

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, March 28, 2017

A regular meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 28, 2017; Mayor Pro Tem Ellen Cohen presiding, with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jerry Davis, Dwight Boykins, Dave Martin, Steve Le, Greg Travis, Karla Cisneros, Robert Gallegos, Mike Laster, Larry Green, Mike Knox, David Robinson, Michael Kubosh, Amanda Edwards and Jack Christie D.C.; Tom Allen, Legal Department; Marta Crinejo Agenda Director and Stella Ortega Agenda Office present. Mayor Sylvester Turner out of the City on City business.

At 1:50 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen called the meeting to order and stated that Council would start with presentations. Council Members Boykins, Travis, Gallegos, Green and Knox absent.

Council Member Davis stated that Texas Southern University (TSU) Women's Basketball Team had a momentous season, as they won a share of the Regular Season Title and also won the Tournament Title. The team qualified for its first appearance in the NCAA Tournament and made their third trip to post season play under head coach Johnetta Hayes-Perry and TSU's Women's Basketball Team also captured their first 20 win season during the regular season and teammate, Joyce Kennerson, was named the 2017 SWAC Tournament MVP and their great dedication, skill and team work has awarded them a truly victorious season and on March 28, 2017, the Texas Southern University Women's Basketball Team will be recognized for their incredible accomplishments this season. The City of Houston commends the team for their hard work, solid sportsmanship and tremendous efforts and extends best wishes on their continued success and therefore, Mayor Pro Tem Cohen on behalf of Mayor Turner hereby proclaimed March 28, 2017, as Texas Southern University Women's Basketball Team Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Gallegos absent.

Council Member Davis stated that Texas Southern University (TSU) Men's Basketball Team reached new heights this season, setting a school record for wins during a season, with 23 wins. They were named 2017 SWAC Regular Season and Tournament Champions under head coach Mike Davis, and also qualified for the Big Dance for the third time in four years and overall, it was the teams seventh NCAA Tournament appearance and the fourth consecutive year that they competed in post season play, TSU's Men's Basketball Team also swept the 2017 SWAC Post season honors with Zach Lofton selected as Player of the Year, Marvin Jones selected as Defensive Player of the Year, and Demontrae Jefferson selected as Freshman of the Year, as well as Marvin Jones being named the 2017 SWAC Tournament MVP and on March 28, 2017, the Texas Southern University Men's Basketball Team will be recognized for their incredible accomplishments this season. The City of Houston commends the team for their hard work, solid sportsmanship and tremendous efforts and extends best wishes on their continued success and therefore, Mayor Pro Tem Cohen on behalf of Mayor Turner hereby proclaimed March 28, 2017, as Texas Southern University Men's Basketball Team Day in Houston, Texas. Council Member Gallegos absent.

At 2:11 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen recognized Council Member Le for the invocation and he invited Dr. Ed Montgomery to present the invocation and Council Member Le led the Pledge of Allegiance. Council Member Davis absent.

At 2:14 p.m. the Roll was called. Mayor Sylvester Turner out of the City on City business. Council Member Davis absent.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Cohen recognized Council Member Kubosh for a procedural motion and Council Member Kubosh moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of adding Mr. Freelon Payton, Mr. Christopher Burgmon and Ms. Gladys Watkins to list of speakers and seconded by Council Member Stardig, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis, Le and Edwards absent. **MOTION 2017-0163 ADOPTED**

Mayor Pro Tem Cohen recognized Council Member Green for a procedural motion and Council Member Green moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing Mr. Steven Paletz out of order and seconded by Council Member Kubosh, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis, Le and Edwards absent. **MOTION 2017-0164 ADOPTED**

Mayor Pro Tem Cohen recognized Council Member Cisneros for a procedural motion and Council Member Cisneros moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing Mr. John Branch and Ms. Gabrielle Hadnot out of order and seconded by Council Members Davis, Le and Edwards absent. **MOTION 2017-0165 ADOPTED**

Mayor Pro Tem Cohen recognized Council Member Martin for a point of personal privilege; and Council Member Martin recognized from the Livable Forest of Kingwood Texas a group of Home School Students and requested them to stand to be recognized. Council Member Davis, Le and Edwards absent.

At 2:19 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen requested the City Secretary to call the List of Speakers.

Mr. Steven Paletz, no address, no phone, appeared and stated that he is here to speak about Item 8, the adoption of the Civility Ordinance for the Greater South Post Oak, West Bellfort area and based on the petition that was collected by Greater South Post Oak, West Bellfort Coalition and the map included in the Agenda Item shows the diversity of support for this petition for this area to be included as a District to which the Civility Ordinance would apply. Council Members Davis, Martin and Edwards absent.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Paletz.

Mr. Shawn McDermott, 4410 Crawford St., 77004, (713)922-5156 appeared and stated that he was resident of the Museum District and they have a problem with the 59 bridge and he knows that they will be voting on the Tent Ordinance and they wanted to make note that they want this Ordinance to go through and also they are suffering from attacks from Homeless Advocates, they are slandering them on social media and other things but they want to make sure that there is no loopholes so they cannot get around it and he wants to make sure the enforcement is kept up and it really is about safety in the community. Council Members Council Members Davis, Green and Edwards absent.

Members of Council questioned Mr. McDermott.

Ms. Shere Dore, 2601 Woodland Park Dr., 77077, (832)282-4164 appeared and stated that she is a Homeless Advocate working directly with the homeless for 6 years now, she does not represent any organization or group and she represents the homeless that are silenced by society as a whole and when she heard about the Encampment Ordinance that the City is trying to pass she was a little disturbed when property have not yet been bought for this project and

she would appreciate it if the Mayor and Council could hold off this vote until the Way Home is up and running and the homeless have somewhere to go in the meantime and the City is getting ahead of itself bypassing an Ordinance which will only further criminalize the homeless. Council Members Davis, Le, Green and Edwards absent.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Dore.

Rev. Burnell McCray, no address, no phone, appeared and stated that God is speaking about compassion and how they should demonstrate compassion and being homeless and the struggles and he is against the Ordinance. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Le, Laster, Green and Edwards absent.

Members of Council questioned Rev. McCray.

Mr. Mike Smith, 7811 Kingsley St., 77087, (713)304-2944 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Le, Laster, Green and Edwards absent.

Ms. Marian Wright, 709 Bayland Ave., 77009, (713)899-7439 appeared and presented information and stated that they do not have census in the Woodland Heights for the Traffic calming devices as the neighborhood is divided and even the Civic Association says this is a mistake and they do not support this plan and the new plan has less support from the previous plans that were scrapped for not having enough support and too much power is given to this Department, the money had been already been spent and devices already installed before Council can even get a vote. Council Members Davis, Martin, Le, Travis, Green, Knox, Edwards and Christie absent.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Wright.

Mr. John Branch, 4430 Castor St., 77022, (310)710-4181 appeared and stated about 8 to 9 months ago was first proposed converting the Independence Heights Storefront to a Community Center when the neighborhood said they would clean it, pay for everything and run it and 9 months later the weeds have been cleared and gutters have been cleaned and apparently it was going to be a line item decision and he was informed by his Council Member that it was out of her hands, the community had been taken out of it and it is now in the Mayor's hands on what Department is going to run the Community Center, they were not asking for a line item agenda item for more money to be spent or taken out of the City's Budget to give them a Community Center, they would run it themselves, they do not have a clinic, they do not have a library but can say this building will go for use by the Community. Council Members Davis, Martin, Le, Travis, Green, Knox, Edwards and Christie absent.

Ms. Gabrielle Hadnot, 4316 Europa St., 77022, (281)787-0338 appeared and stated that she was here on behalf of the citizens of the Independence Heights and which she is a resident and this community is bordered with Crosstimbers to the North and Yale to the West and she comes requesting now that vacant Police Storefront at 803 Crosstimbers to be used as a Community Center and this could be a place where a Community could have meetings, Seniors have a place to gather, craft, education classes and many other activities at this location, they do not have a Multi-Service Center, they were left out of the allocations of the Multi-Service Centers and they are one of the oldest Communities, the Police Store Front is no way to make up for not having a Multi-Service Center but it would put a small Band-Aid on the problem and she hopes this would not be a difficult decision for them and hope it would be expedited and please contact

her for more information or to notify her with the Council decision. Council Members Davis, Martin, Laster, Green and Christie absent.

Council Member Cisneros stated that she had help facilitate bringing this to the Mayor's attention and he had indicated a willingness to consider and they have not gotten a final decision of what he is willing to do, it was going through a process to establish that other Departments do not see the need for it and it is property without a purpose and she does not know what the answer is and she had been taking a lead.

Mr. Robert Hall, 7957 Ridgeview Dr., 77055, (281)636-9613 appeared and stated that he lives in Council Member Stardig's District and he is here today because of an incident that occurred about a month ago and he was at an event displaying the American flag along with other Veterans and Patriots, the Police stopped them from displaying their flag with the premise that this flag was a weapon, they would not allow him to fly his flag and instructed him to put it away and he did follow that order and he is not so sure that he is not going to do that next time but it's the deal with all of this Political correctness stuff with our flag all around the Country and right here in Houston, he does not understand and the people that were with him were upset like he was and this Ordinance is stupid. Council Members, Davis, Martin, Green and Edwards absent.

Council Member Stardig stated that she totally agrees with him and asked him if he in any way tried to use the flag as a weapon, did he threaten anyone with the flag pole; that she knows Mr. Hall very well and he does amazing work in the community and asked the questioned that they have trouble enforcing other Laws and Ordinances in this city and she does not understand that this one was the one that was chosen to enforce because she cannot get one enforced when they are criminal and are harmful for people.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Hall.

Mr. Andy Valadez, 6431 Slate Stone Ln. 77084, (713)560-3348 appeared and stated that this is his first time to address the Council, he also is a Marine Veteran and he is here to speak about the American Flag, they honor what they stand for and this Ordinance that restricts the flying of the American, the City is hiding from behind the stick and the pole when the flag is in full view and he would like to request an emergency amendment to this Ordinance to recognize the American flag that is already protected by Federal Statues and guidelines and the American flags are not weapons and the flag and its pole should never be separated when displayed in public. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin and Green absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Cohen stated that she wanted to take a moment to read because they are talking about something that she does not think that any of them had read the Ordinance and read a paragraph from the Flag Pole Ordinance.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Valadez.

Mr. Taylor McNeil, 4414 Clay St. Apt. 1, 77023, (214)282-0410 appeared and stated that he is a Landscape Architect in Houston and he works for Asakura Robinson Design Company and they contributed to the Houston Bike Plan and leading the plan to the Downtown development and yesterday he got to meet Council Member Robinson at the Gulf Coast Sustainability Conference and he wanted to elaborate today on the brief discussion they had regarding storm water management. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, and Green absent.

Members of Council question Mr. McNeil.

Ms. Unique Green, 1116 Elberta St., 77051, (281)408-3103 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin and Green absent.

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. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin and Green absent.

Mr. David Busby, 8206 North Court Rd., 77040, (713)498-1141 appeared and stated that he is with Education TV and Radio and he been a Houston citizen for about 5 years now and he is here to speak about houses and the normal way is that they buy the house and they fix the house up and sell it to a good family, something they do not have to move into the house and spend more money to fix it and the reason he is speaking here today is that he is requesting that Council to put on a thinking cap about money, money to fix up the blight not tax money, that there was a fund set aside, like a bank and make it a returnable fund that they would have to pay it back and he explained his plan. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Green and Kubosh absent.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Busby.

Ms. Trula Samuel, 3027 Dacca, 77051, (832)754-1323 appeared and stated that the Greater Sugar Valley Subdivision is the adjoining neighborhood to Reidwood and Blue Ridge which have both received speed bumps or cushions for the safety of the residents and these speed bumps seem to be very affective as far as traffic control and safety and residents of the Greater Sugar Valley Subdivision really need to have this. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Green, Knox, Kubosh and Christie absent.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Samuel.

Mr. Freelon Payton, no address, no phone, appeared and stated that they have several issues in their community not only the speed bumps, they also have a tract of land that is next to Sugar Valley that is being filled with dirt to raise it up and it will cause drainage problems for Sugar Valley and that is one of the reason they were expecting him on the 14<sup>th</sup> and they were told that Council Member Boykins would set up a date to meet with them and when they got to the meeting they were told that Council Member Boykins was on spring break and they are requesting that he find someone that would tell them what type of drainage will they be putting in place since that property is building up and what are they going to build there. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Green and Christie absent.

Council Member Boykins questioned Mr. Payton who advised that the property being built up is at 2920 Airport.

Mr. Christopher Burgmon, no address, no phone, appeared and stated that they do appreciate the speed bumps because they are really need because they have kids riding little scooters and cars coming up and down speeding at least he sees one every evening going at least 40 miles per hour, they have Seniors that like to walk but cannot because they do not have sidewalks, they have no respect for the community and they have been needing the speed bumps for years and there is a store were a group stays there, they go urinate and do other things that should not be seen, they have school kids and mothers pass by and they have come to the conclusion that they need more Police because it is really bad. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Gallegos, Green and Christie absent.

Council Member Boykins questioned Mr. Burgmon.

Ms. Gladys Watkins, no address, no phone, appeared and stated that she speaks today for the safety of their children, the elderly and others that need the protection and this had been a long journey for her, she was the one that started this launch for the speed bumps but they are not dismayed or discourage, they are willing to move forward in their efforts to make their streets safe in their community. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Gallegos, Green and Christie absent.

Council Member Boykins questioned Ms. Watkins.

Ms. Eunics Amaechi, 2800 Dairy Ashford No.408, 77082, (832)362-6589 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Gallegos, Green and Christie absent.

Ms. Emily Payton, 4366 Club Creek Dr., 77074, (832)443-8572 appeared and stated that she is here as an independent homeless Advocate and with all due respect she is here to address the Encampment Ordinance and taking away their tents before they have room for housing is not human and that stray animals are treated better her in Houston than the homeless people are and that her people need to be helped and not hurt. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Gallegos, Green and Christie absent.

Council Member Kubosh questioned Ms. Payton.

Ms. Sara Lyons, 217 Everton St., 77003, (713)933-4694 appeared and stated that she lives in District H and Council Member Cisneros office and the Mayor's office did call her today and helped educate her on the Homeless Ordinance and she would like to applaud the City on their efforts to help the fellow citizens who do not have the luxury of residing in a permeant structure and she shared her concerns about these encampments. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Gallegos, Green and Christie absent.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Lyons.

Ms. Marion Scott, 1600 Louisiana, 77002, (713)987-3324 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Gallegos, Green and Christie absent.

Ms. Lynnette Wakefield, no address, no phone, had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Gallegos, Green and Christie absent.

Mr. Sam Smith, 7813, 77016, (254)400-5446 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Gallegos, Green and Christie absent.

Mr. Damian Matthews, 1414 Ambrosden Ln., Channelview, TX, 77530, (832)378-2453 appeared and stated that he came to speak today as a man that understands what human minds are capable of presenting to one another in a fashion that would not only serve for justice but as well as equality and expressed personal views and faith. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Gallegos, Green and Christie 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 Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Gallegos, Green and Christie absent.

Mr. Fouad Dib, 123 West 18<sup>th</sup> St., 77008, (713)922-2806 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Gallegos, Green and Christie absent.

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

Ms. Bridget Alexander McDaniel, 8114 St. Lo. Rd., 77033, (713)987-3854 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Gallegos, Green and Christie 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 4:05 p.m. The City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 29, 2017, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Gallegos, 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, March 29, 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, Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director and Stella Ortega Agenda Office present.

At 9:12 a.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting to order and recognized Council Member Cohen for a procedural motion. Council Members Davis and Travis absent.

Council Member Cohen moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of considering Items 1 & 2 prior to the Mayor's Report and seconded by Council Member Green, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis and Travis absent. **MOTION 2017-0166 ADOPTED**

1. **CONFIRMATION** of the appointment or reappointment of the following individuals to the **HOUSTON CLEAN CITY COMMISSION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for terms ending January 1, 2019:

- Position A - **WARREN SLOAN**, reappointment
- Position C - **BEN PROLER**, reappointment
- Position D - **JONATHAN HOWARD**, appointment
- Position E - **BRIAN GRUEL**, appointment
- Position F - **CLAY BROLLIER**, reappointment
- Position G - **NANCY D. RUTHERFORD**, reappointment
- Position I - **RAMIRO FONSECA**, reappointment

Position J - **JOYCE AKINS**, reappointment

Position K - **BECKY EDMONSON**, reappointment

At-Large Position No. 1 - **JAN ROSE**, reappointment

At-Large Position No. 3 - **LORA-MARIE BERNARD**, reappointment

At-Large Position No. 4 - **KOURTNEY JAMES PERRY**, appointment

At-Large Position No. 5 - **JESSICA MAHAFFEY**, reappointment-

was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis and Travis absent. **MOTION 2017-0167 ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner introduced Members appointed to the Houston Clear City Commission Board of Directors and thanked them for their services and Members of Council thanked them for their willingness to serve.

2. **REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment of **DR. KARUN SREERAMA** as **DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS & ENGINEERING-** was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0168 ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner invited Dr. Sreerama to the podium, and stated he is a Veteran Houston engineer and was picked to head the Houston Department of Public Works and Engineering (PWE) and would head the Department of about 4,000 employees and is a highly respected engineer with 28 years of experience managing multi-million dollar capital projects across the U.S. and abroad, he is a registered Professional Engineer and holds a doctorate in civil engineering as well as a Master's degree in business administration and he will fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Dale Rudick, who has led PWE since 2014 and pending council approval, the new appointment is to be effective April 3, 2017 and he wanted to thank Dr. Sreerama for accepting the task and accepting the job and they look forward in working with him.

Members of Council thanked Dr. Sreerama for his willingness to serve and he received a standing ovation.

At 9:48 a.m. Mayor Turner stated they would move to the Mayor's Report.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Turner stated that he wanted to start with brief report on the Pension in Austin, the Legislature and he first wanted to thanked all of the Council Members for traveling to Austin on Monday, with regards to the Committee Substitute House Bill 43, Police testified in favor of the Bill, both the Pension Board and as well as the Union group, with respect to the Municipal Employees, the Pension Boards as well as their Employees testified in favor of it and the Greater Houston Partnership testified in favor of the Bill and the Bill has a great deal of consensus, the Firefighter are the only ones that are holding out but have not said that and they cannot stop because of any one group, he had instructed his team to move forward, it is important for the City of Houston as a whole and the question they have to ask, is what is in the best interest for the City and he anticipates a very positive result coming out of Legislature.

Mayor Turner stated the last thing he wanted to make mention on that over the weekend 2 Cyclist that were training for MS150 were killed and he wanted to express his condolences to



their family and friends of Keri Blanchard Guillory and Greg Randall Tippet and according to Bike Houston there had been 5 people killed while riding bicycles in the Houston Metro Region since February 3 and reviewed the Bike Safeway Ordinance.

At 9:54 a.m. Mayor Turner requested that the City Secretary to call the Consent Agenda.

**CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 4 through 28**

**PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS** - NUMBERS 4 and 5

4. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$54,432.25 out of Contributed Capital Project Fund for the purchase of Replacement Parts for the Parks and Recreation Department- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Stardig, Davis and Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0210 ADOPTED**

5. **LONE STAR RECREATION, INC** for Playground Replacement Parts through the Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Purchasing with the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative (BuyBoard) for the Parks & Recreation Department - \$54,432.25 - Contributed Capital Project Fund

**This item should only be considered after passage of Item 4 above-** was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Green, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Stardig, Davis and Boykins absent. **MOTION 2017-0169 ADOPTED**

**ORDINANCES** - NUMBERS 11 through 28

11. **ORDINANCE** finding and determining that public convenience and necessity no longer require the continued use of: (1) Burnett Street, from Maffitt Street east to the Southern Pacific Right-of-Way Line; (2) Semmes Street, from Burnett Street south to the Southern Pacific Right-of-Way Line; (3) Maffitt Street, from Burnett Street south to the Southern Pacific Right-of-Way Line; (4) Brooks Street, from Maffitt Street east 417 feet to Chase Street; and (5) Semmes Street, from Brooks Street north to Harrington Street, all located within the S.F. Noble's Addition, out of the S.M. Harris Survey, A-327; abandoning the streets to Kurtz Properties, Ltd., abutting owner, in consideration of its payment to the City of \$787,088.00 - **DISTRICTS B - DAVIS and H - CISNEROS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Stardig and Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0211 ADOPTED**

12. **ORDINANCE** finding and determining that public convenience and necessity no longer require the continued use of a 20-foot-wide water line easement; abandoning the easement to the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, the abutting owner, in consideration of: (A) its conveyance to the City of a 23-foot-wide water line easement; (B) its payment to the City of \$300.00; and (C) other good and valuable consideration; located within Block 77 of the Turner's Addition, out of the Obedience Smith Survey, A-696, and Joseph Gamble Survey,

A-309 - **DISTRICTS C - COHEN and D – BOYKINS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Stardig and Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0212 ADOPTED**

13. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$2,050,000.00 from the TIRZ Affordable Housing Fund; approving and authorizing loan of the appropriated funds and \$3,900,000.00 of Federal Home Investment Partnership Funds from the City of Houston to **HARRIS COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY** to assist with development of Fenix Estates, a 200 unit Affordable Housing Community, located in the vicinity of 3815 Gulf Freeway, In Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT I – GALLEGOS-** was presented and City Secretary advised that Item 13 had been pulled by the Administration and will not be considered.
17. **ORDINANCE** appropriating reimbursement of unspent funds of \$588,759.95 to **REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER FOURTEEN, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS (FOURTH WARD)**, and authorizing transfer of reimbursed funds to Reinvestment Zone Number Fourteen, City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Ordinance No. 2011-0609- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Stardig and Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0213 ADOPTED**
21. **ORDINANCE** establishing the north side of the 4400-4500 blocks of **Rusk Street**, within the City of Houston, Texas, as a special minimum lot size block pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT I – GALLEGOS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Stardig and Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0214 ADOPTED**
22. **ORDINANCE** establishing the north and south sides of the 1400 block of **Scharpe Street**, within the City of Houston, Texas, as a special minimum lot size block pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT I – GALLEGOS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Stardig and Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0215 ADOPTED**
24. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$1,400,000.00 out of Fire Consolidated Construction Fund and \$500,000.00 out of Police Consolidated Construction Fund to the In-House Renovation Revolving Fund for FY2017 Renovations of the Houston Fire Department Fire House No. 32 and Houston Police Department Gerson Building and Central Police Complex - **DISTRICTS B - DAVIS and H – CISNEROS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Stardig and Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0216 ADOPTED**
25. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$107,734.00 from the Metro Projects Construction DDSRF Fund; approving and authorizing Public Highway Overpass Agreement between the City of Houston and **UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD** for the Buffalo Speedway Grade Separation Project - **DISTRICT K – GREEN-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Stardig and Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0217 ADOPTED**
28. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$2,540,792.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding contract to **PM CONSTRUCTION & REHAB, LLC** for Wastewater Collection System Rehabilitation and Renewal; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering and testing, and contingencies relating to construction of

facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Stardig and Boykins absent.  
**ORDINANCE 2017-0218 ADOPTED**

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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

3. **DIXON-SHANE, LLC dba R&S NORTHEAST, LLC** for a 340B Drug Pricing Program for Family Planning Contraceptives, Vaccines, and Over-The-Counter Medications for the Houston Health Department - 36 Months with two one-year options - \$1,476,111.30 - General, Grant and Other Funds- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0170 ADOPTED**

6. **ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 21 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, relating to encampments in public places; declaring certain conduct to be unlawful and providing penalties therefor; containing findings and other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; providing for severability- was presented,

Mayor Turner stated on Item No. 6, he had been presented with several Amendments and would move to delay these Items to discuss and he wants to acknowledge these Amendments.

Council Member Stardig presented 2 Amendments for Item 6, Section 23-61 of the Code of Ordinance.

Council Member Gallegos presented 2 Amendments to proposed Chapter 21, Article III- Encampments Ordinance.

Council Member Laster presented 2 Amendments to Item 6: Chapter 21 of the Code of Ordinance relating to Encampments in Public places.

Council Member Knox presented 1 Amendments to Item 6, Section 21-62 of the Code of Ordinance.

Council Member Laster moved to delay proposed Amendments by Council Members Stardig, Gallegos, Laster, Knox and Item 6 for 2 weeks and seconded by Council Member Knox, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0171 ADOPTED**

7. **ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 28-46 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF HOUSTON**, relating to aggressive panhandling and impeding the use of a roadway; declaring certain conduct to be unlawful; containing findings and other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; providing for severability- was presented,

Mayor Turner stated on Item 7, he had been presented with number of Amendments and would move to delay these Items to discuss and he wants to acknowledge these Amendments.

Council Member Stardig presented 5 Amendments for Item 7, Section 28-46 of the Code of Ordinance.

Council Member Gallegos presented 4 Amendments to proposed Chapter 28, Section 28-46 of the Code of Ordinance.

Council Member Knox presented 3 Amendments to Item 7 to Section 28-46 of the Code of Ordinance.

Council Member Knox moved to delay proposed Amendments by Council Members Stardig, Gallegos, Laster, Knox and Item 7 for 2 weeks and seconded by Council Member Laster, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0172 ADOPTED**

8. **ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE XVI, CHAPTER 40, CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, by adding an area surrounding South Post Oak and West Bellfort as a designated area covered by such article (Civility Ordinance)- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0219 ADOPTED**
  
9. **ORDINANCE** supplementing the City of Houston, Texas Combined Utility System Master Ordinance; providing for the issuance of Combined Utility System First Lien Revenue and Refunding Bonds, Series 2017B in one or more series or subseries as may be further designated; authorizing the Mayor and City Controller to approve the amounts, interest rates, prices, and terms thereof and certain other matters relating thereto; providing for the payment thereof; making other provisions regarding such bonds including the use of a Preliminary Official Statement and authorizing the preparation and distribution of an Official Statement and matters incident thereto; awarding the sale of the bonds; authorizing the defeasance, final payment, and discharge of certain outstanding Combined Utility Commercial Paper Notes and certain Combined Utility System Bonds; authorizing a Bond Counsel Agreement, and a Special Disclosure Counsel Agreement; authorizing the execution and delivery of a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement and other related documents; making other provisions regarding such bonds; and declaring an emergency- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Green absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0220 ADOPTED**
  
10. **ORDINANCE** finding and determining that public convenience and necessity no longer require the continued use, by the City of Houston, Texas, of Aldine High School Loop Road, circling from Airline Drive to Airline Drive within the Aldine Senior High School Campus, out of the Simon Contreras Survey, A-220; vacating, abandoning and selling said parcel to Aldine Independent School District, the abutting owner, in consideration of (A) owner's payment to the City of \$183,436.00 in cash, (B) the conveyance by owner to the City in Fee Simple Title of a 39,810 square feet tract of land located at Ella Boulevard and West Greens Road for Ground Water Well use by the City, (C) the conveyance by owner to the City of two 10-foot wide water line easements, all situated in the B.B.B. & C.R.R. Co. Survey, A-175, Harris County, Texas, and (D) other good and valuable consideration - Parcels SY16-075,

JY16-003, KY16-278 and KY16-279 - **DISTRICT B – DAVIS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0221 ADOPTED**

14. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing second amendment to contract between the City of Houston and **CHILD CARE COUNCIL OF GREATER HOUSTON**, providing up to \$400,000 in additional Community Development Block Grant Funds for the continuing administration and operation of a Child Care Program- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0222 ADOPTED**
15. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing first amendment to contract between the City of Houston and **CHILD CARE COUNCIL OF GREATER HOUSTON** to provide up to \$1,817,200 (\$1,292,200 - Emergency Solutions Grant Funds; \$525,000 - Community Development Block Grant Funds) for the continuing administration and operation of the City's Homeless Services Program- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0223 ADOPTED**
16. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing second amendment to contract between the City of Houston and **CHILD CARE COUNCIL OF GREATER HOUSTON**, providing up to \$400,000 in additional Community Development Block Grant Funds for the continuing administration and operation of a Juvenile Delinquency Program- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0224 ADOPTED**
18. **ORDINANCE** releasing certain territory consisting of approximately 606.1394 acres in Harris County, adjacent to the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Tomball, Texas, located near the intersection of S.H.249 and Humble Road, from the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Houston- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0225 ADOPTED**
19. **ORDINANCE** establishing the west side of the 900 block of **Henke Street**, within the City of Houston, Texas, as a special minimum lot size block pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT H – CISNEROS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0226 ADOPTED**
20. **ORDINANCE** establishing the north and south sides of the 1400 block of **Munger Street**, within the City of Houston, Texas, as a special minimum lot size block pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT I – GALLEGOS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Stardig and Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0227 ADOPTED**
23. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$50,000 out of Contributed Capital Project Fund to Reimburse **SCENIC HOUSTON** for Esplanade Beautification on Broadway Street between Interstate 45 and Hobby Airport - **DISTRICT I – GALLEGOS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0228 ADOPTED**
26. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$131,200.00 out of Metro Projects Construction DDSRF as an additional appropriation to Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of

Houston and **BRIDGEFARMER & ASSOCIATES, INC** for Antoine Paving and Drainage from Hammerly to Hempstead Hwy. (Approved by Ordinance No. 2015-0329); providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Metro Projects Construction DDSRF - **DISTRICT A – STARDIG-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0229 ADOPTED**

- 27. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$2,150,500.00 out of Metro Construction - Other, awarding contract to **TIKON GROUP, INC** for Safe Sidewalk Program Work Authorization Project; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering, testing, CIP Cost Recovery, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Metro Construction – Other- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0230 ADOPTED**

**MATTERS HELD** - NUMBERS 29 and 30

- 29. RECEIVE** nominations for Positions B, H and At-Large Position 2 of the **HOUSTON CLEAN CITY COMMISSION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for terms ending January 1, 2019  
**DELAYED BY MOTION #2017-159, 3/22/17**

This was a portion of Item 35 on Agenda of March 22, 2017- was presented,

Council Member Davis to nominated Huey German-Wilson for appointment to Position B of the Houston Clean City Commission Board of Directors.

Council Member Cisneros to nominated Amy Boyers for appointment to Position H of the Houston Clean City Commission Board of Directors.

Council Member Robinson to nominated Jason Smith for appointment to Position At-Large 2 of the Houston Clean City Commission Board of Directors.

Council Member Cohen moved to close nominations for Positions B, H and At-Large Position 2 to the Houston Clean City Commission Board of Directors and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent.

**MOTION 2017-0173 ADOPTED**

- 30. ORDINANCE** authorizing the transfer of \$480,000.00 from the NEWPP Expansion–Swift Fund (Fund 8434) into the PWE-NEWPP Construction Fund (Fund 8506), appropriating \$480,000.00 from Fund 8506, and approving the expenditure of said sum from Fund 8506 for services associated with the Northeast Water Purification Plant (“NEWPP”) Expansion Project (“Project”); appropriating \$2,520,000.00 from the Water Authorities Capital Contrib-Newpp Fund (Fund 8505) and approving the expenditure of said sum from Fund 8505 for services associated with Project; approving and authorizing second amendment to the Design-Build Agreement between the City of Houston and **HOUSTON WATERWORKS TEAM**, a Joint Venture between **CH2M HILL ENGINEERS, INC** and **CDM CONSTRUCTORS, INC** (Approved by Ordinance No. 2015-1260) for the Project; amending Ordinance No. 2015-1260 to increase the maximum project amount  
**TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER DAVIS**

This was Item 40 on Agenda of March 22, 2017- was presented, all voting aye, nays none.  
Council Member Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0231 ADOPTED**

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

Members of Council announced events and discussed matters of interest.

There being no further business before Council; the City Council adjourned at 10:38 a.m.  
Council Members Davis, Martin, Le, Travis, Laster, Knox and Kubosh absent. **DETAILED  
INFORMATION ON FILE ON THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY**

**MINUTES READ AND APPROVED**

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Anna Russell, City Secretary

