

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, December 13, 2016

The Houston City Council convened at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, December 13, 2016; Mayor Pro Tem Ellen Cohen presiding, with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jerry Davis, Dwight Boykins, Dave Martin, Steve Le, Greg Travis, Karla Cisneros, Robert Gallegos, Mike Laster, Larry Green, Mike Knox, Davis Robinson, Michael Kubosh, Amanda Edwards and Jack Christie D.C.; Randy Zamora, Legal Department; Ms. Marta Crinejo Agenda Director and Stella Ortega Agenda Office present. Mayor Sylvester Turner out of the City on City Business.

At 1:42 p.m. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis called the meeting into order and stated that Council would start with presentations. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Travis, Gallegos, Laster, Green and Robinson absent.

Council Member Knox stated that Tom Tynan has consistently broadcast a valuable service to Houston homeowners since October 6, 1986 and through his hosting of HomeShow Radio on SportsRadio 610, Tom Tynan explains complex projects in a manner that is easier for homeowners to understand; Tom Tynan has broadcasted more than 9,326 hours in service to Houston homeowners, answering more than 55,000 questions and he has shared his trustworthy expertise and advice at no charge to listeners with no expectation of personal gain and his desires to continue making Houston a better place one home improvement project at a time, on December 17, 2016, Tom Tynan will be recognized for 30 years of service to Houston homeowners, providing his expertise to all HomeShow Radio listeners, helping to improve and enhance their living environment and the City of Houston commends and congratulates Tom Tynan on this auspicious occasion and extends best wishes on his continued success and therefore on behalf of Mayor Sylvester Turner, Mayor Pro Tem Cohen proclaimed December 17, 2016, as Tom Tynan Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Travis, Laster and Robinson absent.

Council Member Cisneros stated that Houston and Karachi became sister cities on March 3, 2009. Karachi is the largest city in Pakistan, and with a population of more than 24 million people, it is the second largest Muslim urban area in the world and the Houston-Karachi Sister City Association (HKSCA) locally represents the citizen component of the sister city relationship and since its founding, HKSCA has established itself as an inclusive organization with a sole focus to promote peace through mutual respect, understanding and cooperation between the citizens of Houston and Karachi; and HKSCA has organized numerous successful programs over the years, its most recent accomplishment is receiving the prestigious Sister Cities International Annual Innovation Award in the humanitarian assistance category, the award was presented at the Sister Cities International 60th anniversary conference in Washington, D.C., this summer, along with recognition of HKSCA president, Muhammad Sheik, as a member of the Sister Cities International Circle of Distinguished Volunteers; the award celebrated HKSCA's sponsorship of a water purification pump at a water plant in Karachi. With its large and growing urban population and arid climate, Karachi's demand for water is significant and has been made especially more pressing by reoccurring heat waves in the country and the pump has the capacity to provide over 2,000 liters of clean water to 60,000 people a day and the City of Houston acknowledges the significant accomplishments of the Houston-Karachi Sister City Association and looks forward to the continued sister ship with Karachi and therefore on behalf of Mayor Sylvester Turner, Mayor Pro Tem Cohen proclaimed December 13, 2016, as Houston-Karachi Sister City Association Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Travis and Green absent.

Council Member Boykins stated he wanted to recognize one of the distinguished schools in District D and that is the Jack Yates Senior High School and he requests the students from the Jack Yates Marching Motion to please stand, the purpose today was to knowledge Jack Yates for it history in the marching band for over 60 years and being the tradition of the mighty motion band and he wanted to thank Mr. Monroe for bring attention for one the needs that they had which was uniforms, they just wanted to take a minute to recognize the band and tell the students to continue to do well in school and they are proud for what they are doing. Council Members Davis, Knox and Green absent.

Council Members Boykins and Christie received a certificate for each of them to say thank you.

At 2:08 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen recognized Council Member Knox for the invocation and the Pledge and he invited Rabbi David Lyon to offer the invocation and Council Member Knox led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge of Allegiance. Council Members Davis and Green absent.

At 2:15 p.m. The Roll was Called. Council Member Green absent. Mayor Sylvester Turner out of the City on City Business.

Council Member Kubosh moved to adopt 11/30, 2016 minutes and to delay the adopting of the 12/6-12/7, 2016 minutes and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Green absent. **MOTION ADOPTED**

Council Member Knox moved to suspend the rules for the purpose of hearing Mr. Douglas Smith, Ms. Madolyn Hansen, Ms. Noreen Smith and Ms., Barbara Quattro out of order and seconded by Council Member Laster, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2016-0591 ADOPTED**

Council Member Le moved to suspend the rules for the purpose of hearing Mr. Thu Nguyen, Mr. Jimmy Nguyen, Ms. Cindy Dinh and Ms. Shandon Phan out of order and seconded by Council Member Kubosh, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Green and Knox absent. **MOTION 2016-0592 ADOPTED**

Council Member Le stated he also wanted to recognize the Vietnamese Community Members present.

Council Member Davis requested a point of order, asked all the Council Members if they are going to move up everyone because he has constituents as well and spoke about the policy of calling in to be on the speakers list and he have is going to ask that they respect the order of the Agenda.

Council Member Kubosh moved to suspend the rules for the purpose of hearing Rev. James Nash out of order and seconded by Council Member Stardig, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Green and Knox absent. **MOTION 2016-0593 ADOPTED**

Mayor Pro Tem Cohen requested the City Secretary to call the List of Speakers.

Rev. James Nash, 8309 Brandon St., 77051, (713)725-1664 appeared and stated that all the Council Members should have a letter, a letter of appreciation for the service they give to the City and sometime we forget people that do a great job for the City they get beat down but they come to work on daily bases trying to make a good City, better and the Mayor is doing a great job, no leaders are better than the people that they surround themselves with and he give them

all of his thanks for doing a great job for this City and if they get beat down just pray and do not take it to heart, he gives respect for the position that they have.

Members of Council questioned Rev. Nash.

Mr. Julian Hima, Bastide Ln., Kingwood, TX, 77339, (832)799-2275 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called.

Mr. John Steen, 4507 Hollow Trace, 77084, (281)914-2366 appeared and stated that he been here before in the last Administration, behind his dealership there was a 110 unit apartment complex that burned, it was about 3 years ago and he got tried looking at it, he had Council Member Laster and his office helped him and it took about a year to get it torn down, it was a pleasure to have that done; he is here today to talk about regulatory licensing of HPD for sales people in the City of Houston, it does not apply to Texas, there is no permits required for Texas, it just Houston, it's 2 days out of his life, its finger prints, its photos that he has to go get at a Walmart and then he has to go to the City, he has had his finger prints taken 35 times, he does not know that a criminal have had that much, it is a lot of finger prints and he would like to know where they are but he is going to get them done next week, it is a real hassle for all sales people, the money that is accumulated is millions for this process and he would have hope the City would try to streamline this, to try to get like a driver license or like a concealed hand gun permit and maybe instead of every year if they are a senior get it done every 3 years and he wanted everyone in his industry to be vetted and it was important to them and he just want it to be easier for them to continue to still work, it had been tough times but they are still there and had he presented some handouts. Council Member Kubosh and Christie absent.

Council Member Laster questioned Mr. Steen.

Mr. Hai Pham, 11619 Sharpcrest St., 77072, (314)518-9456 appeared and stated that he is a US Veteran and he also works for the Vietnamese community and he is here on behalf of his community and he was present in support of naming Bellaire area as Little Saigon and they as a Vietnamese community had been in this City for more than 41 years and having this named would mean a lot to them and a lot of his friends that come to the City want to know where they can go and they are confused about the place and to have a sign to show them the destination that would be wonderful for their community and for the pride for their Veterans. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Kubosh and Christie absent.

Council Member Le questioned Mr. Pham.

Mr. Douglas-Smith, 11152 Westheimer Rd. Apt. 169, 77042, (832)723-1652 appeared and stated about 6 months ago he invited Members of Council to the townhall that was sponsored by Council Member Le that was going to be held the very next evening, the purpose of the townhall was to discuss the designation of a portion of Bellaire Blvd to Little Saigon, this occurred during a time when ethnic were simmering in the Alief Neighborhood about street signs that mysteriously appeared on Beechnut and Bellaire and the vast number of them that travel these streets have no idea what the names mean and some of the names are named after Vietnamese war heroes being honored in the U.S., there was no public input regarding the signs and no one knew how and why they were installed and the idea to designate portion of the Bellaire Business District as Little Saigon inflamed people even more and that is why at the townhall meeting that Council Member Le convened, 90% of the people spoke against it and they thought the idea was dead until last week when they found out that Council Member Le is proposing to erect signs directing people to China Town or Little Saigon, there are 2 major voices in the area the International Management District and the Alief Super Neighborhood

Council and both of them are opposed to the idea, he is here today to ask them to deny any City funds for this project, Council Member Le stated that there was overwhelming support from the Vietnamese community but there was no public input, there were signed petitions but they did not know where and when it was gathered and the community was not aware of any meetings; he has suggested 2 alternatives for the signs; first, he suggested that Council Member Le consider holding a final townhall meeting making sure that all interested parties were aware that a majority of these meeting would decide about the signs, second, he suggested the sign should be named Alief International Dining and Shopping District since the area in question not only have Vietnamese restaurants but also Chinses, Japanese, Cajun, Tai, American, French and Mexican restaurants and both of the ideas where rejected, Vietnam is a Communist Country and Saigon does not even exist anymore and they would also appreciate their assistance in removing the streets signs that first caused this. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Green and Christie absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Cohen wanted to remind everyone that they applaud during the first part of the meeting in presentation but they do not applaud or yell and if they are supportive they can wave their hands on the air and they can even stand up.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Smith.

Ms. Madolyn Hansen, 7307 Window Ln., 77072, (281)253-4196 appeared and stated that she was a homeowner of her Association, she is their Secretary of Braewood Glen Community Association, they have 720 homeowners and she tries to keep pace with what is going on in the City and she noticed one day driving back and forth for work there was a sign across Bellaire called Saigon and she is sorry that her community is part of Alief, Braewood Glen was built, they are a multicultural district, they do not represent just one cultural by renaming it would be confusing which was number one, to have Bellaire on one side and about 8 feet from that side on the same street is Saigon and if they go North or South, they have Dairy Ashford and then again another Vietnamese sign, Alief is multicultural and for those who decided to stay they did flee because it was becoming different, they decided to make it better and she respectfully request that they would remain Alief and their street signs remain what they are not to be called Vietnamese signs, her husband fought in the Vietnam War, he fought for the rights of all Americans and this was kinda underhanded and she feels that Aleif had been undermined and what is wrong just keeping it Alief and she understand what Council Member Le is trying to do but just leave it Alief. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Green, Knox and Christie absent.

Council Member Le questioned Ms. Hanse.

Ms. Noreen Smith, 11135 Bell Spring Dr., 77072, (281)933-0378 appeared and stated that this was her first time here and it had been interesting for her but she is very concerned because her community had turned to her, they have many, many people in Alief, they are history dates prior to the City Annexing them in 1977 and the people out there are proud, their farmers, they work hard and they cannot be here because they are working, so it was up to them to give them respect, they are all Nationalities, their Alief School has 20 languages and that needs to be recognized, they do not need labeling of anyone of their nationalities, none of them are asking for this, they want to be International, they prefer Alief and their school is Alief proud and that is what they want and all this other talk is extraneous, they have a meeting and the Council Member labeled it as a rally, it was not a rally after they sent letter after letter, their patience had run out and they should be respected, there is a certain business to gain from this and she respect business but this is a community and they all need to solve this together and she liked the idea of Spring Branch, they have West Chase, they can have International, there is no

reason to put up anything else, this is the future and they want Houston to reflect the future, they have people out there working for that, let's give them a chance, if they label them and brand them somehow their business will not flourish and for them to please consider this is not the way they want to go and thanked them for listening to them. Council Members Boykins, Green, Knox, Edwards and Christie absent.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Smith.

Ms. Barbara Quatro, 11007 Bandlon Dr., 77072, (281)787-8827 appeared and stated she is currently the Chair of Alief Super Neighborhood Council and had been a resident of Alief since 1979, on June 29th of this year Council Member Le had a townhall meeting to discuss naming Little Saigon on Bellaire and the people that attended where overly opposed to the sign and in November of this year she requested all approve FY16 District Service Funds, the list she received included a \$20,000 project that was titled Bellaire and Turtle Wood Monument, when she asked about the idea Council Member Le Chief of Staff that the program had been shelved and she took it as the Little Saigon project had been put to rest, for fiscal year 17 she requested that the service funds go to fixing the seven non-circulating ponds in the Park that are a mosquito haven and also asked if the \$20,000 was available and the reply she received was that the request for pond repairs did not get approved due to the budget limitation and competing priorities and with respect to the 20K set aside for signs, that was not set aside and what was set aside was plans for a monument for a sign for Little Saigon, they thought the community was heard back in June and once she found out that the Little Saigon was still viable she notified the community. Council Members Boykins, Green, Knox, Edwards and Christie absent.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Quatro.

Ms. Thu Nguyen, 6340 Main St., 770054, (713)518-3245 appeared and stated she is a student at Rice University and the President of the Vietnamese Student Association; growing up in the suburbs of Houston her family had a weekly ritual to drive out to Bellaire to stock up on grocery that were not found anywhere else and to also have a space in cultural haven, now that she is in college to makes sure she goes back there every week and takes her family, when she got to Rice however, a little dilemma occurred, her out of the State peers and others Houstonians friends were actually residents of Bellaire were confused Vietnamese slang term Bellaire from this area of Beltway 8 to Cook and if they refer it to China Town it would refer to 59 and Beltway 8, she feels like if the Hillcroft and 59 was official named was named the Granhi District in 2011 then she feels that the Vietnamese business side of Bellaire Blvd. should also be declared Little Saigon, this would recognize the hard work of Vietnamese Americans had been putting into this area since the 90s when they got kick out of the old Little Saigon in Midtown, to her parents this area of Bellaire is the home that they lost when they fled the Communist by boat in 1979, it is the food, the music, the people, the atmosphere even the signs that are in Vietnamese gives them comfort, peace and pride and to herself this area is part of her cultural heritage and a place where she can learn about her parents history and her roots and this area is a contribution to the Houston economy. Council Members Boykins, Green, Knox, Kubosh, Edwards and Christie absent.

Council Member Le questioned Ms. Nguyen.

Mr. Jimmy Nguyen, 11205 Bellaire Blvd., 77072, (281)802-6574 appeared and stated that he is a nobody, he does not represent anybody, just himself, he is a lost Vietnamese immigrant in Houston, he came here in 1992, he grew up in Sharpstown, then he moved on to Alief, Alief will always be Alief, Sharpstown will always be Sharpstown, the one thing he embraces about

Houston is the diversity, when someone always asked him where are some Hispanic restaurants in Houston, where is the Hispanic areas, where are some of the Persians, Indians and the Chinese areas well the only thing he knows is the Chinese areas was in Bellaire and the Vietnamese is all over the area, he work on Bellaire and he sees on Bellaire the changes in 1992, he heard a lot of people come up here and speak about branding and that is such a bad word, he wants to celebrate life and who we are by saying Little Saigon because everyone would know that is the Vietnamese area, that serve good, excellent Vietnamese food, restaurants, businesses, they are not trying to brand Alief that just want to change that little area to Little Saigon, so his children would know where to find good Vietnamese food. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Gallegos, Knox, Kubosh, Edwards and Christie absent.

Council Member Le questioned Mr. Nguyen.

Ms. Cindy Dinh, 10307 Emnora, 77043, no phone, appeared and stated that she was born and raised in Houston and the last time she was here was when she was in High School on the Mayor's Youth Council in Mayor's Bill Whites Administration and she was so excited to speak about having the idea of naming the little stretch of Houston as Little Saigon and there are 2 main reasons, the first reason is because of history, she and her father go to that area every week because of the food, restaurants and it is also a place for worship and she thinks there should be a way to identify it. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Knox, Kubosh, Edwards and Christie absent.

Mr. Shandon Phan, 3234 Aspen Park Dr., 77082, (832)416-3276 appeared and stated that he has a private Law Practice in the middle of Little Saigon, he serves as the President of the Vietnamese Community of Houston from 2014 to 2015 and with that role and experience he had the honor to listen to the concerns of the thousands in their community and the issue on naming it Little Saigon, he feels a sense of strong pride and a strong care that thousands of his community members share and the naming of Little Saigon is nothing new to American history, it is at the core of the Vietnamese American experience and story. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Knox, Kubosh, Edwards and Christie absent.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Phan.

Mr. Donald Burns, 13021 Donegal Way, 77047, (713)882-0307 appeared and stated that he came up here 2 weeks ago to sign for Council, so that he can be at the top of the list and this thing about letting bunch of minorities be up here and they need to be hearing other people problems and the reason he is coming down here is because of Shamrock Civic Club, his facebook page, some video was on there on attempt on his life while State Representative Allen sat there and watched it, she spoke to the perpetrator for a minute in a half, she was down by his home, the perpetrator called him a racial word, he called the Police and they came out and took a statement and he has been here so many times about this that they can throw bricks at it, he asked if he had any protection, was it because he is a convicted felon, he only got a stolen car , they got 30 years of him and he received a refused letter from the last City Attorney, why won't they give him an answer, why did they sue him the last 6 ½ years. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Le, Travis, Knox and Christie absent.

Ms. Erica Hubbard, 1705 Yale St., 77020, (832)704-6697 appeared and presented information and stated that she was a resident of 5th Ward and she wanted to speak about the stray dog issue and the quality of life for the individuals that live in her neighborhood, she also wanted to speak to District B Council Member Davis to support the upcoming Big Fix that is happening February 2017, back in September she witnessed a pack of dogs run toward a group of school children which is the handout that is being passed around to Members of Council and by the

time she got to her front door for help, she saw one of the kids pick a rock and threw it at the dogs, these young children did not run or seemed a afraid and this scenario played out 2 days in a row, so in her neighborhood, children and elders walk down the street with objects in their hands because stray dogs and loose dogs coming towards them has turn into a normally life and behavior, she had contacted BARC, the agencies behind her and her Civic Clubs about ways to address this issue, she got involved in the Big Fix that was happening in February, this program would benefit residents in 5th Ward and Acres Home and they would also arrange for transportation of the animal and more importantly create dialog between the pet owners and the community, she also learned from speaking to Council Member Davis on how he is going to address this issue by doing block to block pilot that would include dog sweeps by BARC and much other need services. Council Members Boykins, Le, Travis and Christie absent.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Hubbard at length.

Mr. Oscar Hernandez, 4346 Kroger St., 77051, (713)702-3295 appeared and stated that he lives in Sunnyside, he is a homeowner and also is undocumented in this country for over 25 years and yesterday he heard Mayor Turner approach what a welcoming City looks like in Houston and he applauds the Mayor's first steps and he looks forward to working with the City in implementing policies to protect the immigrating community and it was abundantly clear from some of the people here today why they need to implement some policies and why communities are fearful after the political climate had changed, they want to take this approach to Welcoming Houston Program to input policies to protect their communities and working together they can work creativity as they have seen in different Cities across the Nation do so, so that Houston can not only claim to be welcoming city and a diverse City but actually have policies to protect undocumented immigrants and people of color of different Nationalities. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis and Christie absent.

Ms. Karen Martinez, 5217 Lawndale St., 77023, (713)550-6752 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis and Christie absent.

Ms. Trinidad Castillo, 406 Medina, 77012, (281)0653-4030 appeared and stated that she lives in the East End and her Council Member is Robert Gallegos, she was at the Mayor's Conference yesterday and came here today to thank him for having the community back, she grew up in Richmond Texas in the 50s and she had personal experience racism and discrimination as a dark skin Mexican, she wanted to explain her experiences of racism and discrimination; she hears the threats against the Muslims and the Black communities are much worse today and that is why she cares so much, she cares not about the words that was said yesterday at the press conference but what policies he would be placing in place to protect communities and neighborhoods like hers, they want transparency and quick action around what policies are being put into place and she asked how are they going to have their back and as members of TOP they are looking forward to meeting each of the Members of Council on how they are going to help these trying times. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis and Christie absent.

Ms. Maria Lira, 7001 Sloan, 77087, (832)660-3478 appeared and stated that she was a Member of the TOP Organization, she lives in the East End and her Council Member is Robert Gallegos, she is 1 of the 1.6 million Houstonians that immigrated here from another Country and she is very proud to call Houston her home, yesterday was the Virgin of the Guadalupe, a Holy Day for her as a Catholic, it was the perfect day to hear the Mayor to place policies to make Houston a safe and welcoming City for all Houstonians and for especially for immigrants and refugee communities; with the future Administration with Donald Trump they will face many threats and

challenges, so what will they do to protect undocumented immigrants in Houston, they really need their help, Immigrant families are suffering, she knows that Council Members love their families, so please help them. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Laster and Christie absent.

Mr. Stevens Orozco, 5023 Redwing Brook Trail, Katy, TX, 77449, (281)943-9500 appeared and stated that he is Members of Truth of Power and a full time student at Texas Southern University, he had to reflect on what he was going to say today because of the labeling of sanctuary and sanctuary cities but he realizes he was going to touch on the same point that he had been saying on for the last 3 times he had spoken to Council about racism, the Republican party and the Party of Trump and that he is the President of Elected and the reality of what that brings so instead of saying redundant and repetitive so he was go ahead tell a little about himself because they will be getting use to him, he was born in Queens, New York and he had been down here for the last 10 years in Houston and he has a big heart but he is very overprotective of those who are inside of his heart and he has such a big heart that he adds extended family, for the past 2 years he had the opportunity to work in communities and communities organizers from the Muslim communities, the Black communities, the undocumented communities which is very diverse and the lesson that they have given him, he would never be able to pay back and the Trump Administration is a threat to each and everyone of them and they are about to see how very over protective he is, what he is here to tell them is very simple the Donald Trump Administration are walking into a cabinet of White Supremacy and that is a Political Reality; he is going to make this simple, he not going to talk about labels, he going to talk about a yes or no answer, do they stand against Donald Trump which that question is directed to the absentee Mayor, he will be here every week during his winter break and every opportunity he gets until he gets that answer. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Laster and Christie absent.

Ms. Zai Ghwari, 11406 Bucks Bridge Ln., Sugarland, TX, 77498, (281)777-3769 appeared and stated when she talks about her community she is referring to the Houston community but within that community there is a Muslim Houstonian community, they are not Muslim in Houston, no they are Houstonians Muslim Community, Houston Hispanic Community, Houstonian African American Community, the language that she is demanding to be used in honesty that Sanctuary City because she expects that she wakes up in the morning and go to sleep at night living in a City that looks like her, feels like her, a City that she can go out and appear in public that respect that she deserves as a Houstonian but unfortunately she does not always feel that respect but she not saying that all Houstonians are racist or backward minded, she understands that her city is going to take some time to get to the place that it need to be in order to include people like her so when folks that look like her they do not see a foreigner, she does not have to relax her tongue a little bit so she can sound a little more Texan when she speaks to someone, so she does not have to use bigger words to gain people's respect and overcompensate that her identity can accept as Houstonian Muslim and call it what they want, her loyalties stands here. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Laster and Christie absent.

Council Member Stardig questioned Ms. Ghwari.

Ms. Alice Serna-McDougald, 1714 Sandman St., 77007, (713)254-5211 appeared and stated that she been a Houstonian for the last 28 years and she is here today with support, love and blessing of her parents, in the late 40s her parents began their early married life of migrant workers and champions rights for all people and her parents help start a program that benefited the United States and Mexico City, in the 1950s they were instrumental for helping pass of

Public Laws 45 and 78, all 3 of these facts were examples of the greatness in this Country, she learned there is always a solution with the understanding the responsibility in that was to the voice of reason, in this spirit she requested Members of Council to be the voice of reason and the ears during these highly uncertain times and to convey to the Mayor the contribution that their fellow immigrants had made to this beloved City of Houston had been great and had helped this City flourish because we are a City of immigrants that are deeply rooted here, they run our City businesses; 1 of 4 Houstonian were born out of the U.S. and are contributing members of our Houston communities and to know that families are being separated as they speak, the business owners are losing valuable workers, one solution would be a solution to be a partner with the Houston Chapter of United We Dream and other likeminded organizations to create policies to reflect the love that the Houstonians have for this City and she appreciates the actions that are being taken by Mayor Turner and other City Officials and she request all Council Members to do with all their power to work with United We Dream to create a committee that would directly affect for creating policies. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Edwards and Christie absent.

Mr. Joe Tirado, 221 Caylor St., 77001, (832)282-6532 appeared and stated that he was a comedian and a film makers here in Houston, the subject that he was speaking about is open carry comments that Mayor Turner appointed the new Chief of Police which he had spoken to him a couple times through e-mail, basically the point is that licensed gun holders are not the problem, the Chief seems to have a great since of humor and good personality, so does Mayor Turner, he was a former I-POD Member, an Independent Police Oversight Board Member, he drove around with the Police and he loved doing that, he did that for 3 years, the tone that some people take about licensed gun holders that have an in creditable low conviction rate on crimes which really needs to be championed, he was just asking to watch the word chooses on the open carry stuff, they are champions of following the rule of law and after the law became legal people who were against like the new Chief and the former Police Chief and which he is still waiting to hear why they were against it but they are good people. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Le Travis, Gallegos, Edwards and Christie absent.

Mr. James Rasmus, 5403 Brinkman, 77091, (713)683-0945 appeared and stated he was a 37 year resident of Shepherd Park Terrace that is located in Northwest Houston with about 400 homes, a Deed Restricted Neighborhood, about 2 months ago an enterprise entered into their neighborhood that opened a half-way house for drug abusers and alcoholic abusers, the letter was sent to the individual to let them know that they were in violation of their Deed Restrictions and he presented a copy of information to each of the Council Members, they are not asking for a hand out they are simply asking for a hand, they really did not need the City Attorney to get involved in this, this could had been done by the DRT, he had spoken to other people that work in the area, the business is not licensed, they do not have a Certificate of Occupancies, they are in a Deed Restricted area, they can write tickets to them which can cost them \$2,000.00 per day that would drive out the profit motivate; the problem is this, Shepherd Park Terrace, when everyone was running to the Woodland, Sugarland, they were the ones that stayed there, stood their ground and made this a great neighborhood and now their property values are doubling not because of something like that, how would they like to live by a brothel or a crack house that is exactly what is going on, the fiber of their community is challenged, he had stop one of the gentlemen that was walking that was playing some profanity lace music and told him they do not do that over in this neighborhood, they are so tight, they do not allow their kids to stand on the corners in the neighborhood that is an example on how tight they are, he takes this as a slap on their face, he could have 300 to 400 people back behind him but he is embarrassed on what is going on in the neighborhood, he served on the Harris County Appraisal District Review Board, they have things called Negative Influence and that property has a Negative influence on their

property values in their neighborhood, he is asking this, is sent the DRT out there to close it down. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Edwards and Christie absent.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Rasmus at length.

Council Member Green requested that Ms. Arva Howard to the podium to answer some questions by Members of Council.

Ms. Howard is an Assistant City Attorney and she stated that this is a Civil Rights Act because they are claiming that they are recovering addicts, that is a protected class in the Fair Housing Act as well as the American for Disability Act, just like they do not have an occupancy permit for their home, they do not either, the law deems them to be a single family, the law allows their use of the house even through it is rented.

Members questioned Ms. Howard.

Mr. Joshua De La Cerda, 4902 Sabrina Dr., 77066, (832)439-6575 appeared and stated the quality of the City drinking water had long been contested, news report in the last few years had shown radiation and chromium in the City tap water, the residents should not be exposed to harmful chemicals that might cause cancer, better standards are need to protect the Public and the commercial waste that contaminated the water; the other issue he wants to bring up was air pollution caused by Chemical Plants and these Chemical Plants should publicize risk management plans to prevent further incidents of chemical explosions and spills, the Government should hold these companies accountable for their actions, contracts should not be given to these companies that disregard human life, although the issue of these companies involved multiple agencies and governments and please have the City act in the public interest and presented for the Mayor the report and the news articles to submit. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Travis, Gallegos, Laster, Edwards and Christie absent. **NO QUORUM**

Ms. Daphne Brown-Pradia, 5412 Candlecrest, 77091, (832)671-2546 appeared and stated that this was actually a continuation of what her neighbor James Rasmus stated and she would cut right to the core, they gave the situation and there should be some type of regulation even through it had been identified as a place of recovery and it not that they do not have compassion for people in recovery but this group of men, they are not acting like people in recovery and her understanding is that the notion that it can be in that protected class, there is evidence of continued recovery, he purpose here is today is that there is no evidence of continuing recovery and the evidence that she sees wandering at odd hours, loud music, the appearance of being disconnected of being disconnected or being just plain high and that is not evidence of continued recovery, she wanted to give the nuggets that are needed for the attorneys to do their job to demolish this strong hold with evidence, the door is left open, lounging around, un-productive activity, they are drawing attention to themselves, they are not good neighbors, this house is subleased and it is against the Deed Restrictions, they cannot sublease but they come back with a different set up and she is asking if the DRT Team could go out and ticket them because there is a business at work , they have business cards with their names, in the medium to long term if they can somehow address these with the Members of Council help in some type of Ordinance to overcome this because this is happening in all neighborhoods. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Gallegos, Edwards and Christie absent. **NO QUORUM**

Members of Council questioned Ms. Brown-Pradia

Mr. Aaron Regberg, 2720 Chenevert St., 77004, no phone, appeared and stated that he is concerned about his community, he is a resident of District D and he is here to request Council to work with the Mayor to put policies in place to protect and create safe places for the immigrants, Latin, Blacks, LGBT, Refugees, Jewish and Muslims communities, he was raised to embrace the diversity in his neighborhood and many of his friends, family and neighbors are in danger because of the President Elect Anti-Immigrant Laws, separations of families will increase, his concern is rooted in the fact is that they are no longer live in the same condition before this year's election, he knows that there is a lot that they can do here locally and at the State level to protect their communities in Houston, they need dedicated and solid policies to protect the immigrant communities and to be clear they are not asking for a statement from the Mayor but an enactment from the United We Dream policy recommendations, their communities in a state of emergency and they must act before the Inguration on January 20th, they need something before the year ends, his community in a state of emergency and Houston is home. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Gallegos, Edwards and Christie absent. **NO QUORUM**

Ms. Deborah Allen, P.O. Box 263252, 77027, (713)264-0127 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Gallegos, Edwards and Christie absent. **NO QUORUM**

Mr. Reginald Moore, 8619 Barronwood Circle East, 77083, (281)465-1869 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Gallegos, Edwards and Christie absent. **NO QUORUM**

Ms. Gloria Zenteno, 7742 Broadview, 77061, (281)825-7834 appeared and presented information and stated that she is the founder and CEO of Barrio Dogs Incorporated and a partner of United Force Solution, she is a native Houstonian, she grew up in Houston East End, she did not have any really concept of the animal issue until she moved back into her neighborhood about 12 years ago, she was horrified by the amount of street animals that were dead, sick, chained up and just walking around on her street and she would witness something everyday, she wanted to do something to change her community and that is how Barrio Dogs was born, she did not think rescue was a solution even through their organization had rescued 100 animals off of Houston East End streets, Barrio Dogs true reason is education and getting to the root of the problem in the schools and the community and working with others they here one common threat, "too many animals, not enough adopters", so that is how United Force Solution was started, United Force Solution has nearly 50 partners that are not only animal welfare groups but local businesses, Civic Associations and caring advocates that want to solve this issue and they believed a big solution would be big public awareness, more free and low cost spay and neutered solution and more education, this is becoming a serious health and safety issue for many Houstonians and a quality of life concern for many residents, they are happy to be supported by Council Members Gallegos and Cisneros on an initiative called Big Fix Houston, it supposed to be a series of events where United of Solution would help coordinate with service providers like BARC, Harris County Animal Shelter and several animal private clinics in February of 2017 to bring awareness and to address Houston animal overpopulation issue. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Gallegos, Edwards and Christie absent. **NO QUORUM**

Members of Council questioned Ms. Zenteno.

Mr. Trang-Thu Duong, 903 Oakhurst St. Apt. No. 1, 77023, no phone, had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Gallegos, Edwards and Christie absent. **NO QUORUM**

Mr. David Briseno, 7500 Bellaire Blvd., 77036, (713)828-4512 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Gallegos, Edwards and Christie absent. **NO QUORUM**

Mr. Mario A. Salinas, 7500 Bellaire Blvd., 77036, (713)828-4512 appeared and stated that he is a proud 4th generation Houstonian and as a person who stutters and he will share his comments as clearly as he can, he grew up a few blocks from here in 6th Ward, he was always proud to live in a City that is so diverse and knowing that he lived in a town where folks came from all over the world to build something better after all that is how all our family got here, yesterday when Mayor Turner had his press conference, it was good to hear him say the words that this is a welcoming City and there are people in this town that go unrecognized everyday and they look forward to work with Members of Council to make policies, if they have their backs, they would have theirs. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Gallegos, Kubosh, Edwards and Christie absent. **NO QUORUM**

Mr. Joseph Ballard, 6302 Rocky Nook, Humble, TX, 77396, (281)850-0388 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Gallegos, Kubosh, Edwards and Christie absent. **NO QUORUM**

Ms. Mary Filley, 5511 San Jacinto, 77004, (713)529-3713 appeared and stated that this is somewhat cycling related and there are other things, the City has the Super Bowl coming, she uses her bike to get to work and stadiums because there is really no parking and there has been some problem on getting the 3ft Safety Ordinance Passed and they are encouraging people to bike to the related Super Bowl events and there are some places that do not have a safe passage way Ordinance and during Super Bowl, Officer Pena stated that he will try to get signs to encourage cycling and maybe they can get that ball rolling so they can get the message out and she presented a picture of a bike of one of her colleagues that uses her bike to get to work and had uses alternative method of transportation like using the Metro Rail. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Gallegos, Kubosh, Edwards and Christie absent. **NO QUORUM**

Members of Council questioned Ms. Filley.

Mr. Javier Huamani, 3647 Cypressdale Dr., Spring, TX, 77388, (832)620-8615 appeared and stated that he is a 25 year old undocumented immigrant from Houston Texas, he was born in Peru, he spent majority of his life in Houston and went to school in Northside of Houston and after High School, he attend Texas University in Austin and then he came back to Houston to practice Mechanical Engineering and his explained why his parents brought them to United States to follow a dream and this dream was to have a healthy and secured life and growing up being undocumented meant being alone sometimes and being silent because his parents had to work very long shifts and his parents were not able to live with him for majority of the time which also meant that he had to lie to his friends on why he did not have a license, despite these issue his parents taught him about patience, tears and sacrifice and with these sacrifices his parents still work at the jobs that they started 17 years ago and with these sacrifices he was able to go to college, his Uncle was stopped by Police Enforcement for a broken taillight and they turned him over to County Law Enforcement which he was detained and deported and left his family and his son which was born in the United States and he has had a lot of his family members call him because they are scared of the Political Environment and has caused fear in

his family, Houston is their home and they should feel safe in their home. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Gallegos, Green and Edwards absent. **NO QUORUM**

Mr. Kelvin Williams. 100 East 45th St., 77018, (713)320-9556 appeared and stated that they call him the Urban Farmer and he is here on behalf of a Garden that is in 5th Ward, he already spoken to their Representative Council Member Davis and he is here today requesting help, they have a situation in 5th Ward where they had a garden a community garden and they had been kicked off the land, they do not have a problem being kicked off the land because it has happened before but the problem is they have not been able to get their supplies, they have been told them they cannot come back on the property, they just got finished planting the winter crop and he is asking for someone to help them negotiate so they can just get their stuff, there had been many kids and many other institutions and as far as the City came out and donated that to the community, this is how he got started and the community has always had access to fresh produce and they can come to participate and they had sold it to restaurants that had supported it, this is a place where he can teach kids and he taught 250 kids at one time at that garden; they just want their supplies and they are just looking for someone to step in and Council Member Davis said that he would do his part and he is asking the Council Members to do their part. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Gallegos, Green and Edwards absent. **NO QUORUM**

Council Member Robinson questioned Mr. Williams.

Mr. Mitch Carter, 3823 Cosby, 77021, (832)594-6566 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Gallegos, Green and Edwards absent. **NO QUORUM**

Mr. James Partsch-Galvan, 2705 Terry St., 77009, (713)528-26076566 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Gallegos, Green and Edwards absent. **NO QUORUM**

Mr. William Beal, 10 Remington Ln., 77005, no phone, had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Gallegos, Green and Edwards absent. **NO QUORUM**

Mr. Henry Sanchez, 6702 Lawndale St., 77023, (201)736-8233 appeared and stated that he wanted to thank Mayor Turner for making Houston a welcoming City in his press conference yesterday and opening the welcoming the Open Houston Plan to work with the immigrant community and the Houston Immigrant Leaders to find the best practices and to design a kind of policy to provide safety for the Immigrant population and the immigrant population takes up 29% of Houston labor force, it takes up 31% of Business Owners. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Gallegos, Green, Edwards and Christie absent. **NO QUORUM**

Mr. Damaris Gonzalez, 9034 Beechnut, 77036, (832)774-7704 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Gallegos, Green, Edwards and Christie absent. **NO QUORUM**

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 Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Gallegos, Green, Edwards and Christie absent. **NO QUORUM**

Ms. Tomaro Bell, 3248 Charleston St., 77021, (713)825-8449 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Gallegos, Green, Edwards and Christie absent. **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 4:40 p.m. The City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, December 14, 2016, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Gallegos, Green, Edwards and Christie absent. **NO QUORUM**

At 8:25 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, December 14, 2016, Mayor Pro Tem Ellen Cohen presiding, with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jerry Davis, Dwight Boykins, 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. Mayor Turner out of the city on city business and Council Member Dave Martin absent on personal business.

At 9:06 a.m. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen called the meeting into order and requested the City Secretary to call the Public Hearing. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Le, Knox, Kubosh and Edwards absent.

1. PUBLIC HEARING regarding a fourth amendment to the Project Plan and Reinvestment Zone Financing Plan for **REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER TWENTY (SOUTHWEST HOUSTON) DISTRICTS F - LE and J - LASTER** – was presented,

Carnell Emanuel, Economic Development Analyst and Jennifer Curley, Financial Analyst made the following remarks:

On August 4, 2016, the Board of Directors of Reinvestment Zone Number Twenty (“Southwest Houston Zone”) and the Southwest Houston Redevelopment Authority originally approved a Fourth Amendment to the Southwest Houston Zone’s Project Plan and Reinvestment Zone Financing Plan (“Plan”) and forwarded the Plan to the City Council for consideration. Subsequent changes were made to the plan and on December 13, 2016, the board approved the final version you see today.

In accordance with Sections 311.003 and 311.011 of the Texas Tax Code, a municipality must hold a public hearing when proposed amendments to a Project Plan include changes that increase the total estimated project costs stated in a Project Plan, or reduces or enlarges the boundaries of a Zone. The public hearing today is regarding the proposed Fourth Amendment to the Southwest Houston TIRZ Project Plan and Reinvestment Zone Financing Plan.

In brief, the Fourth Amended Plan provides for the design and construction of public infrastructure improvements such as roadway reconstruction, public utility system replacement and upgrades, public transit improvements and parks, and allows for improvements to the

Sharpstown swimming pool, golf course and public facilities. It also allows for land acquisition relating to the mall redevelopment.

The Amended Plan increases the percentage of tax increment that the City will contribute to the area annexed into the Southwest Houston Zone in 2013 to 100% of its tax increments generated within that annexed area.

The Amended Plan also contemplates a life extension of Zone through December 31, 2040.

Projected tax increment revenues are sufficient to support the projects in the Plan.

In closing, City staff has worked with the Southwest Houston Redevelopment Authority, the community and the council member's office on the proposed Fourth Amended Plan and will bring forth a recommendation for City Council to approve the plan amendment on December 20th. There is no further action required by council today.

Mayor Pro Tem Cohen requested the City Secretary to call the List of Speakers for Item 1.

Ms. Chimei Lin, 9800 Town Park, 77036, (832)212-8087 appeared and stated that she is the Executive Director of the Chinese Community Center and she is here today to request and express her support for their Southwest TIRZ. Council Members Davis and Le absent.

Council Member Boykins questioned Ms. Lin.

Ms. Pat Menville, 7042 Hendon St., (713)705-2092 appeared and stated that she is a resident of Sharpstown and she had lived there for over 25 years and she had served her community and expressed her support of the Southwest TIRZ and the future projects and expressed concerns of the mall in the Sharpstown area. Council Member Davis, Boykins and Le absent.

Council Member Laster questioned Ms. Menville.

Ms. Charmaine Leblanc, 7503 Croton, 77036, (281)687-1323 appeared and stated that she lived in Sharpstown for over the last 20 year and thinks that the new wall is amazing every time she drives by it and she expressed her support of the Southwest TIRZ. Council Members Davis, Boykins and Le absent.

Mr. Cecil Fong, 12054 E. Circle Dr., 77071, (832)758-2442 appeared and stated that he was on the Board of the Chinese Community Center and a longtime resident of the Houston area, he wanted to command the TIRZ 20 on the expansion of Bellaire Blvd., because they had a bad congestion problem and with the TIRZ 20 and the Southwest Management District had made life a lot easier and had improved the quality of life for the residents and requested support of the Southwest TIRZ. Council Members Davis, Boykins and Le absent.

Council Members questioned Mr. Fong.

Mr. Jim Bigham, 7911 Sharpview Dr., 77036, (713)568-8124 appeared and stated that he is from Southwest Houston and he is here to speak specifically on the proposed project plan for Reinvestment Zone 20, the Legal Notice that was published on December 5th, was incorrect and the last version was never approved by the TIRZ Board and it included some language of the first version and removed others, there had been no public engagement, the insider knows because they are here and there had been a lack of communication, nothing on the City website, nothing on the Zone website, no request for Public comment, no Public meetings, no

town halls, no notice from the Council Member Office; in the project plan there are not remotely near term projects that will provide measureable support for the mall and the Houston Baptist; his solution and what he requests is Council to listen, let's have some public engagement, let's have some community meetings and if the projects are great they would have the support of the community and then they can move forward. Council Members Davis and Le absent.

Mr. Michael Bercu, 10714 Plainfield St., 77031, (713)906-7501 appeared and stated thank Council for letting him express his view in support of the 4th Amendment to the TIRZ Project 20 and he lives in a house that borders on TIRZ 20 that is along the bayou and they had been there since 1976, he is the President of Southwest Houston 2000 a Nonprofit Civic Organization of businesses, homeowners association, faith based, nonprofit institutions and key leaders and their vision is simple to make Southwest the best place to live, work and learn and the TIRZ 20 amended plan will help the redevelopment of their area and it would be a potential upgrade of green space for conservation and human recreation and he requested a vote in favor of this Amendment. Council Members Davis, Boykins, and Le absent.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Bercu.

Ms. Marcy Williams, 7626 Bankside Dr., 77071, (713)774-3150 appeared and stated that she was President of Brays Oaks Super Neighborhood and she lives in the Southwest area, she wanted to express her support for the TIRZ 20 Amended Project Plan which among other is to reposition former Sharpstown mall and she had lived in the area for 29 years. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Le and Knox absent.

Council Member Robinson questioned Ms. Williams.

Mayor Pro Tem Cohen asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak on Item 1 for the Public Hearing and if so please come forward and state their name.

David Hawes, no address, no phone, appeared and stated that he is the Executive Director of TIRZ 20 and he wanted to wrap up some factual things, the project in this amended plan is the same project that they approved in 2015, the projects have not changed, and there was considerable public engagement in 2015, they sent out cards and mailed out everything to the community and to the mall concern he cannot speak much about the mall because they have on-going negotiations and as far as HBU all they have to do is drive by it and see the improvements they have already made. Council Members Davis and Boykins absent.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Hawes.

Mayor Pro Tem Cohen stated again if there was anyone else who would like to speak on Item 1 for the Public Hearing and seeing none she requested a motion to close the Public Hearing.

Council Member Laster moved to close the Public Hearing regarding a fourth amendment to the Project Plan and Reinvestment Zone Financing Plan for REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER TWENTY and seconded by Council Member Stardig, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Boykins and Davis absent. **MOTION 2016-0594 ADOPTED**

Council Member Green moved to suspend the rules to consider Items 30,31, 32 before the Consent Agenda and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis and Boykins absent. **MOTION 2016-0595 ADOPTED**

30. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing second amendment to Interlocal Agreement between the City and the **HARRIS COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT** for the Willow

Waterhole Detention Facilities - **DISTRICT K – GREEN**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0968 ADOPTED**

31. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing agreement between the City of Houston, Texas, **FRIENDS OF LEVITT PAVILION HOUSTON**, and **MORTIMER & MIMI LEVITT FOUNDATION** regarding the **LEVITT PAVILION** at Willow Waterhole - **DISTRICT K - GREEN**

This item should only be considered after passage of Item 30 above-was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0969 ADOPTED**

32. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Supplemental Agreement to the Lease Agreement between the City and **HOUSTON FIRST CORPORATION** relating to the Levitt Pavilion **DISTRICT K - GREEN**

This item should only be considered after passage of Item 31 above- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0970 ADOPTED**

Council Member Green stated that he wanted to thank Council for approving the Willow Waterhole Levitt Pavilion Project and they had several Stakeholders that were present in the audience and he requested them to stand to be recognized.

At 9:45 a.m. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen requested the City Secretary call the Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 2 through 42

MISCELLANEOUS - NUMBER 2

2. **RECOMMENDATION** from the Mayor's Office for renewal of membership in the **HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL** - \$83,978.04 - General Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Stardig and seconded by Council Member Robinson and Council Member Travis stated he was requesting to tag Item 2, with a discussion,

Council Member Davis moved that Item 2 be considered with Items removed from the consent agenda and seconded by Council Member Knox, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2016-0596 ADOPTED**

ACCEPT WORK - NUMBERS 3 through 8

3. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$5,876,114.42 and acceptance of work on contract with **TRIPLE B SERVICES, L.L.P.** for Hayes Road Paving and Drainage: Briar Forest Drive to Wilcrest Drive 1.52% over the original contract amount, and under 5% contingency amount - **DISTRICT G – TRAVIS**- was presented, moved by Council Member Stardig and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2016-0597 ADOPTED**

4. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$1,455,484.71 and acceptance of work on contract with **NORTH HOUSTON POLE LINE, L.P.** for Wastewater Collection System Rehabilitation and Renewal (4235-49) - 2.40% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICTS A - STARDIG; B - DAVIS; C - COHEN; D - BOYKINS; F - LE and I – GALLEGOS**- was presented, moved by Council Member Stardig and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2016-0598 ADOPTED**
5. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$425,547.54 and acceptance of work on contract with **CLEANSERVE, INC** for Sanitary Sewer Cleaning and Television Inspection In Support of Rehabilitation 4.90% under the original contract amount - (4277-55)- was presented, moved by Council Member Stardig and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2016-0599 ADOPTED**
6. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$465,832.92 and acceptance of work on contract with **CLEANSERVE, INC** for Sanitary Sewer Cleaning and Television Inspection In Support of Rehabilitation 4.11% over the original contract amount - (4277-56)- was presented, moved by Council Member Stardig and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2016-0600 ADOPTED**
7. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$2,964,580.75 and acceptance of work on contract with **PM CONSTRUCTION & REHAB, LLC** for Wastewater Collection System Rehabilitation and Renewal (4235-60) - 2.43% over the original contract amount- was presented, moved by Council Member Stardig and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2016-0601 ADOPTED**
8. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$2,537,376.70 and acceptance of work on contract with **PM CONSTRUCTION & REHAB, LLC** for Wastewater Collection System Rehabilitation and Renewal (4235-61) - 3.12% under the original contract amount- was presented, moved by Council Member Stardig and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2016-0602 ADOPTED**

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS - NUMBER 9

9. **FIRE PUMP SPECIALTY** for Hale Fire Pump Replacement Parts and Repair Services for Fleet Management Department - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$2,017,760.00 - Fleet Management Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2016-0603 ADOPTED**

RESOLUTIONS - NUMBERS 17 and 19

17. **RESOLUTION** designating the **Max and Helen Rosenbaum House** located at 5219 South Braeswood Boulevard, within the City of Houston as a landmark and protected landmark

DISTRICT C – COHEN- the City Secretary advised that Item 17 had been pulled by the Administration and will not be considered.

19. **RESOLUTION** designating **Saint Elizabeth Hospital** located at 4514 Lyons Avenue, within the City of Houston as a landmark and protected landmark - **DISTRICT B – DAVIS**- the City Secretary advised that Item 19 had been pulled by the Administration and will not be considered.

ORDINANCES - NUMBERS 21 through 42

21. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Purchase and Sale Agreement between the City of Houston, Texas, Seller, and **KHAWAR & SONS, INC**, Purchaser, for the sale of approximately 2.0432 acres of land located at 15085 Bellaire Boulevard, Houston, Harris County, Texas [Parcel No. SY11-058], for \$578,520.00 - **DISTRICT F – LE**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0971 ADOPTED**

23. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing fourth amendments to various vendor agreements between the City and **ALPHA EYECARE ASSOCIATES PLLC, ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION - HOUSTON & SOUTHEAST TEXAS CHAPTER, CHINESE COMMUNITY CENTER, INC, COUNCIL FOR HEALTH EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT, LLC, DINSMORE MEDICAL SYSTEMS, LLC, GATEWAY TO CARE, LONE STAR LEGAL AID, MONTROSE COUNSELING CENTER, INC, HEIGHTS HEARING AIDS, LLC, RONALD L. NORSWORTHY, INC, dba HOME HELPERS OF FORT BEND, TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY, and the UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER AT HOUSTON**, respectively, to extend the term of the contracts for support services to the elderly provided through the **HARRIS COUNTY AREA AGENCY ON AGING**; approving and authorizing fifth amendments to various vendor agreements between the City and **MPJ AUDIOLOGY CONSULTANT, LLC, NEIGHBORHOOD CENTERS, INC, and PERRYLEE HOME HEALTH CARE SERVICES, INC**, respectively, to extend the term of the contracts for support services to the elderly provided through the Harris County Area Agency on Aging; approving an ordinance amending Ordinance Number 2009-0689, as amended, to increase the maximum contract amount of the contract between the City and **DINSMORE MEDICAL SYSTEMS, LLC** for support services- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0972 ADOPTED**

26. **ORDINANCE** relating to the retail gas rates of **CENTERPOINT ENERGY ENTEX** within the City of Houston, Texas; suspending for ninety days the effective date of new rates and revised rate schedules; maintaining current rates in effect- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0973 ADOPTED**

28. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing execution of Compromise and Settlement Agreement between **DIANE YBARRA** and the City of Houston to settle a lawsuit - \$150,000.00 - Property and Casualty Fund- the City Secretary advised that Item 28 had not been received and if received, would be considered at the end of the Agenda.

- 33. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$1,672.00 from Parks and Recreation Dedication Funds and \$150,000.00 from Parks Special Funds, to the Public Works and Engineering - W & S System Operating Funds, for the transfer of land located at 5703 Eastex Freeway (Parcel IT16-005) Houston, Harris County, Texas, from the Public Works and Engineering Department to the Parks and Recreation Department - **DISTRICT H – CISNEROS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0974 ADOPTED**
- 34. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$30,000.00 out of General Improvement Consolidated Construction Fund, \$180,000.00 out of Parks Consolidated Construction Fund, \$140,000.00 out of Fire Consolidated Construction Fund, \$100,000.00 out of Police Consolidated Construction Fund, \$100,000.00 out of Solid Waste Consolidated Construction Fund, \$120,000.00 out of Public Health Consolidated Fund as an appropriation to the FY2017 Professional Environmental Consulting Services Task Order Program for Comprehensive Environmental Consulting Services for various City Departments (Approved by Ordinance Number 2012-0900)- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0975 ADOPTED**
- 35. ORDINANCE** consenting to the addition of 40.643 acres of land to **HARRIS COUNTY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 4, (also known as the ENERGY CORRIDOR MANAGEMENT DISTRICT)**, for inclusion in its District - **DISTRICTS A - STARDIG and G – TRAVIS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0976 ADOPTED**
- 36. ORDINANCE** consenting to the addition of 2.948 acres of land to **HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 153**, for inclusion in its district- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0977 ADOPTED**
- 37. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$5,000,000.00 out of Airports Improvement Fund as an additional appropriation for Professional On-Call Environmental Consulting Services Contract between the City of Houston and **RS&H, INC** for the Houston Airport System; amending Ordinance No. 2014-802 to increase the maximum contract amount - **DISTRICTS B - DAVIS; E - MARTIN and I – GALLEGOS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0978 ADOPTED**
- 38. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$210,000.00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF as an additional appropriation to Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **SES HORIZON CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC** for Local Drainage Project Design Work Orders (Approved by Ordinance No. 2013-0033, as amended); providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0979 ADOPTED**
- 40. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$2,919,200.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **CSA CONSTRUCTION, INC** for Sims North Wastewater Treatment Plant Waste and Debris Handling and Disposal Station; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering and testing services, CIP Cost Recovery, design services during construction, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0980 ADOPTED**

- 41. ORDINANCE** No. 2016-0907, passed second reading December 7, 2016
ORDINANCE granting to **ACO WASTE SOLUTION, INC, a Texas corporation**, the right, privilege, and franchise to collect, haul, and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions - **THIRD AND FINAL READING** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0907 ADOPTED THIRD AND FINAL READING IN FULL**
- 42. ORDINANCE** No. 2016-0908, passed second reading December 7, 2016
ORDINANCE granting to **ROLL OFF KING, LLC, a Texas Limited Liability Company**, the right, privilege, and franchise to collect, haul, and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions - **THIRD AND FINAL READING**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0908 ADOPTED THIRD AND FINAL READING IN FULL**

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

- 2. RECOMMENDATION** from the Mayor's Office for renewal of membership in the **HOUSTON GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL** - \$83,978.04 - General Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Stardig and seconded by Council Member Robinson.

After a lengthy discussion Council Member Travis tagged Item 2. Council Member Kubosh absent.

- 10. J. DAVIS AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, INC dba GULFGATE DODGE CHRYSLER JEEP, INC** for Chrysler OEM Replacement Parts and Repair Services for the Fleet Management Department 3 Years with two one-year options - \$1,128,597.00 - Fleet Management Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Knox, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Boykins and Kubosh absent. **MOTION 2016-0604 ADOPTED**
- 11. SILSBEE FORD, INC** for Light-Duty Vehicles through the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative (BuyBoard) for the Houston Police Department - \$154,792.00 - Grant Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Boykins and Kubosh absent. **MOTION 2016-0605 ADOPTED**
- 12. AMEND MOTION #2010-540, 7/14/2010, TO INCREASE** spending authority from \$7,165,015.54 to \$10,031,021.76 for Chemical, Caustic Soda for the Department of Public Works & Engineering Enterprise Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Boykins and Kubosh absent. **MOTION 2016-0606 ADOPTED**

- 13. MICROSOFT CORPORATION** for approval of spending authority in an amount not to exceed \$405,200.00 for Implementation of Microsoft Office365 for the fleet of City desktops through the Texas Department of Information Resources for Various Departments - 1 Year - Central Service Revolving Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Kubosh absent. **MOTION 2016-0607 ADOPTED**
- 14. LUMENATE TECHNOLOGIES, LP** - \$403,176.63 and **DATAVOX, INC** - \$323,062.38 for approval of spending authority in an amount not to exceed \$726,239.01 for Purchase of Hardware and Professional Services for the Fannin Data Center through the Texas Department of Information Resources for the Houston Information Technology Services - Equipment Acquisition and Central Service Revolving Funds- was presented, moved by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Kubosh absent. **MOTION 2016-0608 ADOPTED**
- 15. RESOLUTION** approving issuance and sale by Houston Housing Finance Corporation of Multifamily Mortgage Revenue Note (The Pointe at Crestmont Apartments) Series 2017 **DISTRICT D – BOYKINS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Kubosh absent. **RESOLUTION 2016-0046 ADOPTED**
- 16. RESOLUTION** designating **Freedmen’s Town Historic Rental Initiative Houses** located in a four-square block area bound by Genesee, Robin, Bailey, and Ruthven Streets within the City of Houston as protected landmarks - **DISTRICT C – COHEN**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Kubosh absent. **RESOLUTION 2016-0047 ADOPTED**
- 18. RESOLUTION** designating the **W. P. Mulcahy House** located at 1046 Harvard Street within the City of Houston as a landmark and protected landmark - **DISTRICT C – COHEN**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Kubosh absent. **RESOLUTION 2016-0048 ADOPTED**
- 20. RESOLUTION** designating the **Scholibo Building** located at 912 Prairie Street within the City of Houston as a landmark and protected landmark - **DISTRICT I – GALLEGOS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Kubosh absent. **RESOLUTION 2016-0049 ADOPTED**
- 22. ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing the Director of the City of Houston Health Department (“Director”) to accept a grant award from the **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION** for the Surveillance, Intervention and Referral to Services Activities for infants with Microcephaly or other adverse outcomes linked with the Zika Virus - High Risk Local Areas; 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, Council Member Christie voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Kubosh absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0981 ADOPTED**
- 24. ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing submission of an Electronic Application for Grant Assistance to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, for the FY2016 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program; declaring the City’s eligibility for such grant; authorizing the

Chief of the Houston Fire Department to act as the City's representative in the application process, to accept such grant funds, if awarded, and to apply for and accept all subsequent awards, if any, pertaining to the program- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Kubosh absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0982 ADOPTED**

25. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing first amendment to contract between the City of Houston and **CYPRESS CREEK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT** for Fire Protection Services to extend the term and amend the equipment requirement; amending Ordinance No. 2011-1183 to increase the maximum contract amount - \$463,000.00 - General Fund- was present and tagged by Council Member Edwards. Council Member Kubosh absent.

27. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2014-443 to increase the maximum contract amount to Contract No. 4600012752 between the City of Houston and **DIVERSIFIED UTILITY CONSULTANTS, INC** for Professional Consulting Services for Electric, Gas and Water Regulatory and Technical Professional Consulting Services for the Administration and Regulatory Affairs Department - \$136,000.00 - General Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Kubosh absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0983 ADOPTED**

29. ORDINANCE appropriating \$75,055.00 out of Contributed Capital Project Fund for Various Council District Service Fund Projects - **DISTRICTS A - STARDIG; C - COHEN and H – CISNEROS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Kubosh absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0984 ADOPTED**

39. ORDINANCE finding and determining public convenience and necessity for the acquisition of real property interests in connection with the public improvement project known as the Corner Clips Intersection and Safety Improvements Project; authorizing the acquisition of fee simple or easement interest to three parcels of land required for the project and situated in the James Wells Survey, Abstract No. 830 and R.J. Channel Survey, Abstract No. 1615, in Harris County, Texas, said parcels of land being located at the northeast and southwest corners of South Gessner Road and Beechnut Street, and the southwest corner of West Airport Boulevard and Riceville School Road, in Houston, Harris County, Texas, by gift, dedication, purchase and the use of eminent domain and further authorizing payment of the costs of such purchases and/or eminent domain proceedings and associated costs for relocation assistance, appraisal fees, title policies/services, recording fees, court costs, and expert witness fees in connection with the acquisition of fee simple or easement interest to three parcels of land required for the project - **DISTRICTS J - LASTER and K – GREEN-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Kubosh absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0985 ADOPTED**

MATTERS HELD - NUMBER 43

43. ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 46 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS, relating to Vehicles for Hire; containing findings and other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; providing for severability - **TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LASTER** This was Item 15 on Agenda of December 7, 2016- was presented,

Mayor Pro Tem Cohen made the following statement:

Item 43 is a consideration of Changes to Chapter 46 of the Code of Ordinances. As you all know, the City has reached a compromise with Uber that will keep them in Houston through the Super Bowl, while not changing the City's position on fingerprint background checks. The changes that are being proposed to Chapter 46 reflect that agreement. However, this hasn't just been a conversation with Uber. The Mayor and City staff have met with stakeholders from the limousine industry and the taxi industry and what is being presented are changes that benefit the entire vehicle for hire industry as well as the City of Houston:

Because of these changes, ALL vehicle for hire drivers – taxi drivers, limo drivers, Uber drivers will be saving around \$120 on what they pay to be compliant with our licensing requirements;

Drivers can be onboarded more quickly, which is very important as our company's ramp up for Super Bowl. We have letters of support from both Central Houston and the Host Committee congratulating the City on taking these steps to streamline processes and work with the vehicle-for-hire industry to reach a win/win for Houston.

And as we streamline our processes, we hope to see cost savings for the City. The Administration has committed to performing a cost of service study in January to determine whether permit fee reductions are in order as a result of a lower cost of service due to greater efficiency.

Finally, there's been a lot of discussion this week on Uber's new policy on location services after a ride is concluded. That is a national company policy that has nothing to do with the City ordinance.

After a lengthy discussion Mayor Pro Tem Cohen called for a vote on Item 43, Council Members Stardig, Laster, Knox and Christie voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Kubosh absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0986 ADOPTED**

The City Secretary advised that Item 28 had been received.

28. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing execution of Compromise and Settlement Agreement between **DIANE YBARRA** and the City of Houston to settle a lawsuit - \$150,000.00 - Property and Casualty Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Kubosh absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0987 ADOPTED**

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

Members of Council announced events and discussed matters of interest.

There being no further business before Council; the City Council adjourned at 11:36 a.m. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Le, Travis, Green, Knox and Kubosh absent. **DETAILED INFORMATION ON FILE ON THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY**

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

Anna Russell, City Secretary