City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, October 25, 2016

The Houston City Council convened at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 25, 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, Davis Robinson, Amanda Edwards and Jack Christie D.C.; Randy Zamora, Legal Department; Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director present. Council Member Michael Kubosh absent on personal business.

At 1:37 p.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting of City Council to order and stated that Council would start with presentations. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Laster, Green, Knox, Robinson and Edwards absent. **NO QUORUM**

Council Member Cohen stated that she really pleased to act as the Mayor Pro Tem but particular today, she has a group of people today that are guests at the “The Village” and she requested that they raise their hands to be recognized and these people range in age from about 80 to a little over 101 and she is very proud to say that the woman that is 101 is her mother.

Mayor Turner stated that the Ankara Women Entrepreneurs and Support Association (ANGIKAD) is an organization established in 2007 with the main objective of empowering Turkish business women to participate in and ultimately strengthen the economy of Turkey. It is a civil society organization of women entrepreneurs that offers support and guidance to its members in all areas of business and ANGIKAD currently has over 100 members of women entrepreneurs representing industries, including agriculture, tourism, education, law, advertising, health care, telecommunications, energy, construction and technology, who share the ideal of creating a more modern and stronger Turkey; on October 25, 2016, the Ankara Women Entrepreneurs and Support Association will be recognized for its leadership and promotion of equality and engagement of women entrepreneurs in Turkey. The City of Houston applauds the organization's efforts to guide Turkish women in developing their workforce and encourage more participation and opportunities for Turkish women across the globe and hereby proclaim October 25, 2016, as Ankara Women Entrepreneurs and Support Association Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Green and Robinson absent.

Council Member Gallegos stated a that Youth Week is a program intended to highlight the brilliance of the diverse cultural backgrounds within our community, particularly that of our youth, the most vibrant symbol of our rich origins and promising future and the Consulate General of Mexico in Houston embraces cultural diversity and recognizes the importance of youth in our society and the Consulate General of Mexico has partnered with others in Houston, including Jane Long Academy, Parents Alliance, Mayor’s Anti-Gang Office, Harris County Juvenile Probation Department, The Children’s Assessment Center, Legacy Community Health and Houston College of Law, to develop a week-long series of programs aimed at youth respecting all languages and cultural heritage; and throughout this week of events, the Consulate General of Mexico and partner organization will provide youth with services to overcome potential vulnerabilities and to empower them as the key actors they will be in our community’s future and therefore, Mayor Turner hereby proclaimed October 24-30, 2016, as Youth Week in Houston, Texas. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Le, Travis, Knox and Edwards absent.
Council Member Cisneros stated that Municipal Courts provide citizens of the Lone Star State with a local forum where questions of law and fact can be resolved in regard to alleged violations of state law and Municipal Ordinances and because citizens come into contact with municipal courts more than any other courts, the public impression of the Texas judicial system is largely dependent on their experience there; Judges of the Municipal Courts function also as magistrates, and in that role, they perform such duties as issuing search and arrest warrants, giving magistrate warnings and setting bail for offenses ranging from petty theft to murder; pleading to be impartial and to conform to the standards set by the Canons of Judicial Conduct, the estimated 6,000 employees of municipal courts work diligently to ensure the fair administration of justice while upholding the rigorous standards of professionalism and Municipal Judges, Clerks, Court Administrators, Bailiffs and Warrant Officers continually strive to improve the administration of justice through participation in judicial education programs, seminars, workshops and the annual meetings of their state and local professional organizations; the 84th Texas Legislature designated November 7-11, 2016, as Municipal Courts Week to recognize the accomplishments of municipal courts and to salute their critical role in preserving public safety, protecting the quality of life in Texas communities and deterring future criminal behavior and therefore, Mayor Turner hereby proclaimed November 7-11, 2016, as Municipal Courts Week in Houston, Texas. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Le, Travis and Knox absent.

Council Member Davis invited Deborah Warren and other Officials from the City of Houston Health and Human Resource Department and Cigna to the podium and stated one of the reason his was so happy to acknowledge this was because he won the Council Healthy Six Week Challenge that was out there and he wanted to give a little background on it and it was about the Texas Healthy Communities and what they have today, in 2012 the City of Houston started a Task Force, it was formed to address concerns related to obesity which is a threat to the City of Houston and since its formation the Go Healthy Houston have advocated and facilitated numerous collaboration and partnerships within the City that promotes strategy, policies and action associated with healthy living, including local access to healthy food, green space and environments that promotes active living and asked Ms. Deborah Warren to speak a few words. Council Member Stardig absent.

Ms. Warren stated that in the Texas Department of State Health Services in 2014 received Block Grant Funding to fund 20 communities to do assessment of their health care and in that group was the City of Houston and the City of Houston participated in that process and they looked at eight different health indicators and recommendation on the policies that are related to those indicators that are proven risk reduction factors for heart disease, stroke and other chronic diseases and based on the scores, the City of Houston for the second assessment period had received a Gold Recognition once again and they are so proud of them for participating and continuing to achieve this Gold level and through the leadership of the Go Healthy Houston and the Houston Health Department, the Department of Health State congratulates the work of the community partners to advocate access to health foods, opportunities for physical activity and smoke free places; in addition, the Texas Healthy Community project is pleased and the Houston Health Department had been awarded continuation funding for physical year of 2017 and with that they presented a Certificate that they would like to present to the City of Houston for the project. Council Member Stardig absent.

At 2:09 p.m. Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Knox for the invocation and the Pledge and he invited Reverend Augusta Booker to offer the invocation and Council Member Knox led the Pledge of Allegiance. Council Members Stardig and Davis absent.
At 2:13 p.m. the roll was called. Council Member Michael Kubosh absent on personal business.

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

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

Ms. Kathleen Engler, 8405 Wednesday Ln., 77074, (989)304-0637 appeared and stated an issue that had developed here in Houston, the City of Houston has liability and she was a military recruit who was recruited to come to Houston because she has the war syndrome Manchu and she can prove that she has this disorder because she can show the drilled hole in the back of her skull, she was human trafficked, reinjured and given a criminal history in Houston and a forged probate court order was used to steal her daughter and a second forged probate court order had emerged regarding in a mysterious new condo owner that was named Chu that was trying to evicted her and man told her that he was the condo owner, she was previous convicted as a felon in Houston because of her Manchu disability and she cannot rent because of that felony and she has documents that she would like to present to Mayor Turner because in the future she hoped to persuade him to be her attorney. Council Members Boykins and Knox absent.

Mr. Jeremy Falas, 1214 Farwood St., 77009, (832)549-5780 appeared and stated that he is a resident of and lives 2 streets away from White Oak Music Hall and there are 2 issues that he had with White Oak; one issue was parking and the other issue was loud noise and he feels like that the loud noise had been monitored by the people at White Oak and HPD and that Parking problem would be solved by residential parking within his neighborhood that he personally applied for, he feels that White Oak Music Hall should comply with the City Code Ordinances just like everyone else and he also feels that they have and if they continue to do everything that was required by City, then White Oak Music Hall should be welcomed by other neighbors and he personal feels that they had done everything they can to help the neighborhood. Council Members Cohen, Knox and Edwards absent.

Council Member Davis moved to add Mr. Davis Colunga to the list of speakers for 2 minutes and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Knox and Edwards absent. **MOTION 2016-0511 ADOPTED**

Council Member Robinson moved to hear Ms. Beth Lousteau after Mr. Johnny So and seconded by Council Member Cohen, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Knox and Edwards absent. **MOTION 2016-0512 ADOPTED**

Mr. Charles White, 8607 Martin Luther King, 77033, (713)292-3436 appeared and stated that he was present today to follow up on his speech at the Community Partnership Breakfast, he thinks he phrased it right “complete communities” and had presented a packet to Members of Council and he would like to focus on the map, that map shows approximately 25 to 30 zip codes and that was North to South and these zip codes had been labeled vulnerable and underserved and in following up he wanted to work on a project with them that was with mutual interest and mutual benefits and hopefully today he can confirm or get closer to confirming a meeting and in Mayor Turner packet there is at the bottom of this map, there is a Police footprint that is exactly the same as the one as the Health Department, with dealing with education the footprint is the same, basically and they are looking at 60 years at the length of underserved and under population and he thinks if they work together on a parallel track of all the things that
were being done, they would reduce some of these reoccurring and there are some revenue aspects that are not tapped at this point. Council Member Edwards absent.

Mayor Turner and Members of Council questioned Mr. White.

Ms. Yalda Jam, 811 Wilkes St., 77009, no phone, appeared and stated that she was here to talk to them about why she moved to the Near Northside and why that she was happy about White Oak Music Hall, about 2 years ago she and her sister and her husband wanted to buy a property in Houston and they got together and decided on a criteria, somewhere central, access to cultural, parks and events that the City of Houston has to offer and somewhere that offers more than just bars, they are 3 adults, they all have income and they cannot afford areas like Montrose, the Museum District or Downtown and when they heard about White Oak and they did a little research in the area and they like it because it was affordable, there is the Light Rail and is in a community base and since they moved there a year in half ago, they noticed that the kids play outside, that their neighbors have parties, they know their neighbors, they help find their dogs when they get lost and they actually have a relationship and she never had that in any neighborhood that she lived at in Houston and the other thing that were really important to her, was that White Oak brings them cultural, it not only brings music but art comes with that and that was successful for everyone because of its location and it brings people to Central Houston; they had spoken to their neighbors about it and the changes that they see and they have had positive feedback and that they talk about how they really like that the area is safer, that the Bayou is cleaner, there is more street lighting and they are excited about the rumors of the Light White Oak Bayou being developed, they are not property developers and they are not trying to flip their home, they are part of this community now and they plan to stay. Council Member Edwards absent.

Mr. Jim Arnold, 206 North St., 77009, no phones, appeared and stated that he lived in the Woodland Heights area since the 1990s and he and his mother moved there when he was 5 years old, they have seen it grow more than most people have, who recently moved into the neighborhood, he been on the same street as Council Member Cisneros lives on and he been coached by Council Member Davis and that he works for the White Oak Music Hall and he lives 2 blocks away from it, the reason he wanted to speak was because, he in particular, is a Site Operation Director for the venue and the people that work there, live there, they are not there to miss it up, they were not there to cause a problem and they are not there to be the boogy man in the Neighborhood, when he is there he makes sure that his crew cleans it up, they cleaned the bridge which is not their responsibility but they make sure residents can walk through there safely and they had done a lot to make sure they fit in the community and a lot of the people that work there, live in the neighborhood and he thinks it needs to be recognized that they are here to stay and that they were there to help and to also grow the community, he was looking into buying a house close by, not only for work but also the fact that he loves the community. Council Member Edwards absent.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Arnold.

Mr. Lupe Olivarez, 1538 Godwin St., 77023, (713)923-6789 appeared and stated that he was the Director of the Greater Northside Chamber of Commerce and here was present to speak on behalf of the White Oak Music Hall and since he been the Director, they have recognized the importance of the development there to the area especially along North Main; it has been one of the first developments that took hold of that area and it has really helped with the problems of vagrancy and drugs that plagued the area, the White Oak Music Hall developers had been very brave to see the potential of Northside that they hold dear to their
hearts and they understand and compassionate with the issues with the residents and they recognized that without taking risks and being the first, that they will not see the improvements along the North Main corridors, he works directly with the Director of the Northside Management District and the Director would have been here too but she was out of town and they are willing to help mediate between the residents and White Oak Music Hall to see that the problems are taken care of in a reasonable manner and they can continue to improve the situation for everyone that are in that area. Council Members Cohen, Boykins, Laster and Green absent.

Mayor Turner questioned Mr. Olivarez.

Council Member Robinson moved to hear Mr. Matthew Whiteside after Ms. Delphina Torres and seconded by Council Member Stardig, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Boykins, Cohen, Laster, Green and Christie absent. MOTION 2016-0513 ADOPTED

Ms. Delphina Torres, 2308 Everett St., 77009, (713)480-6221 appeared and stated that she lives in the Northside and she mostly likely one of the oldest resident with the people that are here and she been living in the Northside for 40 years, she has a small business there and she wanted to speak about the White Oak Music Hall, she welcomes them as a business owner herself, she welcomes them for the revenue and the community, for great things that are coming about because she remembers what it was like on that property before they moved there, it used to be a flower shop, after that abandon houses and she was speaking on good terms and she was sure that the community will come to some type of agreement and she sees a lot of great things coming to Northside and right now that development and they will mostly likely partner with them in the community. Council Members Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Laster, Green and Christie absent.

Mayor Turner questioned Ms. Torres.

Mr. Matthew Whiteside, 950 Villa De Matel Rd., 77023, (305)282-8785 appeared and stated that he is a Houston Cyclist and serves on the Bike Houston Board and he was is the Ride Leader of the Houston Texas Full Moon Cruise and he also helps out with many other rides, he rides his 3 different bicycles all around the City and the bicycle community that is here today to voice their supports of the Bike Plan and request them to vote yes, the groups that came out was Bike Houston, Bike Barn, Metro, Blue Line Bike Lab, Houston Tomorrow, the Parks Board and Air Alliance and they are here today to represent them and they have it represented as a treasure chest and the last time they spoke, he said that the transportation initiative was bold and futuristic and the Bike Plan is represented as a sacred treasure because their lives are in their hands and the Bike Plan is treasured by the people that are their citizens that bike these City streets and they have received over 500 letters of support on the Bike Plan and 100 of those are individuals and quoted some of the letters to Members of Council. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis and Christie absent.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Whiteside.

Ms. Mary Blitzer, 3610 Fannin St., 77004, (281)940-6139 appeared and stated for a follow up on the support they have heard for the Bike Plan and seek to answer some questions and see this is a really critical plan for the future and she really wanted to ask all of them at the horseshoe to use their leadership and particularly Mayor Turner to move the Bike Plan forward, Mayor, they know that he is a fantastic leader, that he just did the pension reform and they think if he put a little bit of energy towards the Bike Plan and then they can make this happen because he had expressed his support for the Bike Plan and that he provided leadership on creating multimodal transportation options in Houston and they asked him to direct his
leadership to the Bike Plan and she did want to answer a few questions; on funding, the Bike Plan is really a guide really on how they get complement transportation options and she is excited about it because it provides ways to bring new money in and that we are going to be more competitive in Federal dollars and it also help them coordinate better, there is ongoing progress right now 130 miles are getting built of bikeways including trails but also what are our TIRZ are doing, the Management Districts and TxDot is asking “hey, what can they do” because she looked at the Bike Plan the other day and it does help coordination which they know is critical; a little bit on public process, so of course as community members they appreciate and want to have a voice in the public process, the Bike Plan does not change the existing public process and she thinks it is really important to what will happen immediately and this a plan for the future, it has short terms in the plan that is 10 years, so they have a lot of work to do for those and beyond into the 20 plus years it’s going to take to do this, they are looking to push the Public Works Department to have a great public process set up and she thinks these are points that they can work through. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis and Knox absent.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Blitzer.

Mayor Turner stated that he wanted to tell her, he thinks that they recognizes his commitment to adding more lanes to the Houston Bike Plan and he thinks that is important, it’s a part of the overall strategy for multimodal forms of transportation and he looks forward to putting that in front of the Committee Members and the City Council really soon but their presence here today certainly again signifies the importance of this source.

Mr. Dexter Handy, 5213 Feagan St., Apt. No.C, 77007, (832)724-8753 appeared and stated he is currently retired United States Air Force and currently share the Citizens Transportation Coalition, he also a motorist, bicyclist, a pedestrian and a resident of District C and listening to all the dialogue before him, he is simply another cheerleader for this Bike Plan, he strongly supports it and he strongly encourages them to approve it and add it to the City Ordinance and street design manuals and see the Bike Plan as a tool to accomplish 3 goals of greatest importance to a modern, thriving City, providing access to all, designing safe streets for all groups, and support of creating livable centers, the Houston Bike Plan would provide safer, more accessible and interconnected bikeways that increase the number of men, women, and children and families; the Houston Bike Plan will also provide access to schools, local businesses, public service and recreational venues and the plans adds a much need zero emission, low cost transportation option with increased motor vehicles traffic, the gridlock on our local streets and the associating pollution, reducing car trips and it is the City best interest in many ways and he can go on and on but he thinks that they get it, he is in his 50s and he will be safe in his 60s and please pass this matter. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Knox and Edwards absent.

Mr. Davis Colunga, no address, no phone number, appeared and stated that he is a resident of the Northside and he always had been and he is 26 years old, he never ever lived anywhere else other than the Northside itself and once he heard about White Oak Music Hall being built he had a friend that asked him to work, he had been working with them for about 8 months, it is a great place to work in his opinion and he sees the potential it has to bring in good and positive things toward the neighborhood, for a really long time that neighborhood had been plagued with negative things such as drugs, violence and stuff of that nature and with the construction that is going down North Main, he sees it has a positive influence on the rest of Northside and that includes White Oak Music Hall and he hopes for them to let them stay and
let them do good for the community. Mayor Turner, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Knox and Edwards absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Ms. Jane West, 2114 Lubbock, 77007, (832)721-9080 appeared and stated that she is Chair the Super Neighborhood Alliance and she too is here to say that the Super Neighborhood Alliance supports the concept of a Bike Plan, the Super Neighborhood Alliance years ago when Chapter 42 was amended had a top ten list and one of the issue on the top ten list was endorsement of complete streets and the Super Neighborhood Alliance supports of a Bike Plan in furtherance of a street concept, however, the Mayor might not be aware of the Bike Plan says or what the amendments to Chapter 33 say but the Planning Director speaks on behalf of the Mayor or at least on behalf of the Administration and the Planning Director had made very firm statements about what the plan contains and he had brought proposed amendments to Chapter 33 to the Planning Commission and the Planning Commission had already recommended those proposed amendments to Members of Council, the Super Neighborhood Alliance last meeting just a few weeks ago, they adopted a resolution, seeking revision to the amendments to Chapter 33 and it would be coming to them and they are being passed out today and that resolution was based on answers to questions that were provided to them in writing by the Planning Director and she was present to tell them that there are number of outstanding issues and she was glad that the Mayor is willing to work on them; first among them is the public engagement process and they believe that the public engagement process for the Bike Plan should be identical to and probably incorporated to the public engagement process for the major thoroughfare and freeway plan because if the Bike Plan is passed as it is now, it would create a conflict with the major thoroughfare and freeway plan and that is the plan that establishes minimum width of the right of way for every street in the City of Houston, the Bike Plan have intricate maps with suggested specific lanes of bikeways on specific streets through specific neighborhoods and the Planning Department readily admits that there had not been any neighborhood engagements but for a pilot program. Mayor Turner, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin and Travis absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Members of Council questioned Ms. West at length.

Mr. Carter Stern, 407 Velasco St., 77003, (713)865-3662 appeared and stated that he was the Executive Director of Houston Bike Share and a Member of the Houston Parks Board and he wanted to take a moment to thank everyone for the support of both institutes, he would like to just calm everyone down for just a minute, being involve in the community the Bike Plan is not about old guys riding bikes on the weekends, it’s about equity and he think everyone can lose sight of the fact that while in Houston they have a lot cultural diversity, we have world leading cultural institutions, museums, parks and if they are not connected to those amenities, they might as well be living in another City and he thinks the Bike Plan is give people options, it is not to demand that certain bike facilities go in certain communities, it is to kick start conversation but when they go in and Public Works is tearing up the streets, it allows them to have a conversation with the community to see what the options are and he thinks it is valuable and he also wanted to make the point it’s an economic development issue and if we are going to continue to be a leading City, we need to make sure we include these kinds of amenities where people can live anywhere, it we are going to retain talent and if we are going to attract people we need these kind of amenities and as to Ms. West points, she made some good points and there are points that can be address at the Council level, the Planning Department level and he thinks that there needs to be an ongoing conversation and that is what they are doing here today and he encourages them to meet with his Houston Members and to support Houston Transportation into a first class City. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Le and Laster absent.
Mayor Turner stated he wanted to caution everyone, that he had not submitted with his stamp on it and he does appreciate the chatter and he think the chatter is good, no one should get caught up on any positions until he submits something with his stamp on it.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Stern.

Ms. Laura Jordan, 302 Empress Dr., 77034, (713)545-2699 appeared and stated she presented a proposal of the Edificitur Program, the program existence services as a response to the recent inquiry for solutions to reduce the negative stereotypic reinforcement between the municipal demographic and the arraignment of judicial objectivity of law enforcement and by identifying the deficits in the both the community and the force, they can implement simple yet effective application of the courses detailed in this program by educating citizens about their rights, taking advantage of their input in governmental, legislation and encourage structural change in social movement, rather than taking it to social media and establishing a pre-screen evaluation followed by a course in the diversity in the City’s Law enforcement. Council Members Boykins, Martin and Le absent.

Ms. Deborah Elaine Allen, P.O. Box 263252, 77207, (713)264-0127 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Boykins, Martin and Le absent.

Ms. Lydia Greene, 6323 Anderson Rd., 77085, (832)577-8335 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Boykins, Martin and Le absent.

Ms. Bridget Alexander McDaniel, 8114 St. Lo. Rd., 77033, (713)987-3854 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Boykins, Martin and Le absent.

Ms. Bernadette Laws, 9305 Talton St., 77078, (713)202-4591 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Boykins, Martin and Le absent.

Ms. Sharon Vance, 8415 Cabot St., 77078, (832)964-4388 appeared and stated that she was present for the second time regarding an HPD mistake that no one seems to want to correct, she was rear ended on May 7th and she was reinjured and heading to the hospital by HFD and had shared information, photos but no other actions had been asked of her, they tell her, “I will call you back, tell me the story and they tell her while they did not get a statement for her”, no witness but they can take one and add it to the report and there is nothing else they can do about it, they tell her they believe the Officers although they were not at the scene. Council Members Boykins, Marin Le and Laster absent.

Mayor Turner questioned Ms. Vance.

Ms. Beth Louiseau, 316 Goldenrod St., 77009, (713)806-0762 appeared and stated it was interesting that Council Members Davis and Robinson moved to rearrange the agenda as to better the place for White Oak Music Hall developer on today’s list and it was another example of the developer interest being placed ahead of residents and she guess how that works with deep pocketed developers can hire pricy lobbyist to influence City Officials; she can only assume for the people that spoke favorable about the venue have a greater distance then her and her neighbors and that they are not going to bite the hand that feeds them, there are two points that she hopes to communicate, in talking about the outdoor lawn venue and
everyone seems to talking past a key point about getting a permit is not a finish line, it is the starting line, they have to implement the plans to build the thing and they spent more than 10 months to get the green light to only break ground which that may or may not have happen today according to the Permitting, Public Works signed off but even if the plans have been approved or not, they still have to build it and that is 74 water closets and that will not happen in 2 months much less than 2 days but yet they have a show schedule on Thursday, a show with hundreds may even be thousands people have already purchased tickets and there is no stage, the partial assembled stage that was red tagged last week is just sitting at the site, even if they did manage to get the permit plans approve today, there is no way to build those plans, so what are they going to do on Thursday or the 4 other shows that are scheduled in the next 30 days, throw together a temporary stage, is that safe and if they do, it can only be done if they were issued another temporary permit something that the Mayor said very clearly in this room that was not going to happen and the other point she wanted to make is that it is very clear that anyone paying attention that this got fast tracked through the Permitting Center as soon as it got red tagged, she talking about 7 Departments in 48 hours which should outrage every developer and the kicker was the special treatment was not extended to a hospital in hope to open in time for the Super Bowl and the only time the City did this was only for this project. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Le and Laster absent.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Lousteau at length.

Mayor Turner stated they have a business that been out there for almost 2 years and it's a business that is out in the area, they been operating under a temporary permit since April and it appeared that they were not taking any steps to do anything else, they were not taking steps to seek a permanant permit and their plan was to operate under the temporary permit which was schedule to expire on October 5th and it did expire and they since come in and the plans have since gone back and forth and they were seeking permanent permit because Public Works did reject their plans a couple times or more but they did get a permanent permit, it is now in place and they since have paid their impact fee of a $150,000 and they have done that and he asked Public Works, how has the City operated in the past, when a business has now come in and had obtain its permanent permit which they now have and what he had been told was that they have 6 months to erect their permanent stage and they can start acting on any portion of it, let's say building the outdoor facilities, bathroom facilities, it was part of moving forward in that direction and now the question is, how do they strike a balance between the neighbors and the business that have every right to be where they are and now has obtained a it permanent permit and have paid their impact fee, so how do you strike a decent balance and what he had said to Public Works and people with the City, look on how they can strike a balance.

Mr. Johnny So, no address, no phone number, appeared and stated that he was one of the Operating Managers at White Oak Music Hall but he wishes he was here to speak about something else instead of White Oak because they talked about it for so long, he is going to take an opportunity to provide an alternative narrative to what had been portrayed in large to City Council, they understand that certain residents are opposed to their project and they understand that the Music Venue had changed their neighborhood, unfortunately recent events have indicated that certain residents are actively trying to undermine their business and they disagree with that and that was the reason why they are speaking here today and he would dispute the notation that the City or PWE or Council that there is any type of corruption or special treatment and he would completely disagree with that; a little history, prior to the construction to White Oak Music Hall, there were 4 abandon houses and plus one crack house and their venue was built on top of that and also 7 acres of land that was over grown, had trash, illegal dumping and vagrants and he was very proud to say that they had improved the
neighborhood in that sense and he understands that their business had been a catalytic force for that neighborhood for better or worse depending on who they asked but they are bring more business and residents into that neighborhood, there are people that are very supportive of their live music venue but had concern to come forward to support them because they do not want to be seen as neighbor against neighbor, so they want to make the notion that it is important for them to remember that there are people in the neighborhood that have been there for many, many years that actively support their venue, they are aware of the noise and they operate on the Houston noise ordinance and there may be people that disagree with the noise ordinance and they understand that if they do disagree with the noise ordinance that is a legal issue and they believe they are in compliance with the noise ordinance, they have paid to have a consultant out there to verify that they have complied with the ordinance; they are also aware that some of the events cause traffic and parking issues and they cannot control how wide the streets are and what he can tell them that when they have large events out there, they actually hire 12 Police Officers out of their own pockets. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Le, Laster, Edwards and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Council Member Knox questioned Mr. So.

Ms. Kam Franklin, 2901 Truxillo St., 77004, (832)766-5760 appeared and stated she was present to speak on behalf of White Oak Music Hall, she is in support of it and she is the lead singer for the Houston based Soul Band called The Suffers and she been performing in and around Houston and been an independent singer since 2000, she was always told that she would never be a successful musician in Houston, that she would have to go to Austin, LA, New York or Nashville because Houston did not have the infrastructure to build and nurture upcoming bands that were coming through the system that were not on a major label or that they were not backed by large investors, she beat the odds and worked her way up through many, many venues and in the last 18 months with her band they have played 250 shows around the world, they have appeared on David Letterman, the Jimmy Kimmel show and most recently the performed at the U of H opening game at Reliant and at Freedom over Texas that was in Downtown and the reason she came out to speak on behalf of White Oak Music Hall was because she believes that it is a world class venue and she know they all had been around concerts in Houston like the House of Blues which they are very nice but not to touring artist, it’s very, very avenge when they compare to Austin and LA, White Oak Music Hall is the nicest thing she had ever seen that came through Houston, that was not publicly funded, it not a Jones Hall and the one thing that set it apart from other venues that they do open the gates to up and coming musicians in Houston that is something that is very important, she was not here to speak about the sound, the neighborhood, she was here to speak about the future of Houston in music and for right now to allow them to have that outdoor stage it’s robbery to the artist that somehow look forward to playing that stage and when they asked an artist about Stubbs in Austin, they would tell them how proud they are to play in an outdoor stage and the people are very proud of the bands that come through there, she had not played White Oak Music Hall yet but she had attended shows at the indoor and outdoor stage and she looks forward in playing that stage. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Le, Laster and Edwards absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Franklin.

Mr. Marcus Green, 1603 Rose Shadow Ln., No. A, 77038, (832)435-5841 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Le and Laster absent.
Mr. Jaime Cantu, 1115 Hogan St. Apt. No.1, 77009, (832)949-7181 appeared and stated that he was an employee of White Oak Music Hall and he does live in Northside and he lives about 6 blocks away from White Oak Music Hall, he went to Raven Tower to get some side work to supplement his income, he is a single father of 2 children, they go to a private Christian school and he is an artist and luckily when he got this job, it was to do maintenance on the property and then he got a job at White Oak Music Hall and working there, they have a very strict policy when it comes to customer service and strong principles when it comes to treating people they way they should be treated; when it comes to the noise, working there he knows they do abide to the Noise Ordinance and none of the shows that he had work outside goes past 11 o’clock, the venue is good for the neighborhood, it brings a different class of people around and also there is no limitation with White Oak, they had the Dance for the Cure, they have had yoga there and this venue had even surprised him by allowing different types of events that had happened there and the neighbors that say no, he would tell them to come to White Oak, find out for themselves and enjoy it and let’s see how they can be neighbors. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Le, Laster and Edwards absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Ms. Margaret Torres, 209 Everton St. Apt. No.1, 77003, (832)573-7334 appeared and stated that they have seen her before, she is not a controversial citizen, she is a mental ill advocate, elderly advocate, poor people advocate, Veteran advocate and the reason she does it is because she is mentally ill and she became mentally ill because she was a rape victim by a Deputy, not from here but in 1977 and the reason he raped because she was dating a white boy and she is Mexican and down in the valley, they said that the Deputies rule and they do not allow that and the reason she is telling them that was to give a little background on her and explain why she did not sue and now she is taking medicine for her bipolar; now she was going to speak about identifying the meaning of street people, she looked on google, she could not find street people and she look in the dictionary to try to find the meaning of street people and she could find the meaning. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Le, Laster and Edwards absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

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

Mr. Johnny Taylor, 3262 Westheimer Rd., Suite 341, 77098, (404)829-3066 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Le, Laster and Edwards absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Ms. Regina Lowe, 2802 West Bay Area Blvd., Webster, TX, 77598, (281)996-5309 appeared and stated she would like to address the accommodation for nonsmokers for apartment complexes, she lived in an apartment complex for the past 6 to 7 years and she has a couple of neighbors that smoke but their cigarette smoke comes through the walls, comes through the ventilation system and he is a very nice young man, she spoke to her leasing department who lease the apartments and she does not think they took her very seriously, she was told everything from asking her neighbors to not smoke inside the unit which could be considered discrimination and was also told that was the equivalent in denying her neighbors the privilege of drinking a beer but the thing is it is very serious and it is serious to her and Houston has a huge apartment community and she could not be the only one that is having this issue, she went through the contract and there is no protections for smokers or nonsmokers, there is a nuisance clause but that is pretty vague and again and they do not even recognize
that, what she would like is the City Council to have an ordinance put in place where accommodation are made for nonsmokers that live in apartment complexes, they cannot ban smokers, they have the right to smoke but she has the right to breathe non-smoky air. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Le, Laster and Edwards absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Lowe.

Mr. Willie Drew, P.O. Box 680946, 77268, no phone number, appeared and stated he came before them concerning the apartment complex which is called Piney Wood Village apartment complex and he presented them with the letter from a State Representative and also presented an alternative proposal and State Representative Armando L. Walle opposed their project and there is a need for more multifamily housing in Houston, there is a lot of people that can benefit from multifamily housing; Council Member Green did explore his option before but unfortunately when they went back TDCH, they did said if they went back on the application, it would be the following 2017 and this project is very dear to his heart and that this project can be a catalyst for the City of Houston, they are talking about providing multifamily housing for people that cannot own their own homes but they also want to be able to help people in educating people when they do move into an apartment complex that there are other option and something they want to do if they can get this project off the ground, they have proposed several things that State Representative Walle had not even responded to them yet, they have tried to call and talk to him and made many ways to reach out to him to let him know, they are not just wanting to propose for an apartment complex and for something that can be used all over the City of Houston. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Laster, Edwards and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Drew.

Mr. John Noflin, 12903 Brent Rock Dr. Apt. No. 703, 77082, (832)208-1490 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Laster, Edwards and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. NO QUORUM

Ms. Kathleen Gunter, 7315 Banyan, 77028, (832)882-9775 appeared and presented information and stated she was speaking on behalf of their newly formed Northeast Houston Gardening Club Association, they have asked for several things to improve the character of their neighborhood and in their community, it is not pleasing to the eye, when they travel down Homestead, Ley road, Crosstimbers, Kirkpatrick, Banyan and Tidwell just to name a few, it is embarrassing, they are presently being misinformed, misrepresented, misled, and their City Council does not seem to be taking any concerns of their community seriously and given erroneous information from City Employees, they have collaborated with the Super Neighborhood, Mr. Davis came out on October 13 and had a town hall meeting and giving them little time for Q&A, he did not reach out to them by phone calls, flyers or any type of real communication other than email to a few and when they asked Council Member why did he put money in the budget to send out a communication to them and they were told he did not have the money, they did notice that he bought chips and sandwiches but they do not want chips and sandwiches, turkeys at Christmas and Thanksgiving and school supplies in lieu of trimmed trees and beautification and nice streets and sidewalks and code enforcement, they had asked for a new grocery store, they gave them excuses and Ms. Wilson had submitted their request on several occasions, they need the parking ordinance enforced throughout their community which protects residential property by regulating vehicle weight on residential property and 311 is not
effective for their community which she has a reference number on the form that she passed out and five years later the dirt is still 15-20 feet high at 7311 Banyan and her question was what happen to the 1.2 million dollar budget allocated to Houston, Trinity Gardens and why has Mr. Harris looked at the problem and returns to his office or What-A-Burger according to him, they spoke with him 10/13, 10/19 and 10/20 this year but no results, who is responsible for the weed removal. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Laster, Edwards and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. NO QUORUM

President Joseph Charles, Post Office Box 524373, 77052-4373, Houston, TX, had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Laster, Edwards and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. NO QUORUM

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

At 4:42 p.m. The City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, October 25, 2016, Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Laster, Edwards and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. NO QUORUM

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, October 26, 2016, Mayor Sylvester Turner presiding, with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jerry Davis, Ellen Cohen, Dwight Boykins, Dave Martin, Steve Le, Greg Travis, Karla Cisneros, Mike Laster, Robert Gallegos, Larry Green, Mike Knox, David Robinson, Michael Kubosh, Amanda Edwards and Jack Christie D.C.; Mr. Ronald C. Lewis, City Attorney and Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director present.

At 9:12 a.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting into order and recognized Council Member Cohen for a procedural motion. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Travis, Cisneros, Gallegos and Edwards absent.

Council Member Cohen moved to suspend the rules to considered Items 1, 2, 14 and 15 out of order and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Stardig, Davis and Travis absent. MOTION 2016-0514 ADOPTED

1. PUBLIC HEARING regarding just and reasonable rates to be observed within the City of Houston relating to the Retail Water and Sewer Rates of NITSCH AND SON UTILITY COMPANY, INC DISTRICT H – CISNEROS- was presented, Mayor Turner stated he is calling to order the hearing regarding the retail water and sewer rates of Nitsch & Son Utility Company, Inc. to determine just and reasonable rates to be observed within the City of Houston.

This hearing was scheduled for October 5, 2016 and delayed until October 26, 2016 by motion of City Council.
Notice of this hearing procedures were provided to the utility at least seven days before the hearing.

Both the utility and the City’s Administration and Regulatory Affairs Department have advised that they have settled the issues regarding the utility’s application for a rate increase. Since no interveners have signed up to participate in the proceedings and neither party will be making a presentation, this concludes the October 26, 2016 hearing regarding the retail water and sewer rates of Nitsch & Son Utility Company, Inc. to determine just and reasonable rates to be observed within the City of Houston.

Mayor Turner requested a motion to accept the report.

Council Member Cohen moved to accept the report that issues have been settled and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Stardig absent. MOTION 2016-0515 ADOPTED

2. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following individuals to REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER NINE, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS (SOUTH POST OAK ZONE) BOARD OF DIRECTORS;
   - Position Three - ALGENITA SCOTT DAVIS, reappointment, for a term to expire 12/31/2017, and to serve as Chair for a term ending 12/31/2016
   - Position Four - PAUL E. JEFFERSON, appointment, for a term to expire 12/31/2017
   - Position Five - TANDELYN ATKINSON WEAVER, reappointment, for a term to expire 12/31/2017

was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Stardig absent. MOTION 2016-0516 ADOPTED

Mayor Turner invited the members to the podium, Mayor Turner and Members of Council thanked them for their service.

14. RESOLUTION in support of the City’s plan to reform the City’s three Pension Systems, the Houston Police Officers’ Pension System, the Houston Municipal Employees Pension System, and the Houston Firefighters’ Relief And Retirement Fund, to ensure long-term, secure, and dependable retirement systems- was presented and Council Member Kubosh advised that he would tag the Resolution because a Senator is requesting more time to look at things and it makes him agree to delay it.

Mayor Turner stated that he wanted to explain the process to everyone, all of the employee groups had discussed this, had public notice and voted on it, they City Council now has the opportunity to discuss it and vote on it, once it leaves City Council, it goes to the Legislature where they are presiding, it goes to them, it goes to 150 State Representative, it goes to 30 Senators and just like they are discussing it now, they will have the opportunity to discuss it; they do not have the luxury of saying to the Legislature to hold and let the City look at it, this is the process and it would be different if it was not going to them but it is going to the Legislature and this Resolution is not resolved until the Legislature had spoken and that is the process; they have negotiated this deal for 10 months and every Council Member had been briefed on this deal more than one time and the Employee pension groups, not the Unions which he wanted to correct that dishonest statement, they have the Unions and then they have the Employees Pensions Groups; the Employee Pension Groups had vetted this over and over again; in 15 years they never had come together on a Pension deal and they have now come together for the first time and they do
not get that many opportunities for that to happen and he wanted to add this, they had a press conference on this one month ago in discussing this and every single Tuesday since they have had that not one single person had come to this meeting speaking against this plan; now either they are going to represent the people of the City of Houston or are they going to represent the political interest and he stands with the people of the City of Houston and he was voting to represent their interest, not some political interest and the Pension issue had been holding the City back for a long time and Employees deserve certainty and he is going to request them in the most respectful way to vote and Council Member Kubosh, you have the right to tag and he was going to ask the Council Member at this table to vote to override it and lets move forward and this is not the time to play with people's lives and benefits and create uncertainty and he takes that very seriously.

Council Member Kubosh stated that he would remove his tag after that speech.

After further discussion Mayor Turner invited Director Kelly Dowe and Jennifer Olenick to the podium to answer questions.

After a lengthy discussion, a roll call vote was called.

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor Turner- voting aye
Council Member Stardig- voting aye
Council Member Davis- voting aye
Council Member Cohen- voting aye
Council Member Boykins- voting aye
Council Member Martin- voting aye
Council Member Le- voting aye
Council Member Travis- voting aye
Council Member Cisneros- voting aye

Council Member Gallegos- voting aye
Council Member Laster- voting aye
Council Member Green- voting aye
Council Member Knox- voting no
Council Member Robinson- voting aye
Council Member Kubosh- voting aye
Council Member Edwards- voting aye
Council Member Christie- voting aye

**RESOLUTION 2016-0040 ADOPTED**

15. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing amendment to Legislature Issues Provision of the 2011 Meet and Confer Agreement between the City of Houston and the HOUSTON POLICE OFFICERS’ PENSION SYSTEM- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0803 ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner thanked Members of Council for their support and their comments and he knows that it was a very tough and complicated issue and he wanted to thank Kelly Dowe, Jennifer Olenick and Ron Lewis for all their work, labor and their efforts and also wanted to thank Employee representatives, the Firefighter Pension Board, the Municipal Pension Board and the Houston Police Pension Board.

**CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 3 through 43**

**MISCELLANEOUS** - NUMBERS 3 through 4
3. RECOMMENDATION from Director of Aviation to extend unpaid leave of absence for MARTHA GONZALEZ, Semi-Skilled Laborer- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. MOTION 2016-0517 ADOPTED

4. RECOMMENDATION from Director of Aviation to extend unpaid leave of absence for GREGG PHIPPS, Operations Coordinator- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. MOTION 2016-0518 ADOPTED

ACCEPT WORK - NUMBERS 5 through 8

5. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of $665,703.95 and acceptance of work on contract with IIU-FEI SAFE SIDEWALK JV for Safe Sidewalk Program - 7.25% under the original contract amount DISTRICTS B - DAVIS; E - MARTIN; F - LE and I - GALLEGOS - was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. MOTION 2016-0519 ADOPTED

6. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of $8,369,060.27 and acceptance of work on contract with CSA CONSTRUCTION, INC for FWSD No. 23 Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements 7.00% under the original contract amount - DISTRICT B – DAVIS- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. MOTION 2016-0520 ADOPTED

7. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of $843,879.03 and acceptance of work on contract with C. F. MCDONALD ELECTRIC, INC for Generator Relocation from Southwest Wastewater Treatment Plant to Northwest Wastewater Treatment Plant - 1.13% over the original contract amount and under 5% contingency amount - DISTRICT A – STARDIG- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. MOTION 2016-0521 ADOPTED

8. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of $4,246,345.47 and acceptance of work on contract with S.J. LOUIS CONSTRUCTION OF TEXAS LTD. for 42- inch Water Line along Bellaire Boulevard from Bellaire Braes Pump Station to South Kirkwood Road - DISTRICT F – LE- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. MOTION 2016-0522 ADOPTED

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS - NUMBER 10

10. ADVANCED PUBLIC SAFETY for Software Maintenance and Support Services for the Electronic
ORDINANCES - NUMBERS 19 through 43

19. ORDINANCE finding and determining that public convenience and necessity no longer require the continued use of Castlebay Street, from the east right-of-way line of Burr Oak Street east to the east property line of the remaining portion of Lot 13, Block 6 and a 10 foot-wide prescriptive water line easement, in the former Belmore Street, from the south right-of-way line west Tidwell Road south 35 feet, located in the Rosslyn Subdivision, out of the Joseph Bays Survey, A-127, Houston, Texas; vacating and abandoning the street to Contempo Builder LLC, abutting owner, in consideration of the payment of $173,580.00 to the City and other consideration - DISTRICT A – STARDIG- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. ORDINANCE 2016-0804 ADOPTED

26. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Lease Agreement between the City of Houston and BPM AIRPORT, LLC, for certain premises at William P. Hobby Airport - DISTRICT I – GALLEGOS- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. ORDINANCE 2016-0805 ADOPTED

27. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance 2016-755 calling public hearings at which interested persons will be given the opportunity to be heard on: proposed amendments to the Strategic Partnership Agreements between the City of Houston and FORT BEND COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 142 and MONTGOMERY COUNTY UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 119 and on a proposal to annex for limited purposes territory located within and in the vicinity of such districts in Fort Bend and Montgomery Counties; proposed amendments to Strategic Partnership Agreements between the City of Houston and LAKE FOREST UTILITY DISTRICT, REID ROAD MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1, and TRAIL OF THE LAKES MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT and on proposals for the City of Houston to annex for limited purposes certain territory located within such districts in Harris County; proposals of the City of Houston to impose the City of Houston’s Sales and Use Tax in such territories; providing for the publication of notice of such hearings DISTRICTS A - STARDIG; E - MARTIN and F - LE HEARING DATES - 9:00 A.M. - WEDNESDAY - NOVEMBER 9 and 16, 2016- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. ORDINANCE 2016-0806 ADOPTED

29. ORDINANCE establishing the north side of the 1400 block of Michigan 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 2016-0807 ADOPTED

30. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City and MUNISERVICES, LLC for Sales/Use Tax Audit and Sales/Use Tax Analysis and Reporting Services; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with 2 one-year options - $3,150,000.00 - General Fund- the City Secretary advised that Item 30 had not been received but if received during the meeting, would be considered at the end of the agenda.
32. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Interlocal Agreement between the City and DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES for Analytical Laboratory Testing Services for the Public Works and Engineering Department (DSHS Contract No. 2017-049754-001); providing a maximum contract amount - $152,400.00 - Enterprise Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0808 ADOPTED**

34. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Professional Materials Engineering and Testing Services Laboratory Contracts between the City of Houston and (1) AUSTIN-REED ENGINEERS, LLC, (2) KLEINFELDER, INC, (3) RABA- KISTNER, INC, (4) ALL-TERRA ENGINEERING, INC, (5) ASSOCIATED TESTING LABORATORIES, INC, (6) PROFESSIONAL SERVICES INDUSTRIES, INC, (7) GEOTECH ENGINEERING AND TESTING, INC, (8) ECS TEXAS, LLP, (9) ALPHA TESTING, INC, (10) QC LABORATORIES, INC, (11) GORRONDONA ENGINEERING SERVICES, INC, (12) KENALL, INC, (13) GEOTEST ENGINEERING, INC, respectively- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0809 ADOPTED**

35. ORDINANCE consenting to the addition of 9.98 acres of land to HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 64, for inclusion in its district- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0810 ADOPTED**

36. ORDINANCE consenting to the addition of 45.3788 acres of land to HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 148, for inclusion in its district- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0811 ADOPTED**

37. ORDINANCE consenting to the creation of HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 538- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0812 ADOPTED**

38. ORDINANCE consenting to the addition of 4.4822 acres of land to MONTGOMERY COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1, for inclusion in its district- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0813 ADOPTED**

39. ORDINANCE consenting to the addition of 3.837 acres of land to REID ROAD MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1, for inclusion in its district- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0814 ADOPTED**

41. ORDINANCE awarding contracts to MAIN LANE INDUSTRIES, LTD. and ISI CONTRACTING, INC for Concrete Panel Replacement for City streets for the Department of Public Works & Engineering; 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 - Four-years with one option year to extend - $32,992,042.60 - Dedicated Drainage & Street Renewal Fund- the City Secretary advised that Item 41 had been pulled by the Administration and will not be considered.

42. ORDINANCE appropriating $1,395,253.50 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF Fund; awarding contract to ISI CONTRACTING, INC for On-Call Neighborhood Traffic Management Program Construction contract; 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 and engineering and testing services relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street &
Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. ORDINANCE 2016-0815 ADOPTED

43. ORDINANCE appropriating $1,938,410.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund for installation of a Main Canal Radial Gate Bypass supplying raw water to the City of Houston under contract awarded by Coastal Water Authority to BRH GARVER CONSTRUCTION, L.P. pursuant to an operating contract with the Coastal Water Authority (as approved by Ordinance No. 1995-676) - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. ORDINANCE 2016-0816 ADOPTED

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

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 and settle the case in connection with eminent domain proceedings styled City of Houston v. Parkwood Baptist Church, a Texas non-profit corporation, et al, Cause No. 1065634; for acquisition of Parcel KY14-069; for the NORTHEAST TRANSMISSION 108-INCH WATER LINE EASEMENT ACQUISITION PROJECT (LEE RD - VICKERY DR.) - 0.25% under the original contract amount - DISTRICT B – DAVIS- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. MOTION 2016-0524 ADOPTED

11. INFOR PUBLIC SECTOR, INC for approval of spending authority in the amount not to exceed $995,000.00 for purchase of Professional Services for Department of Public Works & Engineering Enterprise and Other Funds- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. MOTION 2016-0524 ADOPTED

12. ORDINANCE appropriating $37,826.00 out of Fleet Equipment Special Revenue Fund for the purchase of Transit and Cargo Vans for the Fleet Management Department- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. ORDINANCE 2016-0817 ADOPTED

13. SILSBEE FORD, INC - $424,354.33, CALDWELL AUTOMOTIVE PARTNERS LLC, d/b/a CALDWELL COUNTRY CHEVROLET, LLC - $175,370.00, COWBOY DODGE - $201,840.01, for Transit and Cargo Vans through the Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Purchasing with the Houston-Galveston Area Council and the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative (BuyBoard) for Various Departments - $801,564.34 - Equipment Acquisition Consolidated, Fleet Equipment Special Revenue Fund and Other Funds
This item should only be considered after passage of Item 12 above- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, Council Member Christie voting no, balance voting aye. MOTION 2016-0526 ADOPTED
16. ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 41 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS, relating to street naming; making conforming amendments to other chapters of the Code of Ordinances- was presented and tagged by Council Member Gallegos.

17. ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE XII OF CHAPTER 47 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS, including the repeal of Sections 47-674 and 47-675; relating to Storm Water Discharge; containing findings and other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; providing for severability; declaring an effective date- was presented and tagged by Council Member Stardig.

18. ORDINANCE amending the City of Houston Construction Code by adopting a revised Commercial Energy Conservation Code based on the 2015 International Energy Conservation Code-Commercial Provisions and the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineers Standard 90.1-2013; containing findings and other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; containing a repealer; containing a savings clause; providing an effective date; providing for severability- was presented and tagged by Council Member Laster.

20. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing the Director of the City of Houston Health Department to accept continuation grant funds from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, for the City’s HIV Prevention Activities; declaring the City’s eligibility for such grant; authorizing the Director to expend the grant funds, as awarded, and to apply for and accept all subsequent awards, if any, pertaining to the grant- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. ORDINANCE 2016-0818 ADOPTED

21. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing amendment to Loan Agreement between the City of Houston and AVENUE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, to provide a Performance-Based Loan of an additional $481,135.00 of Federal Community Block Grant Disaster Relief Program - Rental Housing Projects Round 2 Funds to assist with construction of a 68 unit Mixed-Income Apartment Development, including 52 affordable units, located in Houston, Texas, near 2010 North Main Street - DISTRICT H – CISNEROS- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. ORDINANCE 2016-0819 ADOPTED

22. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing first amendment to contract between the City of Houston and BRENWOOD ECONOMIC COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORP., doing business as BRENWOOD COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, extending the term of the contract and providing up to $551,607.75 in Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Funds for the continuing administration and operation of a community residence and the administration of a Short-Term Rent, Mortgage and Utility Assistance Program, along with supportive services- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. ORDINANCE 2016-0820 ADOPTED

23. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing first amendment to contract between the City of Houston and CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON extending the term of the contract and providing up to an additional $995,166.75 in Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Funds for the continuing administration and operation of a tenant- based rental assistance program, a short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance program, and the provision of other supportive services- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. ORDINANCE 2016-0821 ADOPTED

24. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing first amendment to contract between the City of Houston and HOUSTON SRO HOUSING CORPORATION to extend the term of the contract and provide up to $141,365.00 in Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Funds for the operation of a
Single Room Occupancy/Community Residence and the provision of other supportive services was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0822 ADOPTED**

25. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing first amendment to contract between the City of Houston and SEARCH HOMELESS SERVICES formerly SERVICE OF THE EMERGENCY AID RESOURCE CENTER FOR THE HOMELESS, INC, to extend the term of the contract and provide up to $144,551.00 in Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Funds for the continuing administration and operation of a Supportive Services Program offering childcare for homeless families affected by HIV/AIDS- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0823 ADOPTED**

28. **ORDINANCE** amending Ordinance No. 2005-0619, as amended, to increase the maximum contract amount for agreement for Professional Legal Services (Contract No. C56949) between the City and CLARENCE A. WEST, ATTORNEY AT LAW- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0824 ADOPTED**

31. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing fourth amendment to the Pay Connexion Service Terms Contract, as amended, between the City and JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. to provide for additional Credit Card Transaction Services for the Houston Permitting Center and the Houston Airport System- was presented and tagged by Council Member Edwards.

33. **ORDINANCE** approving payment of $13,356.88 to HOUSTON HARRIS DIVISION PATROL, INC for Emergency Armed Security Guard Services for various Houston Health Departments and Solid Waste Management Departments - General Fund - **DISTRICTS B - DAVIS; C - COHEN; D - BOYKINS; H - CISNEROS; I - GALLEGOS and J – LASTER-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0825 ADOPTED**

40. **ORDINANCE** appropriating $3,000,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and $1,018,000.00 out of Street & Traffic Control & Storm Drainage DDSRF for Fiscal Year 2017 Funding for Developer Participation Contracts (Approved by Ordinance No. 2008-0307, as amended) - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0826 ADOPTED**

**NON CONSENT AGENDA - NUMBER 44**

**MISCELLANEOUS**

44. **SET A PUBLIC HEARING DATE** regarding a proposal to convey an easement in Keith-Wiess Park for Storm Sewer Outfall related to the Aldine Town Center Project - **DISTRICT B - DAVIS**

**HEARING DATE - WEDNESDAY - 9:00 A.M. - NOVEMBER 30, 2016** - was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen to set a public hearing date on Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. November 30, 2016 and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2016-0527 ADOPTED**
MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS - Council Member Laster first

Members of Council announced events and discussed matters of interest.

Mayor Turner advised that the City Secretary had received Item 30 and requested her to call the Item.

30. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City and MUNISERVICES, LLC for Sales/Use Tax Audit and Sales/Use Tax Analysis and Reporting Services; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with 2 one-year options - $3,150,000.00 - General Fund- was presented and tagged by Council Member Boykins. Council Members Martin, Green and Knox absent.

Council Member Robinson moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose to allow President Joseph Charles to speak for 1 minute and seconded by Council Member Kubosh, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Travis and Knox absent. MOTION 2016-0528 ADOPTED

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. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Travis and Knox absent.

There being no further business before Council; the City Council adjourned at 10:58 a.m. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Travis and Knox absent. DETAILED INFORMATION ON FILE ON THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

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Anna Russell, City Secretary