this was because he knew a situation like Mr. Brazeil would happen and unfortunately he was right, with the situation of Mr. Brazeil, the Police Officers shot him 10 times because they claim that he pointed a gun at him but there was no dash camera footage and the body camera footage that they saw was after Mr. Brazeil was murdered and furthermore sullievence footage from a convenient store across the street showed with both hands in the air before he was murdered and the reason to spend all the tax dollars on body cameras so they can increase transparency and increase trust in the Police Department which they had decrease both and they had wasted their tax dollars without a proper policy in place and they had emailed all the Council Members the policy they would like but Police and community relation and accountability does not stop with a body camera policy, they need independent citizens review board with subpoena power, they cannot allow inter affairs in HPD to hold Police Officers accountable because as they have seen that was not the case and he was not saying that all Police Officers were bad but one can rotten a whole bunch, they were aware that the Police Union had spent \$112,000.00 in the recent campaigns providing funding for the Mayor and every City Council Member except for one and he does not think it was wrong for receiving Police funding but do not allow contribution from the Police

Union to stop holding Police Officers accountable. Council Members Stardig, Green and Le absent.

Ms. Nikita Brazeil, 2304 Cambridge, League City, TX, 77573, (832)385-9212 appeared and stated that her husband had been murdered on Cullen on June 9<sup>th</sup> and all she wants to say to the Mayor, she wants to see the video that he saw, when she went down on Travis street, she did not see that video that he saw, she was not going to stand here and talk bad, disrespect him because he was human and she was human, she was hurt, her kids hurt and she knows that God that she serves, she will get justice because at the end of the day, the video that she saw was them shooting him cold blooded, he asked for help, he did not mean to harm no one, he left League City to come out here to see his horse and the remarks that the Mayor been making on TV and the remarks that he been making in his meetings, he had not spoken to her one time, he not told her family that he was sorry, he had not told their kids anything, he bad remarks about them everytime he opens his mouth about a Braziel, he does not know anything about them, they serve God, they have a Church they go to, he puts his pants on like they do, he should not stand there and justified a lie, tell the truth that was all she asking and show her the video because the video she saw was them shooting at him in the chest, he walk over to them and said help, her husband was out there not to harm no one, his was cross from his grandmother street to the store and she knowns it, he was out there to see about a horse because that was his property, he paid for it and if someone called him about his child, he would go out there or would he just stay at home which that means that he was not a parent and the story he got about the gun was a lie and he needs to come to speak to a Braziel and quiet listen to what he wants to hear and quiet broadcasting lies, tell the truth and today he was going to give them justice because he knows and she knows the truth. Council Members Stardig, Le and Green absent.

Ms. Akilah Muhammad, 21503 North Werrington, 77073, (832)445-5706, had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Stardig, Le and Green absent.

Ms. Pamela Price, 3202 Averus St., 77018, (713)880-8241 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Stardig, Le and Green absent.

Mr. Ashton Woods, no address, no phone, appeared and stated that the people standing behind me are his friends and some of these people around the horseshoe who he knows very while and consider friends which he was walking a fine line with them because he standing here tried of mothers losing their sons, fathers losing their sons and children losing their fathers even mothers, not only Black men being gun down, Black women were being gun down, he stood here weeks ago about talking the tragedy in Orlando at the intersection on being Black and gay, when they talk about the crimination of being Blackness and Brownness and he thought about that shooter and they tried to criminalize him because he was a Muslim and a lot of questions had been coming up in the community about Black on Black crime, it called interracial crimes and last time he check it was also on white and white crimes but that was not the point that he came to make today, everyone said something that matter and he would not repeat those things but he would ask as a member of the Black Lives Matter Movement, he want to sit down and submit a new policy, policy that works laws and things that they can actually remove from the City Charter and reform; he had been working with a Police Officer, when they get ready for a protest like an hour before the protest he gets a call and has to tell them what street they would be walking down, where they would be at because of the death threats because of the threats toward them, when thinks on what happen in Dallas and that they just focused the Police

Officers but there were protesters too that was injured and what he was saying that the humanity needs to be respected, he not here to disrespect anyone, he thinks they need more than just a City Council Meeting, there should be advisory board, something heed to happen with teeth not just the current review board which does not help have subpoena power, they need something independent where we work hand in hand and he would like to change the City Charter. Council Members Stardig and Le absent.

Ms. Maria Bravo, 2435 Patoma Dr. Unit C, 77057, (713)459-6242 was present but did not speak. Council Members Stardig and Le absent.

Ms. Maria Gomez, 1313 Turner St., League City, TX, 77578, (504)756-2343 appeared and stated today represents a special occasion for Venezuelans in Houston, as a growing immigrant population, a group of them saw the need of a stronger representation, and thus founded TEPUY Venezuelan Community of Houston and TEPUY was a nonprofit organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, dedicated to offer guidance and assistance to their countrymen, connection to their roots and to provide a way to make their culture and traditions transcend to the next Venezuelan American generations who had grown up in Houston and this nonprofit organizations was open to all those who support its values of union, honesty, respect, excellence, tolerance and solidarity; the founders and collaborators hope to share their rich culture with Houstonians, inspire consciousness towards needy Venezuelans and work together in order to create a warm welcoming city and a place for guidance for Venezuelan immigrants who were new in town, they work in two works areas and the Cultural program was dedicated to promote the talents of the Venezuelan artists in the City's thriving cultural scene as well as to preserve the culture, roots and traditions of their country and they were present to support the Venezuelans that settle in Houston and to create links with other nonprofits and humanitarian organizations aligned with their values, TEPUY was a platform to promote the strengthening of their relationships between their brothers with the local community and to be thankful with this wonderful City that had become their new home and they want to work together to engage their people in the development of Houston, it was a big challenge but they were very ready to do their best effort to meet their goals and they hope to have the City of Houston support along this exciting journey. Council Members Stardig, Le and Kubosh absent.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Gomez.

Mr. James Carter, 6307 Caneridge Dr., 77053, (832)741-8156 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Le and Kubosh absent.

Mr. Sean Krieger, 3826 LeHall St., 77021, (979)220-9634 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Le and Kubosh absent.

Mr. William Beal, 10 Remington Ln., 77005, no phone number, had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Le and Kubosh absent.

Ms. Debra Rankins, 7977 Safebuy St., 77028, (713)551-3027 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Stardig, Le and Kubosh absent.

Mr. Vicent Lewis, 3306 Knotty Oaks Trail, 77045, (281)410-9642 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Le and Kubosh absent.

Mr. Donald Burns, 13021 Donegal, 77047, (713)882-0307 appeared and presented information related to Shamrock Manor Civic Club, discussed State Representative Alma Allen and the issues with the Concrete Batch Plant at 3902 Swingle and stated he called his representative from his District calls that he reported to 311 and requested Council to get involved in making Shamrock Manor a safer community to live and raise their children. Council Members Stardig, Laster and Kubosh absent.

Mr. Rasheem Muhammad, 6101 Royalton St., 77081, (9713)377-1155 appeared and stated that he was back again but with a new shirt on, he wanted to get a meeting with someone to help him understand how they can get their organization to support Veterans and small business, he was asked to e-mail every Council Member and he was not getting a call back and he met with the Director that was pointed out to him and all they want to do was support the Veterans business and other small businesses that were in the area to help them grow, the spoke with HCC, Texas Southern, their program was designed to collaborate with non-profits and he just what's an opportunity to sit done with the Mayor or anyone who would like to discuss with them how they can help the City of Houston, the Veterans and small businesses. Council Members Stardig, Cohen, Laster and Knox absent.

Mayor Turner and Council Members questioned Mr. Muhammad.

Mr. Leroy Bradley, 9315 Spellman, 77031, (281)914-1337 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Cohen, Laster and Knox absent.

Ms. Victoria Andres, no address, (832)287-7557 appeared and presented information to Members of Council and stated that she had the knowledge of a machine that was constructed of the physical earth machine from 1985 to 2000 and that this machine was better known as the vampire system and explained the machine and how it works until time expired. Mayor Turner, Council Member Stardig absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Mr. Andrew Lopez, 711 Louisianan St. Suite 2300, 77002, (713)221-1289 appeared and stated that over 90% of their population was made up of Hispanic, Black and Asian families from low to moderate income, they surrounded the City and golf course and parks in the community had been promised for years during this time a park in Eastwood twice received playground upgrades and last year the City granted a lease to the Houston Botanic Garden and under this 90 year lease the Garden would take away community use of 120 acres of the golf course and this not comply with Texas Parks and Wildlife, the pathway that their children used to walk to school, library, to the pool would also been taken away and they strongly oppose this and their voices were not heard prior to City action, they have signed a petition from residents for opposing the building of a bridge in their area and their neighborhood cannot hire lawyers to fight this injustice that was going on in their neighborhood and request for Council not to allow this garden or the bridge through their neighborhood. Mayor Turner and Council Member Stardig absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Mr. R.J. Bobby Taylor, P.O. Box 202021, 77220, (832)870-7673 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner and Council Member Stardig absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Ms. Virginia Stratton, 5209 Bacher, 77028, (713)674-2619 appeared and stated she was a 62 year old resident from Houston and she was present to request resolution from the City Council about Public Works and Engineering Residential issue and in December of 2015 she was contacted because of high water meter reading which resulted in a high water bill and the Water Department indicated it was due to a possible water leak on the property which she was responsible for and she was not able to afford a plumber until a little bit later, the Water Department kindly placed her account on hold to allow her time to find a way to repair the leak which was resolved a month ago, she did request a leak adjustment form because she could not afford the water leak and the Water Department denied it and she was able to get a plumber that charged her and once that happen some of the water consumption went down but the thing was that she never used that high water consumption and they told her that it went up to 27,000 gallons and as of today she was supposed to pay \$5,073.63 and was requesting help from City Council because that seems to be extravagant and they did give her a list of agencies that could try to help her and those agencies could only provide a \$100.00 or \$200.00 and she was still continuing to pay for her monthly bills and the only months she did not pay was when they placed her account on hold and requested Members of Council to help her speak with the Water Department and explain. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Boykins and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Stratton and Mayor Pro Tem Cohen advised her that Mr. Gary Norman with the Public Works would help assist her.

Mr. Barry Rosette, 3618 Linden Field Dr., Katy, TX, 77449, (832)366-7284 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Boykins and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Mr. Jonathan Mack, 4919 Forest Hurst Glen Ct., Spring, TX, 77373, (832)914-8194 appeared and stated that he was kinda of upset that the Mayor left because he had a couple of questions that was concerning the law enforcement here in Houston; number one that the Mayor did make a statement that he seen a video of Mr. Braziel shooting at the Police Officers which no one else had seen other than the Mayor and the people he was with wanted to ask the Mayor why will he not release that tape because it would have helped the situation by releasing just that video which he claimed to see, the other question was there any policies or anything on the table about holding Police accountable, they were the citizens that pay taxes and they were good citizens, they pay for the Police salaries for a reason and if he gets in trouble he has to go through the policy of the law and the Police Officers do not have to go through that like they do and he wanted to know was there anything that was put in place and can they let him know if there was a problem that the cop would have to fight their case, just like they have to fight their cases if they do something wrong and he wanted to commend the Mayor for showing his true colors for being a coward and the people did not vote him in for that, he been running since the 90's and he could have done better than that but he showed his true colors and wanted to thank him for that. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Travis and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Ms. Crystal Woodrow, 8600 Sterlingshire No. 116, 77078, (713)566-0399 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Travis and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Mr. Lonnie Morgan, 8701 Gustine Ln., 77031, (832)721-4691 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Travis and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Ms. Olastine Williams, 4802 Van Fleet, 77033, (832)396-5177 appeared and stated she was in the District with Council Member Boykins, that she and her Pastor developed a program to help the community get back and looking for a job, showing them how to look for a job, how to do resumes and how to find jobs online and they had few people come in and they were successful but recently she had a lot of people come in with criminal backgrounds with no luck and was asking what can she do about this because she only had a few that were hired because of their background and the Church and Pastor had been there for 28 years and she need to see if she can get some help and she wants to get the word out that they were there to help. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Travis and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Council Member Boykins questioned Ms. Williams.

Ms. Shere Dore, 2601 Woodland Park Dr., 77077, (832)282-4164 appeared and stated she was present to show them 4 parking tickets in less than a month, she was a homeless advocate, she been doing this for almost 5 years and what she does was a passion, she does not get paid and she was out there multiple times a week; that she tried to help when a couple of homeless women were going to fight, she tried to help stop the fight and resolve it and the Police Officer Mayo told her to shut up and that he did his homework on her and that she was anti-police but she said she was not anti-police it was anti-police bullying and a few minutes later he pulls behind her car and her sons car to start issuing tickets, when giving those tickets he does not explain why he was giving the tickets and she went ahead and got video and now they have thousands of people in the Houston area that know how Houston Police target homeless advocates and if someone would look at the tickets and the areas they would see that this was where they can be at and she was upset that not one person spoke up to Ms. Braziel. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Travis and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Dore.

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

Mr. Frank Robertson, 5012A Higgins, 77033, no phone, had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Travis and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Mr. Bryan Sweeney, 8501 Yale St., (832)366-5400 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Travis and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Ms. Bridget Alexander McDaniel, P.O. Box 53993, 77052, (713)987-3854 appeared and stated they can see she has a Pacesetter t-shirt which she works there, she thanked Council Member Boykins, at 8114, she does not have any plumbing and she does not have a kitchen but she was inside and she can volunteer with Habitat and they take care of all of that her pacesetter card was being used from a Metro maintenance worker that was on Washington Avenue that was what was going on with Metro Police, HPD did a fine job investigating and showing her what was going on. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Travis and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

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, Travis and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Ms. Linda Murray, 6207 Bending Oaks, 77050, (281)449-5232 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Travis and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Mr. Gerry Monroe, 3509 Airport, 77051, 9832)368-1129 appeared and stated that he needs to see Council Member Boykins, this was a room of killers and a bunch of mentors and they were going to figure this out, tell the Mayor guess who was coming to dinner, they were not marching on these streets, not coming to their offices no more and they were coming to his house. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Travis and 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 4:57 p.m. The City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 3, 2016, Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Travis and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

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

The Houston City Council reconvened at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 3, 2016; Mayor Sylvester Turner presiding, with Council Members Brenda Stardig, 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.; Mr. Ronald C. Lewis, City Attorney; Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director present. Council Member Jerry Davis out of the City on City business and Council Member Ellen Cohen absent on personal business.

At 9:13 a.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting into order and recognized Council Member Christie for a procedural motion. Council Members Le, Travis, Gallegos and Green absent.

Council Member Christie moved to suspend the rules to consider Items 2-5 before the Financial Report and then Item 1 and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Le, Travis, Gallegos and Green absent. **MOTION 2016-0365 ADOPTED**

- 2. REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment of **CHRISTOPHER DAVID MANRIQUEZ, Houston Independent School District Representative**, to Position Six of the **MEMORIAL-HEIGHTS REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for a term to expire December 31, 2016- was presented, moved by Council Member Christie and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Gallegos absent. **MOTION 2016-0366 ADOPTED**



3. **REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment of **JOHN THOMAS, HISD**, to the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MIDTOWN REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**, for a term to expire December 31, 2017- was presented, moved by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Christie, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Gallegos absent. **MOTION 2016-0367 ADOPTED**
  
4. **REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment of **MONIQUE C. SPARKS, Houston Independent School District Representative**, to Position Six of the **OLD SPANISH TRAIL/ALMEDA CORRIDORS REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for a term to expire May 6, 2018- was presented, moved by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Christie, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Gallegos absent. **MOTION 2016-0368 ADOPTED**
  
5. **REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment of the following individuals to the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF TAX INCREMENT REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER TWENTY SIX (also known as the SUNNYSIDE ZONE)**:
  - Position One - **ZINA B. ROBINSON**, for a term to expire 12/31/2017
  - Position Two - **MARCUS BRIGANCE**, for a term to expire 12/31/2016
  - Position Three - **ACIE JAMES JEFFERSON, JR.**, for a term to expire 12/31/2017
  - Position Four - **RODNEY JONES**, for a term to expire 12/31/2016, and to serve as Chair
  - Position Five - **LEROY WEST, JR.**, for a term to expire 12/31/2017
  - Position Six - **JOHN L. GUESS, III**, for a term to expire 12/31/2016

**NOTE:**

Position Seven - **MAX A. MILLER, JR.**, for a term to expire 12/31/2017- the City Secretary advised that Position Seven had been pulled by the Administration and would not be considered and Positions One through Six were presented, moved by Council Member Christie and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2016-0369 ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner invited the Members of Sunnyside TIRZ Board to the podium and thanked them for their willingness to serve.

At 9:23 a.m. Mayor Turner stated that the next Item, the monthly financial report and invited Chris Brown and Kelly Dowe to the podium.

**REPORT FROM CITY CONTROLLER AND THE CITY ADMINISTRATION REGARDING THE CURRENT FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE CITY** including but not limited to, a revenue, expenditure and encumbrance report for the General Fund, all special revenue funds and all enterprise funds, and a report on the status of bond funds and a Quarterly Investment Report by the City Controller- was presented,

Mr. Chris Brown, City Controller and Mr. Kelley Dowe, Director of Finance reviewed the Monthly Operation and Financial Report and Mr. Brown reviewed the Quarterly Investment Report; copies of which are on file in the City Secretary's office for review.

Council Member Christie moved to accept the monthly financial report and the Quarterly Investment Report and seconded by Council Member Knox, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2016-0370 ADOPTED**

Council Member Stardig recognized Boy Scouts who were present for the meeting.

At 9:45 a.m. Mayor Turner requested the City Secretary to call the Public Hearing.

1. **PUBLIC HEARING** to consider the re-adoption of Article XII, **CHAPTER 32, CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF HOUSTON**, regarding Standards of Care for the Houston Parks & Recreation Department Youth Recreation Programs- was presented, the City Secretary advised that no one had signed up to speak at the Public Hearing Director Joe Turner made a presentation to Members of Council as followed,  
Mr. Joe Turner Director of Parks and Recreation Department made the following remarks:
  - The purpose of this hearing is to comply with the Texas Human Resources Code 42.041 (b) (14)
  - The Standards of Care are intended to be the minimum standards that HPARD will use to operate the after-school enrichment program.
  - The program offers a wide range of recreational activities based on four core components:
    1. Arts and entertainment
    2. Fitness and instructional sports
    3. Nature education
    4. Creative fun
  - The Houston Youth Recreation Programs Standards of Care is codified at Article XII of Chapter 32 of the City of Houston Code of Ordinances
  - Texas Human Resources Code 42.041 (b) (14) provides an exemption from child-care licensing for recreation programs serving elementary age children (ages 5 – 13) with the following criteria:
    - ✓ A municipality operates the program;
    - ✓ The governing body of the municipality annually adopts standards of care by ordinance after a public hearing for such programs;
    - ✓ The program provides these standards of care to the parents of each program participant;
    - ✓ The ordinance includes child/caregiver ratios, minimum employee qualifications, minimum building, health and safety standards, and mechanisms for monitoring and enforcing the adopted local standards;
    - ✓ The program informs the parents that the state does not license the program; and
    - ✓ The program does not advertise itself as a child-care operation.

- The Parks and Recreation Department offers the After-School Enrichment Program at 53 of our Community Centers
- We would be happy to answer any questions from Council or the Public.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Turner and Ms. Debora Lathan; Mayor Turner asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak on this Public Hearing and seeing none, requested a motion to close the public hearing.

Council Member Laster moved to close the Public Hearing and seconded by Council Member Stardig, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2016-0371 ADOPTED**

At 9:52 a.m. Mayor Turner stated he would present the Mayor's Report

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Turner stated that everyone should have received a letter from him about the CIP process and how he intends to move forward on the CIP process for next year but they were starting now on the CIP process, he was asking for their input on projects that they think were important in their areas now and for them to submit their thoughts, ideas and projects that were important to them that should be in the CIP and submit into write now as they move forward.

Mayor Turner stated that they have orange bracelets for Congressman Ted Poe and the orange represents Leukemia and that they were praying for him and praying for his family, they know he would beat this thing.

Mayor Turner stated he also wanted to highlight the Astros RBI Program because the boys and girls that were at the Astros Urban Youth Major League Baseball Academy that play at Sylvester Turner Park in District A were on their way to the 2016 RBI World Series in Cincinnati this weekend.

Mayor Turner stated that relative to the Zika virus; that there are already 14 confirmed cases of Zika virus being transmitted locally in Florida, believe it is just a matter of time before Texas is in a similar situation and cities are the front line of defense in this battle, and we could use some financial assistance from the state and federal governments and it makes no sense to wait until there is an outbreak here and he was requesting funding for help to prevent this so they would not be chancing it but they did receive 1.5 million dollars from the CDC which he thought it was the largest that any Municipality had received and another \$725,000 that was given to the State and they need more money to help continue the clean ups.

Mayor Turner further stated he had made the decision that he does not plan to present the Houston Housing Authority's (HHA) proposed project for 2640 Fountainview to City Council for consideration, HHA had requested Council consideration of a Resolution of No Objection, which is required to obtain federal funding provided through the Low Income Housing Tax Credit program and after careful review of the costs and other concerns he was concerned that the Houston Housing Authority's had not built affordable housing in the last several years in this City and he was very disappointed in the board and not happy with the current leadership and he does not intend to move forward with that leadership, we do need housing in this City and

housing throughout the City, we have neighborhoods that were dying and he was requesting Members of Council to help him make opportunity districts throughout the City of Houston.

Members of Council discussed the Mayor's Report.

At 10:29 a.m. Mayor Turner requested the City Secretary to call the Consent Agenda.

### **CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 6 through 34**

#### **MISCELLANEOUS** - NUMBER 6

6. **RECOMMENDATION** from the Acting Chief of Police for Extension of Injury on Duty Leave for **OFFICER TERRY SMITH**, for an additional 90 days from June 9, 2016 through September 6, 2016- was presented, the City Secretary advised that Item 6 had not been received and if received during the meeting would be considered at the end of the Agenda.

#### **ACCEPT WORK** - NUMBER 7

7. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$2,379,386.98 and acceptance of work on contract with **ISI CONTRACTING, INC** for Concrete and Asphalt Restoration 3 - .75% under the original contract amount (WA11142-01)- was presented, moved by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Knox, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **MOTION 2016-0372 ADOPTED**

#### **PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS** - NUMBERS 8 through 12

8. **MUSTANG MACHINERY COMPANY, LTD. dba MUSTANG CAT** for Caterpillar Replacement Parts and Repair Services for the Fleet Management Department - \$634,997.00 - Fleet Management Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Christie, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2016-0373 ADOPTED**
9. **TETRA TECH, INC** for Infrastructure and Economic Development Action Plan through the Houston Galveston Area Council for the Housing and Community Development Department \$258,300.00 - Grant Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Christie, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2016-0374 ADOPTED**

12. **CONTRACT RESOURCE GROUP, LLC** - \$471,257.96, and **MITY LITE** - \$35,885.42 for Office Furniture from the State of Texas Procurement and Support Service Contract through the State Cooperative Purchasing Program for Various Departments - \$507,143.38 - General, Enterprise and Other Funds- was presented, moved by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Christie, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2016-0375 ADOPTED**

**ORDINANCES** - NUMBERS 13 through 34

13. **ORDINANCE** amending and ratifying Ordinance Nos. 2015-77, 2014-895, & 2013-89 relating to the Series G, H-2 and J Commercial Paper Programs pertaining to the authorized purposes of such Commercial Paper Programs; and making findings relating thereto and declaring an emergency- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0578 ADOPTED**
14. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing first amendment to grant agreement between the City of Houston and the **WOMEN'S HOME** for Construction of a social service facility located in the vicinity of 1905 Jacquelyn Street and 1838 Johanna Drive, Houston, Texas, to serve homeless and low-income individuals and families, to consent to lease transactions and subordination of the City's lien in order to accommodate commercially funded new market tax credit financing whose proceeds will supplement the previously approved City grant - **DISTRICT A – STARDIG**- was presented, the City Secretary advised that Item 14 had been pulled by the Administration and would not be considered.
16. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing contract between the City and **THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES** for the CPS/Hazards Public Health Emergency Preparedness (TXDSHS Contract 2016-001219-01); approving the acceptance and disbursement of funds thereunder- the City Secretary advised that Item 16 had not been received and if received during the meeting would be considered at the end of the Agenda.
17. **ORDINANCE** de-appropriating \$39,224.00 out of Fire Consolidated Construction Fund; re-appropriating \$39,224.00 out of Fire Consolidated Construction Fund; authorizing the issuance of a purchase order to **NORTEX MODULAR LEASING AND CONSTRUCTION COMPANY dba BOXX MODULAR** for the Lease of two Mobile Office Trailers through the Buyboard National Purchasing Cooperative for Fire Station No. 67 Expansion and Renovation Project (Approved by Ordinance No. 2015-0418) - **DISTRICT B – DAVIS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0579 ADOPTED**
18. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Purchase and Sale Agreement between the City of Houston, Texas, Seller, and **AWAD INVESTMENT GROUP, INC**, Purchaser, for the sale of 14.357 acres of land located at 815 Dorsett Street, being a part of the John Brown Survey, Abstract Number 8, Houston, Harris County, Texas, for \$2,390,000.00; approving and authorizing a Special Warranty Deed - **DISTRICT H – CISNEROS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0580 ADOPTED**
19. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Purchase and Sale Agreement between the City of Houston, Texas, Seller, and **NOORDIN PRASALA, Purchaser**, for the sale of approximately 41,999 square feet of land located at 7420 Park Place Boulevard, Houston, Harris County, Texas

[Parcel Nos. I59- 002 and I59-003], for \$235,000.00 - **DISTRICT I – GALLEGOS**- was presented, the City Secretary advised that Item 19 had been pulled by the Administration and would not be considered.

21. **ORDINANCE** approving Foreign Trade Zone Agreement for the payment of ad valorem taxes between the City of Houston and **DIXIE CULLEN INTERESTS, INC, a Texas Corporation**; authorizing the Mayor to execute a letter of non-opposition to the establishment of a Foreign Trade Zone - **DISTRICT B – DAVIS**- was presented, the City Secretary advised that Item 21 had been pulled by the Administration and would not be considered.
22. **ORDINANCE** relating to the Fiscal Affairs of **REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER SIX, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS (EASTSIDE ZONE)**; approving the Fiscal Year 2017 Operating Budget for the Zone - **DISTRICTS E - MARTIN and I – GALLEGOS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0581 ADOPTED**
23. **ORDINANCE** relating to the Fiscal Affairs of **SOUTH POST OAK REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY on behalf of REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER NINE, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS (SOUTH POST OAK ZONE)**; approving the Fiscal Year 2017 Operating Budget for the Authority - **DISTRICT K – GREEN**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0582 ADOPTED**
24. **ORDINANCE** relating to the Fiscal Affairs of **CITY PARK REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY on behalf of REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER TWELVE, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS (CITY PARK ZONE)**; approving the Fiscal Year 2017 Operating Budget for the Authority - **DISTRICT C – COHEN**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0583 ADOPTED**
26. **ORDINANCE** relating to the Fiscal Affairs of **REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER TWENTY-FIVE, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS (HIRAM CLARKE/FORT BEND ZONE)**; approving the Fiscal Year 2017 Operating Budget for the Zone **DISTRICT K – GREEN**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0584 ADOPTED**
27. **ORDINANCE** consenting to the addition of 2.0550 acres of land to **MALCOMSON ROAD UTILITY DISTRICT**, for inclusion in its district- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0585 ADOPTED**
28. **ORDINANCE** establishing the east and west sides of the 1000 block of Cordell 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 2016-0586 ADOPTED**
29. **ORDINANCE** establishing the east and west sides of the 700 block of Rutland 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 C – COHEN**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0587 ADOPTED**

30. **ORDINANCE** establishing the south side of the 1100 block of Welch 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 C – COHEN-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0588 ADOPTED**
32. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$150,000 out of Parks Special Fund; awarding construction contract to **GADBERRY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC** for Tiger Project #3 - White Oak Path: Downtown; 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 contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Parks Consolidated Construction Fund, Federal Government Grant - USDOT Tiger Discretionary Fund, Parks Special Fund and Other Government Grant - Houston Parks Board Fund - \$2,024,740.00 - Grant and Parks Special Funds - **DISTRICT H – CISNEROS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0589 ADOPTED**
33. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **MEDORA ENVIRONMENTAL, INC dba SOLAR BEE, INC** for Maintenance and Support Services of Solar Powered Water Circulation Machines for the Department of Public Works & Engineering; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$352,038.00 Enterprise Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0590 ADOPTED**

### **END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

### **CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**

10. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$750,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; approving and authorizing a Derivative Agreement between the City of Houston and **KONE, INC** for Purchase of Elevator and Escalator Maintenance and Repair Services for Various Departments; providing a maximum contract amount- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0591 ADOPTED**
11. **KONE, INC** for Elevators and Escalators Maintenance and Repair Services through the Master Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with U. S. Communities for Various Departments - 31 Months - \$5,382,824.12 - General, Enterprise and Other Funds  
**This item should only be considered after passage of Item 10 above-** was presented, moved by Council Member Robertson and seconded by Council Member Laster, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2016-0376 ADOPTED**
15. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing contract between the City and **THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES** for the CPS/LRN-Ebola CPS-LRN Ebola Equipment Contracts (TXDSHS Contract 2016-004159-00); approving the acceptance and disbursement of funds thereunder- was presented, Council Member Christie voting no, balance voting aye. **ORDINANCE 2016-0592 ADOPTED**
20. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing submission of an application for grant assistance to the **TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (“TCEQ”)** for the FY2016 Texas Clean

Fleet Grant Program for Purchase of Hybrid Refuse Trucks; declaring the City's eligibility for such grant; authorizing the Director of the Fleet Management Department to act as the City's representative in the application process, to accept the grant and funds, and expend the grant funds, as awarded, and to apply for and accept all subsequent awards, if any, pertaining to the grant; approving and authorizing contract between the City and **TCEQ** for the City's future purchase of Hybrid Refuse Trucks- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0593 ADOPTED**

25. **ORDINANCE** relating to the Fiscal Affairs of **LELAND WOODS REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY on behalf of REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER TWENTY-TWO, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS (LELAND WOODS ZONE)**; approving the Fiscal Year 2017 Operating Budget for the Zone **DISTRICT B – DAVIS**- was presented and tagged by Council Member Green.
31. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$1,500,000.00 out of Airports Improvement Fund and approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **NETWORK CABLING SERVICES, INC** for Communications Cabling Services for the Houston Airport System; providing a maximum contract amount - 5 Years - \$4,590,839.52 - Enterprise Fund - **DISTRICTS B - DAVIS; E - MARTIN and I – GALLEGOS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0594 ADOPTED**
34. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing funding for debris removal and road restoration of Lake Houston's Dam System which supplies raw water to the City of Houston and is operated and maintained by the Coastal Water Authority pursuant to the contract between the City of Houston and the **COASTAL WATER AUTHORITY** for operation and maintenance of the Lake Houston Pump Station, West Canal, and related facilities (as approved by Ordinance No. 1995-1141, as amended)- was presented and tagged by Council Member Edwards.

**NOTE:** Council Member Edwards later release the tagged.

**MATTERS HELD** - NUMBERS 35 and 36

35. **MOTION** by Council Member Cohen/Seconded by Council Member Robinson to adopt recommendation from the Chief Procurement Officer to award to **ARROW INTERNATIONAL, INC** for Arrow EZ-IO Systems for the Houston Fire Department 3 Years with two one-year options \$855,800.00 - General Fund - **TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS CHRISTIE AND LE** **This was Item 2 on Agenda of July 20, 2016-** was presented, Council Member Christie voting no, balance voting aye. **MOTION 2016-0377 ADOPTED**
36. **ORDINANCE** awarding contract to **SC HYDRAULICS, INC/SOUTH COAST HYDRAULICS** for Service and Repair Maintenance of Aerial Bucket, Boom, Crane and Digger Trucks for the Fleet Management Department; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options - **\$2,899,301.30** - Fleet Management Fund - **TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GREEN** **This was Item 20 on Agenda of July 20, 2016-** was presented, Council Member Green voting no, balance voting aye. **ORDINANCE 2016-0595 ADOPTED**



**MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS** - Council Member Kubosh first

Mayor Turner stated that Council Member Edwards had released her tagged on Item 34.

34. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing funding for debris removal and road restoration of Lake Houston's Dam System which supplies raw water to the City of Houston and is operated and maintained by the Coastal Water Authority pursuant to the contract between the City of Houston and the **COASTAL WATER AUTHORITY** for operation and maintenance of the Lake Houston Pump Station, West Canal, and related facilities (as approved by Ordinance No. 1995-1141, as amended)- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Boykins, Le, Knox and Kubosh absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0596 ADOPTED**

Members of Council announced events and discussed matters of interest.

There being no further business before Council; the City Council adjourned at 11:41 a.m. Council Members Boykins, Le, Knox and Kubosh absent.

**DETAILED INFORMATION ON FILE ON THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY**

**MINUTES READ AND APPROVED**

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Anna Russell, City Secretary