

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, February 21, 2017

A regular meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 21, 2017; Mayor Sylvester Turner presiding, with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jerry Davis, Ellen Cohen, Dwight Boykins, Dave Martin, Steve Le, Greg Travis, Robert Gallegos, Mike Laster, Larry Green, Mike Knox, David Robinson, Michael Kubosh, Amanda Edwards and Jack Christie D.C.; Randy Zamora, Legal Department; Marta Crinejo Agenda Director present. Council Member Karla Cisneros out of the city on personal business.

At 1:38 p.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting to order and stated that Council would start with presentations. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Le, Travis, Gallegos, Laster, Green, Knox and Robinson absent. **NO QUORUM**

Council Member Edwards stated that heart disease and stroke kill one in three women in the U.S., yet 80 percent of cardiac events can be prevented, Cardiovascular diseases and strokes kill one woman every 80 seconds in the U.S., and an estimated 44 million women in the U.S. are affected by them and approximately 90 percent of women have one or more risk factors for developing heart disease, yet only one in five American women believe that heart disease is her greatest health threat. Women comprise only 24 percent of participants in all heart-related studies and are less likely to call 911 for themselves when experiencing symptoms of a heart attack than they are if someone else were having a heart attack; only 36 percent of African American women and 34 percent of Hispanic women know that heart disease is their greatest health risk, compared with 65 percent of Caucasian women, women involved with the American Heart Association's Go Red For Women movement live healthier lives and nearly 90 percent have made at least one healthy behavior change, throughout the month of February, Go Red For Women will encourage women to take charge of their health and schedule a well-woman visit to learn about health status and risk for diseases, Go Red For Women is asking all Americans to Go Red by wearing red on February 21, 2017, as well as throughout the month of February and the City of Houston commends all involved in this effort to spread awareness about cardiovascular diseases and extends best wishes for a successful observance of American Heart Month and therefore, Mayor Turner proclaimed February 21, 2017, as National Wear Red Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Le, Travis, Knox and Robinson absent.

Council Member Christie stated that the greater Houston area is home to 10 ecoregions, making it one of the most ecologically diverse regions in the country, with a wide array of ecological capital from bottomland hardwoods and prairie grasslands to pine forests and wetlands and Houston Wilderness, a nonprofit organization founded in 2003, is a broad-based alliance of business, environmental and government interests that work together to protect, preserve and promote the unique biodiversity of the region's precious remaining ecological capital which include seven land-based and three water-based ecoregions, its mission is accomplished through convening, problem-solving and educating in support of land and water conservation and enhancement of ecosystem services for all the residents of the greater Houston area and throughout the past 13 years, Houston Wilderness has worked to enhance the region's ecosystem services with over 150 partners and currently facilitates the collaborative Gulf-Houston Regional Conservation Plan (RCP), the first-ever ecosystem continuity, connectivity and ecological growth plan for the Gulf-Houston Region, when fully developed, the RCP will substantially improve the quality of life and help prevent future flood damage and economic losses for the 6.5 million people in the greater Houston region and provide millions of dollars in

ecosystem services and Houston Wilderness administers its Collaborative Grant-Organizing Program to support additional state and federal funding for multi-partner environmental projects in the region, it also continues to provide the region's citizens with opportunities to better understand and appreciate the interdependence of our local natural systems with one another, including partnering with the City of Houston to obtain a Certified Wildlife Habitat City designation from National Wildlife Federation by this Spring and February 22, 2017, will mark the 10th anniversary of the first Houston Wilderness Day and the City of Houston salutes and commends the work of Houston Wilderness, its many partners and the organization's contributions to the region and therefore, Mayor Turner proclaimed February 22, 2017, as Houston Wilderness Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Travis and Knox absent.

Council Member Green stated that the South Houston Concerned Citizens Coalition is an alliance of 26 civic associations which have organized in 1993 under the name Central Southwest Concerned Citizens Coalition. It was incorporated in October 1997 at which time it changed the name to the South Houston Concerned Citizens Coalition, it consists of 13 board members of which include five executive officers and the South Houston Concerned Citizens Coalition held its first business development meeting in October 1998 and received nonprofit status that same year and it is primarily funded by tax deductible contributions, it serves as a model for other collective neighborhoods through positively organized community collaboration, involvement and partnership and the purpose of the South Houston Concerned Citizens Coalition is to work together as a collective group on holistic projects to promote the general welfare of the residents living in subdivisions of the Coalition and its vicinity and this includes working to improve the community through the promotion of urban design and beautification, crime reduction and public safety, economic development, improved education and recreation, and better housing for all and on February 21, 2017, the South Houston Concerned Citizens Coalition will be honored for its achievements through the last 25 years and the City of Houston commends the South Houston Concerned Citizens Coalition for its commitment to enhancing the quality of life of Houstonians and extends best wishes for a successful 25th anniversary celebration and therefore, Mayor Turner proclaimed February 21, 2017, as South Houston Concerned Citizens Coalition Day 25th Anniversary in Houston, Texas. Council Member Stardig absent.

At 2:11 p.m. the Roll was called. Council Member Karla Cisneros out of the city on personal business.

Council Member Kubosh moved to delay the adoption of the minutes of the last 2 meetings and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION ADOPTED**

At 2:13 p.m. Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Green for the invocation and the Pledge and he invited Pastor Destry C. Bell to offer the invocation and Council Member Green led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Travis for point of personal privilege and Council Member Travis introduced a group from the Energy Corridor from the Village School and requested the students stand to be recognized. Council Member Edwards absent.

Council Member Green stated that they were honored to have Congressman from the 9th District of Texas, Congressman Al Green presented and moved to suspend the rules to hear Congressman Al Green out of order and seconded by Council Member Boykins, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Edwards absent. **MOTION 2017-0110 ADOPTED**

Congressman Al Green, 3003 South Loop West, Suite 460, 77054, (713)383-9234 appeared and stated that he was honored to be here today and was going to be brief but he does have to give a little history today, he had been in this City since 1971 and through these years he can recall the Houston Police Department when he first arrived and he wanted to say something about it as he sees it today, he was here when Joe Campos Torres which many of them were too young to remember this and other cases that made headlines in Houston Texas but just recently he attended a couple of Marches and for those who may not be aware of his desire to be part of a protest moment to make things better by using his free speech, the First Amendment Rights and attending these last 2 Marches, he saw something that he had not seen in Houston Texas, he saw the Houston Police Department and through its other agents, he saw various Officers out with the Protestors, they were actually walking with the Protestors and made it clear that they were there to protect them and this is a significant change given the number of Marches that he had been in and to see a Police Department extended its hand in friendship to the Protestor, they were not part of the Protestors movement but they were not shying away from it and this meant a lot to him to see this occur and because it meant a lot to him is why he wanted to come before Members of Council, he is not here to make any headlines, he just want to celebrate and appreciate that they had made headway with the Police Department, the New Police Chief has done an outstanding job and at the Woman's March, he actually made comments and he had not seen this happen before in this City, where a Police Chief actually made comments and the marched that they had on Super Bowl Sunday one of the Assistant Chief actually March along not with them in the sense he was part of it but with them in a sense to protect them and he wanted to mention that a couple of the ladies that were in the March are present today and he requested them to come up.

Council Member Stardig moved to suspend the rules to allow 2 ladies to join Congressman Green at the podium and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Edwards absent. **MOTION 2017-0011 ADOPTED**

Congressman Green stated that these women were at the last March, the Woman's March, 20,000 people and everything went off about as well as it could and they were there and they know what he speaks of and he appreciates that they have a Police Department that engages with the Protest Movement.

Members of Council thanked Congressman Green for being here and questioned him.

Mayor Turner stated he wanted to remind the audience and the Council Members that this portion of the meeting there is no hand clapping; they can stand up or wave their hands if they agree or disagree.

At 2:31 p.m. Mayor Turner requested the City Secretary to call the List of Speakers.

Mr. Christian Szymczak, 24262 Ocean Ave., Torrance, CA, 90505, (510)931-931-9684 appeared and stated that he was present to speak about Crosby Plaza Apartment which is low income project that is located in Crosby Texas, it is about an half hour Northeast of here, Crosby is an 86 unit existing complex and it communing known as a at risk project which means it has a currently an existing rental project that is due for expiration in the next couple of years, the owner could unilaterally terminate that subsidy of that project if he wanted to which that is the reason they consider it to be at risk and Crosby Plaza is up consideration as a Resolution of support for 9% housing tax credit and if they could get this Resolution support he would come in and rehabilitate the project and extend out the affordability restrictions on the project for a number of years which the max is 20 years and otherwise keep this project nice and safe. Council Members Boykins, Martin and Green absent.

Council Member Robinson questioned Mr. Szymczak

Mr. Ryan Hettig, 5325 Katy Frwy, 77007, (281)202-7381 appeared and stated he wanted to waive his time to speak. Council Members Boykins, Martin and Green absent.

Mr. Evan O'Neil, 1615 Hermann Park Dr. No.1330, 77004 appeared and stated that he came to talk about and on behalf of their fellow immigrant neighbors, the immigrant community in Houston and he had heard many times that Mayor Turner stated it is a welcoming City which is a beautiful sentiment and that is why he chose to make his home in Houston and these are crazy times and many of the communities feel like there is a threat on the Federal and State level and he came to ask them to make policies to protect immigrants. Council Members Boykins, Green and Kubosh absent.

Ms. Kathy McDougall, 8027 Triola Ln., 77036, (832)378-4637 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Boykins, Green and Kubosh absent.

Ms. Gloria Rubac, 3503 Robertson, 77009, (713)503-2633 appeared and stated that she was here to talk about our City, about immigration and what she would like for City Council to do and right now they have Senate Bill 4 and she would like them to stand up and speak about it, it is nice that we are a welcoming City but she thinks they should do more. Council Members Boykins and Green absent.

Mayor Turner stated that this is a diverse City and they seek to be more inclusive every single day but when it comes to a point when making appointing people in key decision making position, they are doing that and will continue doing that, they have established a Department of New Americans to not only show that we are welcoming but to let everyone know that they are inclusive and when it relates to HPD that they are not ICE and that we encourage comprehensive immigration reform.

Ms. Leticia Ablaza, 3914 Leeland, 77003, (713)320-4340 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Boykins and Green absent.

Mr. Art Smith, 5309 Sonora, 77020, (832)258-5776 appeared and stated that he had a sheet that was passed around with information and basically it is an sheet that shows the date of 6/20/16 where his wife went to file with Internal Affairs on what took place with the City of Houston when they were falsely arrested, he came here in November, nothing happened, no one contacted him or asked any details on what happened, so after 240 days of reporting to Internal Affairs and not hearing anything from the City, he does know if the new chief picked up from the time he stepped in and Mayor Parker had sent them a letter an apology for the arrest and said there was going to be an investigation on it and nothing has happened, they have received no e-mail or letter for 240 days but they were not at his house when his wife is screaming saying do not kill my husband, do not shoot when they were falsely arrested and nothing is being done and he is going through the system and nothing is happening and they have everything in writing when she went and filed a complaint. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Travis and Green absent.

Mayor Turner questioned Mr. Smith about the arrest.

Mr. J. Christopher Anderson, 8001 Dandy St., 77016, (713)293-2999 appeared and stated that he is the Founder and President of the Triple 7 Ranch, Triple 7 Ranch is a Non-Profit and it is a 1 to 2 year program for juvenile detention males ages 14 to 21, the branch out for them to learn

transferable skills through agricultural principles as far as ranch management, learn how to cultivate grass and also equestrian principles and they receive their own horse for the program for responsibility issues, they also have a number of trade skills as far as welding, carpentry and more, once they finish the program, they are eligible to go into the workforce and be competitive, after they are released, he explain and discussed what the program does for the male juvenile and he was here seeking guideness for funding for his program at this time. Council Members Stardig, Boykins and Green absent.

Council Member Davis questioned Mr. Anderson about the Ranch and told him that there will be small opportunities since he just started that are in the area and advised him to looking into the Children's Fund and for him to speak about a Grant Writer were they can find Grants for him.

Mr. Miles Wilson, 2023 Huldy St., 77019, no phone, had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Boykins and Green absent.

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, Boykins and Green absent.

Mayor Turner stated that it is all over social media that there is a possible shooting at Ben Tuab and he just spoke to Chief Acevedo and he cannot confirm that but they are checking it out whether or not that is the case.

Ms. Barbarann Lacourse, 4710 Airport Blvd., Apt. No. 101, 77048, (832)728-4377 appeared and stated that she was here about the sidewalks, the roads for the disabled, she fell down and hurt herself really bad on the 2/13, the Fire Department was called and the ambulance could not fit a wheelchair in the vehicle so she had to go in a cab and she had to sit there from 5:30 to 12:00 and did not get seen, she hurt her neck and her whole body but the thing is that the sidewalks need to be fix and she had told people but they are not wanting to fix the sidewalks where she fell. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Green and Edwards absent.

Mayor Turner stated that an Inspector from PWE went out to check the sidewalk ramps at the location and they are indicating to him that they are in good condition and free of debris, he questioned Ms. Lacourse and advised her to speak with Gary Norman who is present and represents Public Works.

Ms. Anne Le, no address, no phone, appeared and stated that she owns a café called Too Sweet and this is her 2nd time she is coming down here, the homeless problem in their area has gotten worse and they have made a permeant community underneath the bridge that is across from their café and it's not just her café it's her entire building is going to be cohort space that is going to be completed in a month and they have a café, an event venue, photography studio and a co-work space, the block had gotten extremely a site for sore eyes and described what is out there with trash, mounds of clothes and tents with bed frames that are set up and everyday if it's not an employee or customer they are seeing the homeless peeing on the streets, loitering around the building and begging for money and everyday they have cars being broken into and this is hurting their business, they been open for a little over 2 years now and it just gotten profoundly worse and she opened knowing about the area and she felt confident in building up East Downtown and they have flourished and it's been a struggle in these last 6 months, her customer just for an example on Facebook and Yelp post pictures of their own just to let them know and other customers know and read an e-mail from one of her customers explaining why they will not be coming to her café anymore because of the issues and problems she is having with the homeless. Council Members Stardig and Davis absent.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Le.

Mr. Bruce Ward, 915 Franklin St., 77002, (504)812-2766 appeared and stated that this was an update on his talk back in on January concerning the noise problems at the old Post Office and last weekend they had the Sports Illustrated Vibes Festival and they can read about it today in the Houston Chronicle, at 9:00 p.m. on Saturday he was monitoring the excessive sounds levels at 701 Franklin and the sounds levels peeked on his iPhone app at 89 DB and regularly exceeded 80 DB and he called HPD and requested an Officer with a sound meter to come to that location and after the Officers arrival and informed them his measurements and requested official sound meter reading and the Officers told him that the sound measurements had to be made at his residence not at 701 Franklin because he lives 2 blocks away and the Officer refused to make a sound measurement at 701 Franklin and this opinion is creative interpretation of the noise ordinance by the HPD to protect the permitted venue and avoid enforcement and under the Noise Ordinance if the venue get 2 tickets they can pull their Sound Permit. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins and Knox absent.

Mayor Turner and Members of Council questioned Mr. Ward at length.

Mr. Leighton Ngai, 5722 Larkin St., 77007, (832)216-8842 appeared and stated that he was here to speak about opening bars in a heavily populated family area and within 300 feet of a Church and discussed Chapter 3 Section 3.2 and he was present to ensure that this Ordinance is promulgated because there is a retail establishment that is going to be built at 5734 Larkin Street and it appears to be within 300 feet from a Church and he is requesting that the Council make effort to revoke the permits and owned by the owner of Hidden Goods and he has one example that appears to be a dishonest practice, back several years ago the owner promised neighbors there will be additional parking spaces across the street for bar patrons but after Down the Street Bar opened after the permits were approved she quickly abandoned the parking space, the lot was closed and was sold and houses were built on the property by the owner for selfish gain and he believes that their permits and licenses need to be removed since they were approved with false pretenses and the other thing he wanted to point out with a bar close to a Church and close to residential area there is an increase in criminal activity and many young children live in the area. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins and Knox absent.

Council Member Cohen questioned Mr. Ngai.

Ms. Laisi U, 5722 Larkin St., 77007, (972)375-7745 appeared and presented information and stated that she was present to speak about the same case, they live in the area and they are establishing a second bar within a 100 feet of each other and this new establishment is going to be right next to her house and they are planning to have a family and she cannot imagine a bar next to her house, she had points that she wanted to point out about the bar and the situation, the first thing is that there is a lot of traffic on Larkin Street and it is already a very narrow street and there is traffic always there no matter what time it is; the second thing is the parking situation and the parking situation is already very tough for the residents to find parking and with the new bar the parking is going to get only worse and the third point she wanted to make is hazardous and noisy roads condition, the existing bar Down the Street is further away and always a noise nuisance especially during the late nights and the wee hours of the morning and it will be worse with the new addition of Hidden Goods which would be causing families and residents to sleep poorly, she has heard gun shots, she had observe trash in the drainage on Larkin Street and the smells of urine and vomited near Down the Street and she presented some photos to Members of Council for evident and this is a very serious situation and she

wanted to add her concern about drunk drivers next to her house. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Green and Knox absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Ms. Alice Serna-McDougald, 1714 Sandman St., 77007, (713)254-5211 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Green and Knox absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Mr. Gerry Monroe, 6807 Goforth, 77021, (832)880-5158 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Green and Knox absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Mr. Sam Smith, 7813 Glass St., 77016, (254)400-5446 appeared and stated that he was from the South Lawn area and they are having problems, they have students that walk home and there is a lot of gang members, a student phone was taken, kids do not feel safe walking to school anymore and when school gets out the street is full of gang members fighting, guns on their hip and he does not think it is right that kids have to be scared to walk home and was requesting extra Patrol Officers in the area when school is going on and when they call the Police it take 2 to 3 hours to come. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Green and Knox absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Ms. Zainab Ghwari, 11406 Bucks Bridge Ln., Sugarland, TX, 77498, (281)777-3769 appeared and stated that the first thing she wanted Council to think about when they see someone which is age, sex and race, age and sex are harmless but what they immediately assume about a person's race and actually babies start to do that and so if a child is raised around primarily white folk they start to prefer white people because that is all that they have seen and surprise if they are raised in a Multi-racial family they actually have no preference and she expressed her concerns about them failing to put in policies to protect undocumented immigrants and protect them. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Boykins and Green absent.

Ms. Zeinab Bakhiet, 1333 Old Spanish Trail, No.4152, 77054, (202)492-4057 appeared and stated that she is here today to remind them immigration is just not a Latin issue that it is a concern that any human should hold dear because any moment the tide can change and they could be that immigrant or refugee with no home, she is American, she is not an immigrant but her parents were and expressed her personal experiences and views and that problems could be solved by their policy makers and she believes that City Council can partner with them to improve access to health, affordable housing for all Houstonians and including the undocumented and believed that they can improve their quality of life by protecting their fathers and mothers and their families from being up rooted from their home and policies need to be in place for all races to protect everyone. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Boykins and Green absent.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Bakhiet.

Ms. Darla Jones, 3506 Tangely St., 77005, (713)825-2234 appeared and stated that she is present to speak about the rights of immigrants and people of color in their community matter to her as well, she may not look like them and her whiteness guarantees that she would have shelter here and she expressed why they should address these issues and for its communities and she is standing up against the racial injustice or forces that they eloquently noted that its State and National but they do need to stand against them and she encourages them to take a stand to make their voices heard to protect immigrants and people of color here in the City and the State. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Boykins and Green absent.

Mr. Rodrigo Trejo, 3807 Preston, Pasadena, TX, 77005, (281)662-6065 appeared and stated that he was expressing his personal views about immigrants, refugees and transgender women being abused in El Paso. Council Member Stardig, Davis, Boykins and Green absent.

Mr. Chris Valdez, 1909 Decatur, 77007, (713)894-9112 appeared and stated that he was present to express personal views about immigrant and racial injustice in this City that is coming down from the White House and the State Capital and he is asking the Mayor and the Council Members what they would do to protect the people at risk in their communities of these forces and questioned Council about speaking up against Senate Bill 4 and 6 and asked when the City was going implement policies such as cite and release and commit to not arresting people for not having a driver license. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins and Green absent.

Ms. Aisha Zamn, 5259 Kendall Ridge Ln., Sugarland, TX, 77479, (832)847-5787 appeared and stated that she was present to remind them that immigration is not exclusively a Latin issue and she expressed her personal views about immigration. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Ms. Damaris Gonzalez, 9034 Beechnut St., 77036, (832)774-7704 appeared and stated that she is a resident of District J and this is her second time here and she is here to repeat what she stated last time and express experiences for being with DACA for 4 years as it has changed her life for the better, the community is being attacked left and right and tearing families apart and expressed her personal views and requested them to create policies to protect them and for them to say no to Senate Bill 4. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Mr. Adonias Arevalo, no address, (832)531-0551 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Mr. Russell Lagrone, 10800 Fondren Rd., 77096, (832)548-0766 appeared and stated that he honestly wished he could add more to what had already been said by the people speaking in support of their immigrant brothers and sisters and he hears from City Council a voice of support and encourages them to do more. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

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. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

President Joseph Charles, Post Office Box 524373, 77052-4373, Houston, TX, appeared and requested more time and stated his subject was absolute Marshal Law, Salaries, Revoked, H/City, Texas/State, and Government Systems and continued to voice his personal experiences until his time expired. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Gallegos and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Ms. Deborah Elaine Allen, P.O. Box 263252, 77027, (713)264-0127 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Gallegos and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Ms. Darlene Hosea-King, 6642 Hironde, 77087, (832) 892-3278 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Gallegos and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Mr. Jim Scarborough, 1600 Post Oak Blvd., 77056, (713)248-2225 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Ms. Bridget Alexander McDaniel, 8114 St. Lo. Rd., 77033, (713)987-3854 appeared and stated that this is the situation with Wells Fargo, she is a citizen of this country and the targeting is still going on, the Police is still doing forging with the immigrants and saying she is Mexican and that is the reason why her money is getting stolen out of Wells Fargo and this is when she was employed at the Pace Setters and the FBI in Houston was very good with the investigation and it is HPD and Metro. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

The City Secretary advised that Mr. William Beal previously as not present present and will be called next.

Mr. William Beal, 10 Remington Ln., 77005, no phone, appeared dressed as Superman and stated like Michael Jackson say never let go of the microphone and he is Superman the man of steel and expressed his personal opinion. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Gallegos, Laster, Green and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

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

At 3:53 p.m. The City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 22, 2017, Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Gallegos, Laster, Green and Christie 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 22, 2017 Mayor Sylvester Turner presiding, with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jerry Davis, Ellen Cohen, Dwight Boykins, Dave Martin, Steve Le, Greg Travis, Mike Laster, Karla Cisneros, 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.

At 9:20 a.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting to order and recognized Council Member Cohen for a procedural motion. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Le and Travis absent.

Council Member Cohen moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of considering Item 1 prior to the Mayor's Report and seconded by Council Member Green, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Stardig, Davis and Travis absent. **MOTION 2017-0112 ADOPTED**

1. **CONFIRMATION** of the appointment or reappointment of the following individuals to the **HOUSTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for terms to end March 1, 2019:

Position 11 - **BRIE KELMAN**, reappointment

Position 13 - **BEN KOUSH**, appointment-

Was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis, Le and Travis absent. **MOTION 2017-0113 ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner invited Ms. Brie Kelman to the podium, Mayor Turner and Members of Council thanked her for her willingness to serve.

At 9:23 a.m. Mayor Turner stated they would move to the Mayor's Report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Turner stated that this is the time of the year where thousands of Cyclists are training for the BPMS150 in April and it not unusual to see groups of Cyclist out especially on the weekends and in the evenings after work and he wanted to urge Motorist and Cyclist to watch out for each other and in 2013 City Council adopted a Safe Passing Ordinance requiring vehicles to be minimum of 3 feet away from the bicycles.

Mayor Turner stated that on a different note Director Dale Rudick is here and he wanted everyone to know that he is retiring as the Director of Public Works and invited him to the podium Dale was hired by Mayor Parker in September 2011 as the Rebuild Houston Executive he was instrumental in helping getting that program up and going, he took over as Director in 2015 and overseeing approximately 3900 employees, with in regards to the Community engagement and customer service he initiated a robust community engagement program to ensure community input on high profile capital improvement projects before the initial design and reviewed his many accomplishments and prior to joining the City of Houston, he worked for the City of Sugarland for more than 18 years and in the first time in Texas history he closed down a State Prison and he wanted to thank Dale on behalf of the City for his service and wanted to thank him personally as the Mayor of this City and what he had done for him and now he is ready to spend time with his family and wished him the very best.

Members of Council thanked Director Dale Rudick for his service for the City of Houston.

Director Dale Rudick stated he wanted to thank them from the bottom of his heart and the list of accomplishments that Mayor Turner read they were not only him but the employees of the Department of Public Works and Engineering and the City of Houston and that they are one dynamic power house.

Mayor Turner stated on a final note, he wanted to speak about pensions the City and the Pension Systems have worked together on this agreed reformed package at least agreed as of October 25-26 when the City Council voted on it and they continue to tone the Bill by working with the Pension System and he wanted to thank all of the groups, he specifically want to thank the Municipal and the Police for providing the actuarial information and the data that they need to verify the cost and he will say unfortunately at this point if the Fire Representatives have not provided them with the actuarial data that they need and have tried repeatedly to get the information to verify the cost and that information is important and they have reached a deadline to get all of this done so that Austin can finalize it and therefore this morning, he had given them instruction to the team and to the Legislative Council to put in place in that section the terms that will ensure the City receives the necessary cost and cost constraints that are needed because it is difficult to put in terms in the dark when he does not have the data and he was instructed to finalize the Bill and move forward and if the Fire Representatives decide to provide the data in order for them to verify the cost they can always revisit and he leaves it up to them and if the Bill does not pass in the Legislative Session there will be massive layoffs and no one will be immune.

Members of Council questioned Mayor Turner about the proposed Bill.

Mayor Turner requested that the City Secretary to call the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 3 through 24

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS - NUMBERS 3 through 6

3. **CASCO INDUSTRIES, INC** for Wearable Advanced Sensor Platform (WASP™) for the Houston Fire Department - \$79,146.00 - Fire Training Academy Special Revenue Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Martin and Travis absent. **MOTION 2017-0114 ADOPTED**
4. **STEWART & STEVENSON POWER PRODUCTS, LLC** for Detroit Diesel Replacement Parts & Repair Services for the Fleet Management Department - 3 Years with two one-year options \$1,066,487.70 - Fleet Management Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Martin and Travis absent. **MOTION 2017-0115 ADOPTED**
6. **HELI-TECH, INC** for Helicopter Components Overhaul/Exchange Services for the Houston Police Department - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$902,177.22 - General Fund- - was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Martin and Travis absent. **MOTION 2017-0116 ADOPTED**

ORDINANCES - NUMBERS 9 through 24

9. **ORDINANCE** finding and determining that public convenience and necessity no longer require the continued use of: (1) Court Street, from Hicks Street north to the north right-of-way line of proposed Summer Street; (2) Wichmann (aka Wichman) Street, from Hicks Street north to the south right-of-way line of proposed Summer Street; and (3) two sanitary sewer easements, all out of the John Austin Survey, Houston, Harris County, Texas; abandoning the streets and easements to Studemont Venture, L.P., abutting owner, in consideration of its payment of \$94,012.00 to the City and the conveyance to the City of a 60-foot-wide right-of-way easement for, and construction of, the extension of Summer Street - **DISTRICT C – COHEN**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0098 ADOPTED**
12. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$100,000.00 out of Fire Consolidated Construction Fund (4500); approving and authorizing purchase of approximately 29,720 square feet of land located at 1616 West Little York Road, Houston, Harris County, Texas, at a Harris County Delinquent

Property Tax Sale, for use by the Houston Fire Department - **DISTRICT B – DAVIS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0099 ADOPTED**

13. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing submission of an application for grant assistance to the **OFFICE OF THE TEXAS GOVERNOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION (CJD) FY 17 INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN TASK FORCE:** Houston Metropolitan, Tx - Legislative Funding - Personnel Grant; declaring the City's eligibility for such grant; authorizing the Chief of the Houston Police Department to act as the City's representative in the application process, to accept such grant funds, if awarded, and to apply for and accept all subsequent awards, if any, pertaining to the program- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0100 ADOPTED**

22. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$105,125.00 out of Metro Projects Construction DDSRF as an additional appropriation to Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **DANNENBAUM ENGINEERING CORPORATION** for T.C. Jester Reconstruction from Washington Avenue to IH-10 (Approved by Ordinance No. 2014-0620, as amended); providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Metro Projects Construction DDSRF - **DISTRICT C – COHEN-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0101 ADOPTED**

23. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$738,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund as an additional appropriation to Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **AMANI ENGINEERING, INC** for Small Diameter Water Line Work Order Contracts for Extensions, Upcoming Water Line Projects and Above Grade Crossings (Approved by Ordinance No. 2015-0574); providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0102 ADOPTED**

24. **ORDINANCE** granting to **ROBERT W. WATSON dba F. B. PORT-A-CAN, A Texas Sole Proprietorship**, 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 **FIRST READING-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0103 PASSED FIRST READING IN FULL**

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

2. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director General Services Department for approval of final contract amount of \$324,742.00 and acceptance of work on contract with **MCKENNA CONTRACTING, INC** for Playground Fall Surface Replacements - 10% over the original

contract amount and within the approved 10% contingency - **DISTRICTS C - COHEN; D - BOYKINS; E - MARTIN; F - LE; H - CISNEROS; I - GALLEGOS; J - LASTER and K - GREEN**- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0117 ADOPTED**

5. **FISHER SCIENTIFIC COMPANY L.L.C. ("Fisher HealthCare")** for two QuantStudio Dx Real-Time PCR Instrument Packages for the Houston Health Department - \$250,901.50 - Grant Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, Council Members Kubosh and Christie voting no, balance voting aye. **MOTION 2017-0118 ADOPTED**
7. **RESOLUTION** confirming support for the proposed development as affordable rental housing of certain properties, each located in the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Houston, Texas or having been annexed into the City of Houston only for limited purposes, and the submittal of applications for housing tax credits for such developments- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **RESOLUTION 2017-0007 ADOPTED**
8. **ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 26 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, relating to off-street parking and loading- was presented and tagged by Council Members Laster, Stardig and Knox. Council Member Martin absent.
10. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing a Sponsored Research Agreement between the City and the **UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON** for the development of a Clostridium difficile and carbapenem-resistant Enterbacteriaceae Surveillance Network; providing a maximum contract amount \$140,137.00 - Grant Fund- was presented and tagged by Council Members Le and Travis.
11. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$32,000.00 out of Parks and Recreation Dedication Fund and \$10,000.00 out of Parks Special Revenue Fund to cover the due diligence costs for six parcels of land to be transferred to the City of Houston, to be used by the Parks and Recreation Department, from the Houston Parks Board - **DISTRICTS B - DAVIS; D - BOYKINS; E - MARTIN; H - CISNEROS and K - GREEN**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0104 ADOPTED**
14. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Parking Agreement between **SP PLUS CORPORATION, as Licensor**, and the City of Houston, Texas, as Licensee, for spaces at 1600 Smith Street, Houston, Texas, for use by the Houston Police Department - 3 Years with an extended term of two years - \$945,000.00 - General Fund - **DISTRICT I - GALLEGOS**- was presented and tagged by Council Members Davis and Green.
15. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$20,000,000 out of Airports Improvement Fund as an additional appropriation for Construction Management and Reimbursement Agreement between the City of Houston and **UNITED AIRLINES, INC** (Contract No. 76261 approved by Ordinance No. 2015-269) related to Terminal B City project components of the Terminal B Redevelopment Program for the Houston Airport System (Project No. 831); de-appropriating \$32,944,000 out of HAS Consolidated 2011 AMT Construction Fund from said agreement between the City of Houston and **UNITED AIRLINES, INC**, and re-appropriating

\$32,944,000 from the Airports Improvement Fund to said agreement; amending Ordinance No. 2015-269 to provide a maximum contract amount - **DISTRICT B – DAVIS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Martin absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0105 ADOPTED**

16. **ORDINANCE** amending a program under the **TEXAS PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY (“PACE”) ACT OF 2013**; amending Ordinance No. 2015-1040 to authorize the Director of Administration and Regulatory Affairs to make future amendments- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Martin absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0106 ADOPTED**

17. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Interlocal Contract between the City of Houston and the **METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY OF HARRIS COUNTY** relating to the Citywide App for Mobile Dispatch Services- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Martin absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0107 ADOPTED**

18. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$8,332,989 out of City of Houston, Texas Tax Increment Funds for **REINVESTMENT ZONES NUMBERS ONE (LAMAR TERRACE ZONE), TWO (MIDTOWN ZONE), THREE (MAIN STREET/MARKET SQUARE ZONE), FIVE (MEMORIAL HEIGHTS ZONE), SIX (EASTSIDE ZONE) SEVEN (OLD SPANISH TRAIL/ALMEDA CORRIDORS ZONE), EIGHT (GULFGATE ZONE), NINE (SOUTH POST OAK ZONE), TWELVE (CITY PARK ZONE), and THIRTEEN (OLD SIXTH WARD ZONE)**, City of Houston, Texas for payment of affordable housing costs, payments to **HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**, and payments to certain redevelopment authorities as provided herein- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Martin absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0108 ADOPTED**

19. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$147,909.29 out of Tax Increment Funds for Reinvestment Zone Number Twenty-Three, City of Houston, Texas (Harrisburg Zone) and Reinvestment Zone Number Twenty-Five, City of Houston, Texas (Hiram Clarke/Fort Bend Zone) for payments to certain redevelopment authorities as provided herein- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0109 ADOPTED**

20. **ORDINANCE** awarding contract to **LEVEL ONE LLC** for Mail Processing Services for Utility Water Bills for the Department of Public Works & Engineering; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$3,662,939.55 - Enterprise and Dedicated Drainage & Street Renewal Funds- was presented, Council Members Stardig, Le, Kubosh and Knox voting no, balance voting aye. **ORDINANCE 2017-0110 ADOPTED**

21. **ORDINANCE** awarding contract to **YES AMERICA NOW, INC dba YES AMERICA ENTERPRISES** for Street Sweeping Services, Downtown for Department of Public Works & Engineering; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options \$1,310,262.00 - Stormwater Fund- was presented and tagged by Council Member Laster.

MATTERS HELD - NUMBERS 25 through 29

25. **RECEIVE** nominations for Position 11 of the **HOUSTON MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES PENSION SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES**, for a three year term

DELAYED BY MOTION #2017-92, 2/8/17

This was Item 24 on Agenda of February 8, 2017- was presented,

Council Member Green nominated Denise Castillo-Rhodes for appointment to the Houston Municipal Employees Pension System Board of Trustees, Position 11 and distributed her resume.

Council Member Cohen moved to close nominations for Position 11 of the **HOUSTON MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES PENSION SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES** and seconded by Council Member Laster, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0119 ADOPTED**

- 26. RESOLUTION** confirming support to the proposed development as affordable rental housing of certain properties, each located in the City of Houston, Texas, or to the submittal of applications for housing tax credits for such developments
This was a portion of Item 10 on Agenda of February 15, 2017- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **RESOLUTION 2017-0008 ADOPTED**

- 27. RESOLUTION** confirming no objection to the proposed development as affordable rental housing of certain properties, each located in the City of Houston, Texas, or to the submittal of applications for housing tax credits for such developments
TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BOYKINS AND MARTIN
This was a portion of Item 10 on Agenda of February 15, 2017- was presented, Council Member Kubosh moved to refer Item 27 back to the Administration and seconded Boykins, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0120 ADOPTED**

- 28. ORDINANCE** approving the issuance of bonds by the Uptown Development Authority
DISTRICTS C - COHEN; G - TRAVIS and J - LASTER
TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER TRAVIS
This was Item 22 on Agenda of February 15, 2017- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Travis absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0111 ADOPTED**

- 29. ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing second amendment to the Power Purchase Agreement for Installed Capacity, Energy and Environmental Attributes between the City of Houston, **SOLAIREHOLMAN 1 LLC**, and **RELIANT ENERGY RETAIL SERVICES LLC** (Approved by Ordinance No. 2015-1120); amending Ordinance No. 2015-1120 to increase the maximum contract amount - \$124,677,893 - Central Service Revolving Fund
TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER KNOX
This was Item 23 on Agenda of February 15, 2017- was presented,

After a lengthy discussion a vote was called on Item 29; Council Members Knox and Christie voting no, balance voting aye. **ORDINANCE 2017-0112 ADOPTED**

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

Members of Council announced events and discussed matters of interest.

There being no further business before Council; the City Council adjourned at 11:50 a.m. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Laster, Green, Knox, Kubosh, Edwards

and Christie absent. **DETAILED INFORMATION ON FILE ON THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY**

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

Anna Russell, City Secretary