

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, January 31, 2017

A regular meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 31, 2017; 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, Michael Kubosh, Amanda Edwards and Jack Christie D.C.; Randy Zamora, Legal Department; Ms. Marta Crinejo Agenda Director and Stella Ortega Agenda Office present.

At 1:42 p.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting to order and stated that Council would start with presentations. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Gallegos, Laster and Robinson absent.

Council Member Kubosh stated that Off the Field Players' Wives Association (OTF) is the official National Football League (NFL) players' wives association and is comprised of talented and diverse wives of active and retired professional football players. Its mission is to unite and empower its members to perform and support philanthropic initiatives that enhance the quality of life for families in the community, since its inception in 2006, OTF has contributed more than \$850,000 to various charitable organizations, helping create awareness of children and family needs in the community through local and national charitable organization and on February 3, 2017, OTF will host its 16th Annual NFL Wives Fashion Extravaganza where 40 NFL wives will walk the runway in fashions from Toosties, a long-standing, exclusive emporium of the most elite European and American designers, accessories and shoes. A portion of the event's proceeds will benefit the Covenant House of Houston, which provides a loving environment and vital services to Houston's homeless, abandoned, abused, trafficked and exploited youth; the City of Houston commends and appreciates Off the Field Players' Wives Association for its commitment to giving selflessly to local worthwhile organizations and causes, helping improve the lives of many, and extends best wishes on a successful event and therefore, Mayor Turner proclaimed February 3, 2017, as Off the Field Players' Wives Association Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Gallegos and Robinson absent.

Council Member Le stated that the Houston Police Department plays an indispensable role in maintaining law and order in our city. Each day, area residents benefit from the perseverance of peace officers, and Houstonians deeply appreciate and respect the dedication, valor and service of the Houston Police Department, the effectiveness of the Major Offenders Division of the Houston Police Department is due to the accomplishments of its dedicated officers, particularly those who have acquired valuable expertise and skills through many years of experience. Senior Police Officer Stephen Dicker is one such able and skilled individual, having served the department, our city and its residents willingly and well since October 30, 1982 and after more than 34 years of service, Senior Police Officer Stephen Dicker has chosen to begin his well-earned retirement on December 31, 2016. In recognition and appreciation of his dedication and loyal service, the City of Houston congratulates and commends Senior Police Officer Stephen Dicker on this milestone occasion and extends best wishes for a long and happy retirement and therefore, Mayor Turner proclaimed January 31, 2017, as Senior Police Officer Stephen Dicker Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Travis and Robinson absent.

At 2:02 p.m. Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Laster for the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. Council Members Stardig, Travis, Knox and Robinson absent.

At 2:05 p.m. the roll was called. Council Members Stardig and Knox absent.

Council Member Kubosh moved to delay the adaption of January 24-25, 2017 minutes for one week and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Stardig and Knox absent. **MOTION ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Kubosh for a procedural motion.

Council Member Kubosh moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing Ms. Tomaro Bell out of order and seconded by Council Member Le, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Stardig and Knox absent. **MOTION 2017-0067 ADOPTED**

At 2:06 p.m. Mayor Turner requested the City Secretary to call the List of Speakers.

Ms. Ramona Peavy, 3018 Rosalie St., 77004, (832)798-9378 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Stardig and Knox absent.

Ms. Mary Blitzer, 3610 Fannin St., 77004, (281)940-6139 appeared and stated that she is the Advocacy Director with Bike Houston and she wanted to come before Council to speak briefly about the progress they have had in moving Chapter 33 and the Bike Plan forward along with highlighting on why is so important for the people across the City, the final draft was presented in June of 2016 and since then they have been working to get through some final consensus on the details and working with the Super Neighborhood Alliance, Bike Houston, the Complete Streets Coalition, AARP and the Mayor's Office have been present, the Planning Department has been, just briefly to detail to them what is included changes to Chapter 33 which would codify the plan that the major thoroughfare would consider the Bike Plan, Public process on changes, the Bicycle Council would be appointed by the Mayor and some changes to the Bike Plan as well to really clarify it is not regulatory, it is a guide, that they are committing to building safe comfortable bikeways and Public engagement is a really critical portion of it, all these groups have been meeting throughout the month and coming up with the consensus, they do not see any outstanding issues, last Thursday there was a Public Hearing at the Planning Commission, there was 19 different groups of people that spoke there that was in favor, there were students there and really people coming to speak to them about their need to be safe on a ride home, late at night coming home from work and not sure everyone was aware that 42% of them are making less than \$25,000 a year, it is a critical health and safety issue, the City has received over 500 personal letters of support of the Bike Plan and she was going to pass out a pamphlet that will allow Members of Council to see from their Districts the letters of support that people have sent in. Council Members Boykins, Knox and Kubosh absent.

Ms. Tomaro Bell, 3248 Charleston St., 77021, (713)825-8449 appeared and stated that she presented an entire map of the Bike Plan, she does not know if anyone had looked at the entire map, she is in the process of getting it laminated but she wanted Council to see how massive this is and she wanted to thank Council Member Robinson for facilitating a meeting following the Planning Commission meeting because at the Planning Commission meeting they were deeply disappointed when they did not hear 3 of their major concerns that they have been repeating since the first time they came to Council after they read the whole 300 page document and one of the concerns was public engagement and the lack there of and to this day they do know that they are still working on it, they do not have a copy of the Bike Plan that includes public engagement, it does not exist, they have been working with them and they were supposed to get back with them for some answers but her point to Council is when they spoke to them, they told them they are trying to get this to the Planning Commission on Thursday and they are asking them why is there a hurry when they have not seen it in writing and yes they keep saying

they are working on it and they do know what that means which that does not mean anything to them; the public engagement part is necessary for this because of the impact it is going to have on the whole City and then they ask where is the Council role in all this process because if this goes to the IDM which is the Design Manual that gives PWE the authority and not Council and if the public cannot be engaged they expect the people that they elected to be involved and have the ability to speak on the public behalf and all there were asking is to hold it up until all of them can get an agreement in writing, they are trying to get this to the Planning Commission on Thursday, they have not even gotten all the words to solidify saying say what they are agreeing to do, only what they are not agreeing to do. Council Members Davis, Martin, Travis, Kubosh and Christie absent.

Mayor Turner stated the last time he spoke to Jane and she was saying that things are going very well and Members of Council questioned Ms. Bell at Length.

Mr. Joshua De La Cerda, 4902 Sabrina Dr., 77066, (832)439-6575 appeared and stated that the main issue he came here about was the quality of the City's water which he had received several calls from the City but he was unable to return them because he been at work and studying for exams; there was a Texas Tribune report back in March of 2016 where they claim that there was arsenic in the water of the City of Houston and back in September of 2016 the University of Houston main campus the water that is provide by the City of Houston and was instructed by the City to discontinue the use of the water and many people coming to visit the Super Bowl would not appreciate that their water could be contaminated with waste, arsenic and other chemicals, there is a lot of things that need to be done in regards to this; the other topic he wanted to speak about was the feeding ordinance and they have spoken about this in the past and had some petitions that were presented by an attorney, he believes it was about 75,000 signatures and not that much had changed and described a situation about people feeding the homeless and HPD got involved and asked the people to stop feeding the homeless and for them to leave and he believes because of the Super Bowl coming and they kinda had to remove the homeless from visibly sites which that was not humanistic but it was something that had to be done in at least the eyes of the local government. Council Members Davis, Martin, Travis, Laster and Kubosh absent.

Mr. Danny Asberry-EI, 5034 Rusk, 77023, (713)256-8460 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Martin, Travis, Laster and Kubosh absent.

Ms. Virginia Valentine, 15823 Rosethorn Ct., Cypress, TX, 77429, (281)455-2052 appeared and stated that there was devastation by a tornado in Southern Mississippi and she and several of her friends will be going up there February 24, 2017, she has been in contact with the Mayor and they will be taking clothing, furniture, accessories and toiletries to help them and read a verse from the Bible and she is asking if anyone would have any interest in helping her for support along with prayer as they journey on February 24th, she will be taking vehicles and asking for sponsors to help provide vehicles to help because she express how a golfing store provided her with bags, shoes and she thanks God for that and it looks like "we have Houstonians care to share". Council Members Davis, Martin, Travis, Laster, Green and Kubosh absent.

Mr. Willie Hawkins Jr., 11900 Grant Rd., Cypress, TX, 77429, (281)475-8161 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Martin, Travis, Laster, Green and Kubosh absent.

Mr. James Partsh-Galvan, 2705 Terry St., 77009, (713)528-2607 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Martin, Travis, Laster, Green and Kubosh absent.

Ms. Elizabeth McDonald, 8325 Broadway St., Pearland, TX, 77581, (713)614-5970 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Martin, Travis, Laster, Green and Kubosh absent.

Ms. Darlene Hosca-King, 6642 Hirondelet St., 77087, (832)892-3278 appeared and stated that she had served her community for over 35 years, she defines humane as benevolent and compassionate and she defines rights as what is justice and what is within the law, she believes in one nation under God and she had come here today to demand what is hers, in 2008 her property was taken against the constitution of this State, in 2015 her husband was discriminated against because of their religion, please do not hold them hostage and all she is asking for is 2 things; one, an investigation that is complete and thorough regarding her property and the second thing is that DeLoyd Parker and his so call village that oriented her young son to be homosexual and he was violated repeat by at a young age and asking for a thorough investigation on DeLoyd Parker and she is demanding justice today. Council Members Martin, Travis, Laster and Kubosh absent.

Council Member Boykins questioned Ms. Hosca-King.

Mr. David Jordan, 309 Euclid St., 77009, (713)652-4784 appeared and presented information and stated that he is a resident of the Woodland Heights and President of the Woodland Heights Civic Association from 2013 to 2014, the Civic Association covers 2,000 homes west of I45, in 2014-2015 despite their repeated request, neither the White Oak Music Hall and Super Neighborhood was willing to listen to them about the concerns of the Music Hall, when this City Council defines its current position by invoking prior, alleged community support, it did not come from any of the communities on the Westside because both the City and Super Neighborhood 51 which does not cover their neighborhood and White Oak Music Hall already made a deal, a deal that has now been voided by Super Neighborhood 51 and now he is currently passing out the current Temporary Injunction that the 55th District Court entered in last week and having White Oak Music Hall from engaging in any outdoor amplified music but for only 2 shows until the case is tried by a jury and in addition the order requires White Oak Music Hall and the Plaintiff, the community to place at White Oak Music Hall sound monitors at the edge of the property in 5 different locations and they have to report weekly to the Court when sound of any outdoor event that causes the levels to rise above 75 decibels at the property line of the venue, the order was after White Oak Music Hall's own expert testify under oath that the City of Houston Sound under the Ordinance was unenforceable and the Houston Police Department testified at trial that measuring Sound Ordinance was difficult, drains the City resources because HPD does not have the equipment and the Officers to monitor sound complaints properly and also during the trial White Oak Music Hall lied to the City of Houston and they admitted that there was no mention of an outdoor stage in the 380 application and they underestimated the attendance of people by 2,000 and copy of that 380 Agreement is also in the items that he passed out, what is unfortunate, it is the City job to protect the citizens but has not done so. Council Members Martin, Travis, Laster and Kubosh absent.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Jordan.

Ms. Beth Lousteau, 316 Goldenrod St., 77009, (713)806-0762 appeared and presented information and stated that there is something that the City can do to help them; two things, they can revoke the venue Sound Permit, this would limit the decibels to a more manageable 68

decibels and it is impossible for HPD to enforce the Ordinance but it would be a step in the right direction, they have submitted a petition with 78 signatures that was gather on very short notice back in August to Tina Paez and nothing had happen as the result of that but they do have the power to revoke the Sound Permit, also what the developers have them to believe, they are not talking about 9 noisy neighbors and most of the 9 named plaintiffs have not ever address the Council and like she mention 78 people signed the petition that was submitted to Ms. Paez complaining about the noise; secondly, they can pull the 380 Agreement, they are in breach of that Agreement, so Council can help them, they can prevent people who have lived in their homes all of their lives so they do not have to refinance their homes to cover the cost of litigation and for the developers comments that were made here that they have reached out to the communities but the communities have not returned their calls which that is simply not true, first of all if they are reaching out to Super Neighborhood 51, she is an elected Leader of Super Neighborhood 51 and they certainly have not reached out to her, they want to hid behind a 2 year old MOU that has since than been revoked, they have not contacted any of the Civic Associations in the area, they do not have support of any of the Associations and of the dozen plus neighbors that have come to address this to Council, none of them had been contacted but they chose to deny, deny that a problem existed and they claimed to Council of the 18 hours of music in 2016 and that is false, they would excluding the hundred plus shows of their other outdoor venue that was never permitted and was shut down in November, along with corporate events and even yoga believe it or not but they are not counting but more importantly they are quoting as saying 9 hours of music a month in going forward, that is more than 5 times the music from the lawn that they have erroneously stated that took place in 2016 and just wait until the permeant stage is built, things are going to get a lot worse and the outside venue is the only thing they have a problem with. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Kubosh and Christie absent.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Lousteau at length and Mayor Turner stated that it was dishearting that the last time they have discussed this, the person came to object to White Oaks but he was the one that sold the property which that was disheartening to him.

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

Mr. Andrew Patterson, 6207 Fondren Rd., 77036, (832)276-1712 appeared and stated that he came here to speak on some issues that have been bothering him for a while and he had addressed them in the past and he will address them now since there is a new Mayor, it has to do with the sequestered funds and also have to do with disposal of property done by HPD, he had been here for 30 years and had gone to the auctions that was conducted by HPD and he notice that they continue reduction of the quality of the products for the things that are being done and being out there in the public, bicycles in question, he thinks that HPD is holding separate auctions to these bike companies when they are supposed to put it out to the general public, property that is being produced out there which is very poor compare to what has been done in the past; the International Airport when it regards to lost properties, if Houston is indeed an indication as to what is out there, we have a very stellar airport service that been able to get back the properties to the people who have lost it, in the past they had problem with their employees taking the stuff, he continued to express his concerns about the Airport and employees using other people properties; he would like to see the Council to create committee to dispose the property that is in the property room at HPD appropriately and he believes it is not being done. Mayor Turner, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin and Kubosh. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Mr. Chris Cox, 300 North Vista, 77079, (405)630-0922 appeared and stated that they have a special program that they are developing right here in Houston for empowering Houston youth through the power of music, he had been in the fund raising industry for his entire life, he has helped football teams, cheerleaders, high school bands and many others and had raised funds for all types from school trips to projects of all kinds for over 30 years, his father started the company in 1976, they have been working together in helping kids and raising funds ever since, he recently had the opportunity to become an owner of a Nashville record label which is CMM Records which was started by Walt Wilder and Loretta Lynn over 50 years ago and he proposed a marriage of his two chosen fields to create programs to empower youth through the love a music, they currently have a City wide talent competition that they are running here in Houston that he would like to open up to students from the ages of 14 and up to compete for a record contract with his company CMM Records and this is also a fund raising opportunity for Houston Schools as they have a space on the website for people to enter in a promo code of a School name and address and they would donate 20% of the entire fees directly back to that school and they think programs like this would be wonderful for the City of Houston because it has such a diverse musical culture and the energy of youth; he would like to invite the Council and welcome Council to discuss the program in greater detail and he introduced his daughter to Members of Council. Mayor Turner, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin and Kubosh. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Ms. Cassadi Cox, 300 North Vista, 77079, (405)403-851 appeared and stated that she is present to talk about the same thing her father just spoke about but except with her own experience, it has been a wonderful opportunity to see different people come alive on stage and really see them pursue their dreams and it had been wonderful for her because she has gotten to work with different radio stations like KPFE and they are wanting to start up a project with her that she would like to discuss with the Council further later on because it still in the really early stages and it also going to help create jobs and internships for students in the inner City area. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin and Kubosh absent.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Cox.

Ms. Demesha Watson, 4299 San Felipe St., Suite 200, 77027, (832)276-1178 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin and Kubosh absent.

Mr. Charles Wahl, 5615 Bissonnet St., 77081, (713)664-2491 appeared and stated he knows that he is just one man, with one opinion but he is here to express a very painful opinion from him, he has not missed an election since 1972, he thinks it's every American Citizens right to vote and that is part of the problem that we have in America, people do not take it serious and the last time he was here was because of a HOA issue; this is going to be a trying time for everyone, he does not know of any of the Council Members recognize him from the television but 453 days he stood in silent protest with an anti-Trump sign because he did not believe he could be a good President, people threw things at him, he went through living hell but he believes in his right to have peaceful protest and he believes it's going to get bad and he is happy that the Mayor stated that this will maintain to be a sanctuary city and he hopes that the Mayor means that but he not asking for the Mayor to be as strong as the Mayor in Boston; he is one man with one vote and he would not like to be in Councils shoes right now because there are going to difficult decision that they are going to have make and continued to express his personal concerns and that this is a great City. Council Members Boykins, Martin and Kubosh absent.

Council Member Davis questioned Mr. Wahl.

Mr. Judson Bryant, 11811 Warwickshire Court, (281)558-1454 appeared and stated on November 15th he stood at the podium and asked them to provide to the public details associated with the transfer of dedicated Rebuild Houston Funds for the 380 Agreements, Mayor Turner, you have stated and I quote "I have no problem in providing the information" and today with the best of his knowledge such information is not in the public domain, 380 Funds have been used for parking lots, sanitary sewers, parks, sidewalks and streetscapes, these projects may have merit but the Charter Amendment that set up Rebuild Houston dedicates all funds to streets, drainages and relating operations and maintenance, the uncertainty of the used City funds raise an issue of trust and he had inquired several months ago about these funds, he received an e-mail and reply from MYR and he believes that this stands for the Mayor's Office and read the e-mail he received to City Council. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Le and Robinson absent.

Ms. Kristy Bridges, no address, (713)248-4909 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Le and Robinson absent.

Mr. Lorenzo Butler Jr., 3906 Daphne St., 77021, (832)880-3733 appeared presented information and stated that it is the year of the rooster, join our Mayor at 9:30 this Saturday for the Southern News group 21st Annual Texas Lunar Festival and 20,000 people have come to City Hall, have come to Discovery Green and now at their 6 acre media campus in Chinatown and over 11,000 children are part of this year's festival and they look forward for Council to be there, be photograph and be part of History. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Robinson and Kubosh absent.

Council Member Le questioned Mr. Bulter Jr.

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 Boykins, Martin, Robinson and Kubosh absent.

Ms. Bridget Alexander McDaniel, 8114 St. Lo. Rd., 77033, (713)987-3854 appeared and stated that she was scheduled to speak at the Metro Board meeting on last Wednesday and that did not happen, she was not put on the list and she is now scheduled to speak on the 23rd of February but she is still seeking employment and the forgery with the computer is continuing and when HPD checked to verify her, they saw that she was working for Metro and she does go to Work Source also. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Green, Robinson and Kubosh absent.

Ms. Glenola Hines, 4463 North MacGregor Way, Apt. No.120, 77004, (713)384-1903 appeared and stated that she was here last Tuesday in reference to one of her neighbors who was having an issue with her state of mind, she is a retired nurse and she kinda knows when someone is in a bad position, she has a video to show what type of condition that she was in and she was told by 2 people that they would follow up with her on what the situation was with her neighbor and she never received a phone call, so that is why she is back before City Council. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Green, Robinson and Kubosh absent.

Mayor Turner stated that he does not know what the status is and he requested the Mayor's Citizen Assistance Office to get with her and see what they can do to help.

Mr. Stevens Orozco, 5023 Redwing Brock Trail, Katy, TX, 77449, (281)943-9500 appeared and stated he would like to thank Mayor Turner on his recent Facebook post on clarification on his stance with the Trump policies along with the other Mayors and so he would have fight with him if he stands with them and secondly, he would like to put his input as a community organizer, he was one of the activists that was contacted for the protest at Discovery Green and at the Airport because it was just a last minute huge crowd and there was great communication between the Chapters, HPD and himself but there was one incident when one of the Trump supports pulled out a knife and he wants to make sure that the terminology was being used. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Green, Robinson and Kubosh absent

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

At 3:32 p.m. The City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 01, 2017, Council Members Boykins, Martin, Green, Robinson and Kubosh absent.

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, February 1, 2017 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 Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director present.

At 9:16 a.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting into order and recognized Council Member Robinson for a procedural motion. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins and Gallegos absent.

Council Member Robinson moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of considering Item 1 after the Financial Report and seconded by Council Member Green, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins and Gallegos absent. **MOTION 2017-0068 ADOPTED**

9:00 A.M. -REPORT FROM CITY CONTROLLER AND THE CITY ADMINISTRATION REGARDING THE CURRENT FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE CITY

including but not limited to, a revenue, expenditure and encumbrance report for the General Fund, all special revenue funds and all enterprise funds, and a report on the status of bond funds- was presented, Mr. Chris Brown, City Controller and Kelly Dowe, Director of Finance Department reviewed the Monthly Operation and Financial report; copies of which are on file in the City Secretary's office for review.

Council Member Christie moved to accept the monthly financial report and seconded by Council Member Stardig, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-00 ADOPTED**

1. **CONFIRMATION** of the appointment of **SONIA SOTO** to At-Large Position 2 for the **PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**, for a three-year staggered term ending July 1, 2019- was

presented, moved by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Travis absent. **MOTION 2017-0070 ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner invited Ms. Sonia Soto to the podium and Mayor Turner and Members of Council thanked her for her willingness to serve.

At 9:37 a.m. Mayor Turner stated that they would move to the Mayor's Report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Turner stated that this was the Super Bowl week and he was out last night at the media event that was at the Museum and there were number of people that were from Minneapolis because they are hosting the Super Bowl next year, every single one stopped and said that they were blown away, very impress on what they have experience here in the City of Houston; what was equal important if not is more impressive was walking through Discover Green area on Monday night and the fact that Houstonians were stopping and saying how much they were impressed and blow away; he wants to give great credit to the Host Committee, Houston First and all the others that were affiliated with making this happen, all the different businesses, partners, Houstonians and the 10,000 volunteers that were coming from all over the region and also more importantly he wanted to give a shout out to the Law Enforcement Community that had just been operating on so many different levels and he wanted to give special acknowledgment to HPD, Fire, to all of the City Employees and on how things are being conducted in this City.

At 9:43 a.m. Mayor Turner requested that the City Secretary to call the Constant Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 8 through 16

ORDINANCES - NUMBERS 8 through 16

8. **ORDINANCE** extending the provisions of **SECTION 28-303 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, to certain improved single-family residential lots in **SOUTH ACRES ESTATES SUBDIVISION, SECTION 6**, to prohibit the parking vehicles in the front or side yards of such residences - **DISTRICT D – BOYKINS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Robinson absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0059 ADOPTED**
9. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing third amendment to Speedpay Master Services Agreement, as amended, between the City of Houston and **SPEEDPAY, INC**, related to Western Union Speedpay and Interactive Voice Response Services and a Call Center Payment Processing Portal for the Municipal Courts Department (Approved by Ord. No. 2009-1231) Revenue- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Robinson absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0060 ADOPTED**
11. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$14,000.00 out of Parks Consolidated Construction Fund as an additional appropriation to Professional Materials and Engineering Testing Services Laboratory Contract between the City of Houston and **ALL-TERRA ENGINEERING, INC** to perform additional Materials Testing Services for Gragg Park Improvements Project (Approved by

Ordinance Number 2016-0809) - **DISTRICT I – GALLEGOS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Robinson absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0061 ADOPTED**

12. **ORDINANCE** consenting to the addition of 7.788 acres of land to **HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 64**, for inclusion in its district- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Robinson absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0062 ADOPTED**

16. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$1,805,142.00 out of Metro Projects Construction DDSRF and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **RS&H, INC** for Gessner Paving and Drainage from Richmond to city limits north of Buffalo Bayou; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Metro Projects Construction DDSRF - **DISTRICTS F - LE and G – TRAVIS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Robinson absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0063 ADOPTED**

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

2. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director of Houston Emergency Center to extend unpaid leave of absence for **KIMBERLYN DAVIS, 911 Telecommunicator**- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0071 ADOPTED**

3. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director of General Services Department for approval of final contract amount of \$974,524.56 and acceptance of work on contract with **TIMES CONSTRUCTION, INC** for the City Hall Annex Elevator Modernization - 2.40% under the original construction amount **DISTRICT I – GALLEGOS**- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0072 ADOPTED**

4. **RECOMMENDATION** from the City Attorney to deposit the amount of the Award of Special Commissioners into the registry of the Court and pay the City's costs of court incurred in connection with eminent domain proceeding styled City of Houston v. St. Luke's United Methodist Church of Houston, a Texas non-profit corporation, et al, Cause No. 1074488, for acquisition of Parcel AY15-061; for the **WEST ALABAMA STREET PAVING & DRAINAGE PROJECT (Weslayan - Buffalo Speedway) - DISTRICT C – COHEN**- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0073 ADOPTED**

5. **ESI ACQUISITION, INC** for Crisis Management Software WebEOC for the Mayor's Office of Public Safety and Homeland Security - \$148,736.00 - Grant Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0074 ADOPTED**

6. **AZTECA SYSTEMS, INC** for approval of spending authority in an amount not to exceed \$444,885.00 for Infrastructure Management System for the Department of Public Works &

Engineering - 3 Years - Enterprise Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0075 ADOPTED**

7. **ORDINANCE** amending Ordinance No. 2016-910 to increase the maximum contract amount for Professional Services Agreement between the City of Houston and **NORTON ROSE FULBRIGHT US LLP** for Legal Services to the City in connection with Pension Reform - \$175,000.00 General Fund- was presented,

After a lengthy discussion Mayor Turner advised that he would set up a briefing for Members of Council and called for a vote on Item 7; all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis and Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0064 ADOPTED**

10. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **TETRA TECH, INC** for Disaster Cost Recovery and Consulting Services for the Finance Department; providing a maximum contract amount - Pre-positioned three-year contract with two one-year options \$5,000,000.00 - **DISTRICT K – GREEN**- was presented, tagged by Council Members Le and Laster. Council Member Davis absent.

13. **ORDINANCE** consenting to the addition of 1.454 acres of land to **PORTER MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT**, for inclusion in its district- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0065 ADOPTED**

14. **ORDINANCE** consenting to the addition of 3.3938 acres of land to **PORTER MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT**, for inclusion in its district- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0066 ADOPTED**

15. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$1,446,093.95 out of Metro Projects Construction Fund 4040A and approving and authorizing Interlocal Agreement between the City of Houston and **HARRIS COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT** for HCFCD Unit D118-00-00-X007 Design and Construction of Repairs to Keegans Hike and Bike Trail; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to repairs to Keegans Hike and Bike Trail financed by the Metro Projects Construction Fund 4040A - **DISTRICTS F - LE; J - LASTER and K – GREEN**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0067 ADOPTED**

NON CONSENT AGENDA - NUMBERS 17 and 18

MISCELLANEOUS

17. **RECEIVE** nominations for Positions 18 and 20 of the **HOUSTON CENTER FOR LITERACY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for the remainder of the three-year term that will end January 1, 2020- was presented,

Council Member Gallegos nominates John C. Gorzynski for re-appointment to Position 18 on the Houston Center for Literacy Board and presented his resume.

Council Member Cohen nominated Amitav Misra for re-appointment to Position 20 on the Houston Center for Literacy Board and presented his resume.

Council Member Stardig moved to close the nominations for Positions 18 and 20 of the **HOUSTON CENTER FOR LITERACY BOARD OF DIRECTORS** and seconded by Council Member Green, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **MOTION 2017-0076 ADOPTED**

18. **RECEIVE** nominations for Position 11 of the **HOUSTON MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES PENSION SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES**, for a three year term- was presented, Council Member Green moved to delay Item 18 for 1 week and seconded by Council Member Knox, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **MOTION 2017-0077 ADOPTED**

MATTERS HELD - NUMBERS 19 through 21

19. **MOTION** by Council Member Cohen/Seconded by Council Member Davis to adopt recommendation from Chief Procurement Officer to award to **GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SERVICES, INC** for approval of spending authority in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00 for Development of an Impervious Cover Layer from the General Services Administration Schedule 70 Contract through the Cooperative Purchasing Program for the Department of Public Works & Engineering - \$225,000.00 plus contingencies for a total amount not to exceed \$300,000.00 Dedicated Drainage & Street Renewal Fund
DELAYED BY MOTION #2017-44, 1/18/17

This was Item 17 on Agenda of January 18, 2017- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **MOTION 2017-0078 ADOPTED**

20. **MOTION** by Council Member Davis and seconded by Council Member Kubosh to adopt from the Mayor's Office for approval of Calendar Year 2017 submittals consisting of 1) a proposed scope of services, 2) a Board of Directors list, and 3) a proposed budget for: **HOUSTON ARTS ALLIANCE, THE HOUSTON MUSEUM DISTRICT ASSOCIATION, MILLER THEATRE ADVISORY BOARD, INC, and THEATER DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT, INC** in accordance with the contract for the Support, Advancement and Promotion of the Arts
TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS GREEN AND MARTIN

This was Item 5 on the Agenda of January 25, 2017- was presented, after a lengthy discussion a vote was called on Item 20, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **MOTION 2017-0079 ADOPTED**

21. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing an amended and restated Loan Agreement between the City of Houston and **HY FS LLC, joined by AHG-C HARDY RESIDENTIAL, LP**, to provide a Performance-Based Loan of an additional \$4,700,000.00 of Federal Community Block Grant Disaster Relief Program - Rental Housing Projects Round 2 Funds to assist with construction of a 350 unit Mixed-Income Apartment Development, including 179 affordable units, located in Houston, Texas, near 1550 Leona Street - **DISTRICT H - CISNEROS**
DELAYED BY MOTION #2017-66, 1/25/17

This was Item 37 on Agenda of January 25, 2017- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0068 ADOPTED**

22. RECOMMENDATION from Director of Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$2,471,925.47 and acceptance of work on contract with **TERRA RENEWAL WEST, LLC**, for Solids Removal from Wastewater Facilities **DISTRICTS B - DAVIS; D - BOYKINS; F - LE and H – CISNEROS**- was presented and tagged by Council Member Green.

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

Members of Council announced events and discussed matters of interest.

There being no further business before Council; the City Council adjourned at 11:01 a.m. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Laster, Green, Knox and Kubosh absent.

DETAILED INFORMATION ON FILE ON THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

Anna Russell, City Secretary