

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, April 18, 2017

A regular meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 18, 2017; Mayor Sylvester Turner presiding, with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jerry Davis, Ellen Cohen, Dwight Boykins, Dave Martin, Steve Le, Greg Travis, Karla Cisneros, Robert Gallegos, Mike Laster, Larry Green, Mike Knox, David Robinson, Amanda Edwards and Jack Christie D.C.; Ronald Lewis, the City Attorney and Tracy Calbrese, Legal Department; Marta Crinejo Agenda Director and Stella Ortega Agenda Office present. Council Member Michael Kubosh absent 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 Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Cisneros, Laster and Knox absent.

Council Member Green stated that The Houston Police Department plays an indispensable role in maintaining law and order in our city, providing unparalleled levels of service. Each day, area residents benefit from the perseverance of peace officers who safeguard life and property and risk their lives to guard and protect us, Houstonians deeply appreciate and respect the dedication, valor and service of the Houston Police Department and the effectiveness of the Southwest Division of the Houston Police Department is due to the accomplishments of its dedicated officers and support personnel, particularly those who have acquired valuable expertise and skills through many years of experience, Senior Police Officer Mary L. Young is one such able and skilled individual, having served the department, our city and its residents willingly and well since August 28, 1995 and after more than 21 years of service in the proud tradition of the Houston Police Department, Senior Police Officer Mary L. Young has chosen to begin her well-earned retirement on March 25, 2017 and in recognition and appreciation of her dedication and loyal service, the City of Houston congratulates and commends Senior Police Officer Mary L. Young on this milestone occasion and extends best wishes for a long and happy retirement and therefore, Mayor Turner hereby proclaimed March 25, 2017, as Senior Police Officer Mary L. Young Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis and Knox absent.

Council Member Robinson stated that the Natural Resources Management Program of the Houston Parks and Recreation Department works daily to preserve the biodiversity and natural heritage of Houston and its surrounding areas through preservation of green space, restoration of natural communities and cultivation of environmental awareness and there are significant green spaces and natural resource areas managed by the Houston Parks and Recreation Department and of the city's 371 parks, which have been certified as wildlife habitats, 80 have been identified as having natural areas totaling over 16,000 acres, In addition, over 700 citizens' homes, 30 schools and 25 common areas in Houston have also been certified as wildlife habitats and the Natural Resources Management Program, along with partner conservation groups and citizens participation, has completed Houston's certification as a National Wildlife Federation Community Wildlife Habitat, the largest city yet to have achieved this milestone; and on April 18, 2017, Houston will celebrate the environmental well-being of our ecosphere during the week of Earth Day. The City of Houston urges citizens in recognizing the important role parks and recreation play in all our lives and therefore, Mayor Turner hereby proclaimed April 18, 2017, as Wildlife Habitat Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Davis, Le and Knox absent.

Council Member Gallegos stated before he began his presentation, he would like to recognize Constable Chris Diaz from Precinct 6 and former Council Member Felix Fraga and his wife Ms. Fraga and also requested everyone that was in support of this proclamation to please stand.

Council Member Gallegos stated that Tejanos have been present in the Lone Star State since the 16th century and participated in every major event leading to the formation of this great state and nation, the rich and vibrant history and contributions of Tejanos to the making of the state of Texas and the United States of America remain largely untold and Tejanos have engaged in numerous efforts to fight for freedom and social justice. Tejano leaders include Juan Seguin, Lorenzo de Zavala, Juan Cortina, Gregorio Cortez, Jose T. Canales, WWI Medal of Honor Recipient David Barkley Cantu, WWII Medal of Honor Recipient Macario Garcia, Dr. Hector P. Garcia, Henry B. Gonzalez, Jose Angel Gutierrez, Willie Velasquez, Leonel Castillo and Raul C. Martinez, the role and contribution of Tejanos is largely under-recognized: Francisca Alvarez of the Texas Revolution, Paula Losoya, Jovita Idar, Alicia Montemayor, Emma Tenayuca, Lydia Mendoza, Rositas of WWII, Gloria Anzaldúa; Irma Rangel, the first Tejana Texas state representative; Judith Zaffarini, the first Tejana senator; Selena Quintanilla, Queen of Tejano Music, and many others and Tejanos have been instrumental in the Civil Rights Movement and have established numerous clubs and organizations that fight for and promote equality and social justice and some of these organizations include the Order of Sons of America, Club Femenino Chapultepec, League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), American G.I. Forum, Chicana Rights Project, Mexican American Women's Political Action Committee, Association for the Advancement of Mexican Americans, Tejano Center for Community Concerns, Chicano Family Center and Talento Bilingue de Houston, Tejanos welcome the arrival of Latino newcomers to the Lone Star State and embrace them as Tejanos-in-the-making; their presence will further enrich the cultural heritage, customs, traditions, and economy of Texas and the City of Houston recognizes, embraces and celebrates the selfless contributions of countless Tejanos who have sacrificed for the advancement of our great state during Tejano History Month, April 15, 2017, through May 15, 2017 and therefore, Mayor Turner hereby proclaimed April 15, 2017, through May 15, 2017, as Tejano History Month in Houston, Texas.

At 2:35 p.m. Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Knox for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

At 2:37 p.m. the Roll was called. Council Member Kubosh absent on personal business.

Council Member Cohen 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 Member Gallegos absent. **MOTION ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Martin for a point of personal privilege; Council Member Martin stated he would like to recognize a special member of the audience today and requested Doctor Allen to stand to be recognized, she is visiting them from Cambridge, Massachusetts and her son sits to his immediate right which is Council Member Robinson and he welcomed her to the City of Houston and that she has a wonderful son. Council Member Gallegos absent.

Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Christie for a point of personal privilege; Council Member Christie state he wanted to introduced 11 students that were from Germany and wanted to welcome them to City Council.

Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Christie for a procedural motion, Council Member Christie moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing Ms. Renee Janhnke, Mr. Nick Salem, Mr. Steve Williams, Mr. David Keller and Ms. Sandy Ditta out of order and seconded by Council Member Robinson all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis and Boykins absent. **MOTION 2017-0197 ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Christie for a procedural motion, Council Member Christie moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing Mr. Andrew Barley, Mr. Zach Vasquez, Ms. Yvonne Green and Ms. April Richard out of order and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis and Boykins absent. **MOTION 2017-0198 ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Laster for a procedural motion, Council Member Laster moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing from 6 people in 2 groups for 3 minutes for each group one on managing floods and one on sanctuary city and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis, Boykins and Green absent. **MOTION 2017-0199 ADOPTED**

At 2:44 p.m. Mayor Turner requested the City Secretary to call the List of Speakers.

Ms. Sabrina Smith, 17111 Silverstone Ln., Spring, TX, 77379, (281)865-4729 appeared and stated on July 9, 2016 Albert Brazil was murdered by 2 HPD Officers and on the same day Keith Swanson a middle age White man had a shootout with HPD and was arrested with no scratches and Mayor Turner stated that Albert Brazil had a gun that pointed it to the Officers and after 9 months without producing a video and they demand that Mayor Turner to apologize to the family of Albert Brazil for the false statements and they demand all the Council Members resign from their position. Council Member Davis, Boykins and Green absent.

Mr. Kyle Kolash, 1415 Eldridge Parkway, Apt. No. 1622, 77077, (281)871-1955 appeared and stated that he is game design student about to graduate and after graduation there is going to be a challenge for him because there are very few options forcing him not to be able to stay here in Houston because of the amount of the Game Industry here in Houston and even through this is the 4th largest City in America, it is not relevant in the Game Industry, he found a local Gaming Community that was doing something about it and over the past 2 years he joined a few of these groups and now helps manage their community outreach through meetings and Facebook, they need the City to make more attractive for the major Gaming Companies to want to come to Houston and build a future here with the great people of Houston and there is a transmedia proposal by the Gamers of Houston being submitted on the 5th of May on how the City can help with this. Council Members Davis, Cohen and Green absent.

Ms. Cesar Hernandez, 818 Ridgecrest, 77060, (417)619-6481 **(NEED A TRANSLATOR)** appeared and stated that she is currently working with JBM Contracting, she had 2 years of working with the City of Houston and her wages are \$9.35 an hour, she is an independent contractor with the City of Houston and she wants to make a point that when she works overtime she is not currently getting paid for it and she had placed a complaint to charge with the Inspector General with the City of Houston but she is requesting for Council support.

Mayor Turner questioned Ms. Hernandez about her indication that she is not getting paid for overtime and advised her that he will take a look into this and also asked if the other people that are standing are also working as an Independent Contractors for JBM and she advised that they are and Mayor Turner further stated to get her contact information and they will investigate the matter themselves because the fact of the matter that they had brought it to his attention

because they are monitoring and checking themselves because that is very important and they want to make sure they are getting paid what they are obligated to receive and to also let the company know it is not going to be tolerated.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Hernandez at length.

Mr. Jorge Garza, 9229 East Ave. 77012, (832)372-9305 appeared and stated that he is janitor at G.R. Brown Convention Center and he works side by side with janitors that are Union and enjoy benefits and just because he works with a Sub-Contractor he does not have the same benefits and when they tried to organize to form a Union the Company retaliated against him and his co-workers, they have filed charges with the National Labor Board but they need the City of Houston to tell this Contractor to respect their right to form a Union so they can have the same benefits and be treated equally.

Mayor Turner asked him what Contractor does he works with as he expects that all employees be treated fairly and he is going to follow up with Houston First to make sure that Houston employee are appreciated and valued.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Garza.

Ms. Renee Jahnke, 1907 Freeman, 77009, (281)469-3247 appeared and stated that her husband Steve Jahnke was the District Chief of the Houston Fire Department and was following a family tradition, he died from Cancer in 2007 following a 10 month battle with a job related illness, she and Steve worked to provide an average income for their family and in one point of their marriage they had 7 jobs, they have been promised by the City of Houston that if they made sacrifices and they helped the City, they would be taken care of, they accepted the fact that they would not make a lot of money but they would have a retirement, Steve never got to enjoy life after being a Firefighter or saw one penny of his pension and he did have dealings with the City on the Political side, he did see how Firefighters were taken advantage of and how they were treated and he was right, their Firefighters have sacrificed and given so much to this City, they have sacrificed salary, family, holidays, special events and some even gave their lives, there are many widows and retirees here today because of the promise and their retirees are once again facing the political future of the City leaders wanting to take what is rightfully theirs, the stuff the City had promised to pay to them and then turn around and pay 2 other pension funds that are controlled by the City and the City had mismanaged their financing for many years and had spent more than the \$5 dollars they had and now they want them to bail them out and as Council Member Martin said earlier this month the City is obligated by law to pay into the Firefighter pension fund and the City is not obligated to pay into the Police and Municipal fund which are the 2 funds that the City controls, today each of the Council Members have the chance to be remembered as a great leader. Council Members Davis and Le absent.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Jahnke at length.

Mayor Turner asked Ms. Jahnke's to consider that for the last 16 years the City had been obligated to pay the full cost of the Firefighter's Pension Fund and the unfunded liability for Firefighters is right at 1.5, 1.6 billion dollars and it is important that everyone have this information and if they do not fix it and do not fix the system, fix the problem, the cost are going to continue to rise and if they do not make any changes from the Firefighters, Municipal and Police they will come to a point in time that the retirement check that they all are receiving would not be there because they cannot pay it and it is not just the problem that the City of Houston is facing, it is a problem that is being faced right now by other major Cities across the Country and the other thing that people need to consider is if there is no resolution in this Legislation Session

the credit agencies had told them that the credit rating for the City of Houston will go down and the cost of everything goes up, it will impact everyone, he understands everything that they are saying and he has supported the Firefighters since he became an Elected Official for 27 years, the Drop Program that there is so much to debate about on the House side, he was instrumental in that Drop Program in creating it, he takes no pleasure at all on having to adjustments or recommend that adjust be made but what he can say with the reforms that they had put in place no retirees check is going down.

Mr. Nick Salem, 946 Teetshorn, 77009, (281)469-0996 appeared presented handouts and stated that he is the President of the Houston Retirement Firefighter Association and he is also a Houston Firefighter Captain retiree and he is here speaking about the Mayor's Pension Legislation that is currently in Austin that the more than 3,000 retirees, widows and beneficiaries actively do not support the plan and he is going to tell them why that is plain and simple, the Firefighters Pension recipients are paying 39% of the Mayor's cost of the \$2.5 billion that he told them that all 3 pension had to pay and the Mayor told them that they had to cut \$973,518.00 from the Firefighters Pension Benefits, that is unfair and that is why they are against this and to explained the handout sheets that were presented column by column about the 3 different pension. Council Members Davis, Le, Laster and Knox absent.

Mayor Turner stated that now his time had expired and since he had not been accurate, he was not part of the negotiations, the term sheet had said \$802 million subject to the Pension Board providing the actuarial data and subject to the cost being within a define percentage, their Pension Board did not provide the actuarial data and since October of last year he had requested that information sense he had been around this table, he requested it in January through March and what he said to their Pension Board is that if they did not provide him with the actuarial data so that they can confirm the cost, then they are going to force him to take more than what he may need, their Pension Board did not provide the data and if they do not do it like Police and Municipal Workers did then they will have to extract more than what they did and he also told Members of City Council at any point of time if the Pension Board provides the data then they can make a determination if they were asking for too much and it also says in this agreement subject to additional information being provided and what he means by that to stay within the defined cost percentages which it has not done and for him to come before this Chamber and this Body and provide inaccurate information when he was never part of the conversations or never part of the well over 50 meetings he had attended and providing this information to the people that are behind him is unacceptable and he is not going to allow Mr. Salem to come here a spew out information that is incorrect and if he wants to take his case to the Legislature as he has and they are willing to go with him and apparently they are not then he has a problem.

Steven Williams, 3233 Snow, Katy, TX, 77493, (713)630-4421 appeared and presented information and stated that he was a retired Houston Firefighter, he served 29 years and retired in 2008 at the rank of Captain, he is a Board Member of the Houston Retired Firefighters Association and past President of the Houston Professional Firefighters Association Local 341 and his comments today are directed to Council Member Martin and a comment he made about 2 weeks ago regarding Pension problems facing the City of Houston and in his own words that none of the Council Members were present in 2001 but he was and for him to use that as a excuse is an example of his failure to do due diligence, in understanding the cause and action of their predecessors and why pension problems exist today and that is why he provided them a brief fact sheet with exhibits in hopes they would make a better informed decision for a last course of action and explained the exhibits that he provided. Council Members Davis, Le and Laster absent.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Williams.

Council Member Martin stated that before the Mayor came into Office he was already working on this and plans this fiasco that he and the Council Members inherited, he thinks he did a great job on bring something to the Legislature and this has all of the control of the State of Texas and not this body here and he asked a simple question to him, living up to their obligations, moving forward as a City Council Member should they fully fund all three City Pension Funds at a 100% in the fiscal calendar year of 2018.

Mr. Williams stated that his answer to Council Member Martin is to leave the Firefighter Pension alone and for them to take care of their obligation to the other 2 Pension Funds and they can do their own.

Council Member Martin stated does he know what that means to him and the Firefighters, they would have to shut down Fire Houses, they are obligated too, this is reality, they are facing a \$600 to \$700 million deficit in 2018 and 80 % of their cost is in payroll, employees which means they are going to have to get rid of Fire Station, Police Stations, Parks and Recreation, Libraries and some person while they believe that the Fire and the Police are the most important things and there are other people that think Parks and Recreation, even Libraries and he if they do not move with the times like other companies did not move with the time, now they are out of business, they need to fundamentally change the way they operate as a business and that is what they are going to see if it is not passed in Austin, there will be dramatic decreases to the operating cost to this City and 2018 is going to be a different year because this Council Member will fully fund all 3 Pensions and may the budget lay where it lays at that time.

Mr. David Keller, 4225 Interwood N.Pkwy, 77032, (713)443-7703 appeared and stated that he was Chair of the Houston Firefighters Relief and Retirement Fund and his comments will be brief so he can answer any questions, he first spoke about a story about a famous bank robber from the 1900s and today he thinks like many others Houston Firefighter as well that the story he spoke about is alive here in City Hall and the Houston Firefighter Pension Fund is being robbed because that is where the money is and the Houston Firefighters are strongly opposed to Bill 43 and Senate Bill 2190 and these Bills are punitive to Firefighters, they have robbed what they have earned through their investment discipline and success over the past 80 years, from the beginning of this process they never expected the status quo nor did they advocate for it but they also did not expect to flip the Bill to fill the holes that they did not dig, the Police and Municipal Plans were both under funded by agreements, Firefighters did not receive the benefits that were traded for these agreements and again they did not dig the holes that they are having to fill, HFRH have nearly \$4 billion dollars and is over 89% funded and they are the best funded plan in Texas according to the Pension Review Board data, they are approximately 40% of the Mayor's proposed solution which that is unfair and this is because that is where the money is, the Mayor's Legislation is punitive to firefighter, it is untested and unproven it will have unintended consequences because it is hideously complex and it is unconstitutional further delaying workable solution they will have to do this all over again. Council Members Davis, Gallegos and Laster absent.

Mayor Turner stated he wanted to ask him this, since he is referring to the Term Sheets in October of last year, the Firefighters Pension Board voted 7-2 in favor of this Term Sheet and since that vote took place has the Firefighter Pension Board revoke their vote, this is a simple technical questioned and he is requesting simple technical answer?

Mr. Keller stated that there was no reason revocation of the vote because when he took Legislation to the Legislature, the agreement was broken.

Mayor Turner stated that is his interpretation but the City has a Representative on their Pension Board and again the Firefighter Pension Board vote 7-2 in favor of the Term Sheet and for the Firefighters Pension Board Members to be out here campaigning against a vote, an affirmative vote and having not taken it back is potentially a violation of their fiduciary responsibility, he is not going to go back and forth with Mr. Keller because the point he is trying to make that their Board voted 7-2 in favor and there is nothing on record that indicated that this vote had been retracted.

Mr. Keller stated that a month or two months later they voted 9-1 that included the Mayor's Representative to pursue their own plan and continue to work with the City to see if there was an opportunity to make a plan, that did not come because the Mayor would have thrown it in the trash if he received it but they never were able to present one to him but they did develop their own plan and that was with the Mayor's Representative.

Mayor Turner stated in addition he think all of them have acknowledged that they City had paid in full in cost of the their Pension of their Pension Plan every single year and is it also true that the City paying every dime that they were obligated to owe, that their unfunded liability was close to 1.5 billion dollars because he is looking at the sheet of paper that was presented to him.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Keller at length.

Mayor Turner also stated that on March the 27th when they were in Austin not only did Senator Huffman and Josh McGee with the Arnold Foundation and others thought that they had reached an agreement, it was the Friday before Senator Huffman called him on a Friday night and told the Mayor "if you will put in a little more and assume an additional cost she believes that this is a wrap with Fire "and he told Senator Huffman if it would close the deal for Fire, he would assume the additional cost and she thanked him and that Monday when many of them were at City Council the understanding was the deal had been reached with Fire and the understanding was when he testifies he would not testifies against it but on it and even his temper with his comments and the week before that they all schedule a meeting with the Board that was to be on that following Wednesday to confirm the agreement.

Members of Council continued to question Mr. Keller.

Mayor Turner stated the Council Members wanted to question Mr. Keller about the agreement and it is no longer here at the City; it is in the Legislature and they know it is in the hands of the legislature and they are going to decide what the final deal is.

Ms. Sandy Ditta, 2 Smith Loop East, Cleveland, TX, 77327, (281)802-6622 appeared and stated that she is widow of District Frank Ditta who he proudly served the citizens of Houston for 30 years and she can personal attest the confidential information, the last time that was provided to the City, she received a phone call one morning and said the Franks name is on the front page of the Chronicle which she thought he did something that he did not tell her about and she looked at the page and it had the top 10 Firefighters and their salaries and she wish that she had kept the article which she and her husband had a good laugh about it because it also said that the average Firefighter retires with 2 million dollars, that is why they had a good laugh and she had personal conversation with Todd Clark who told several of them that their personal information would never again appear in the chronicle because it was wrong and he did not know who was responsible and she assured them all that he did not, he was a single dad that was raising a daughter with special needs and he was not like most Firefighters and did not have a second job but he did take every test given to him to increase his pay, her husband and other Firefighters like him had fullified there obligation to the City of Houston and to reduce their

benefits that they already worked for and sacrificed for is wrong and she is here today because her husband cannot be and she is here today because their decision impacts 3,000 Firefighters and their families and Mayor Turner, you are not responsible of the mismanagement of the funds but however you do have the opportunity to do the right thing. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Martin, Laster and Cisneros absent.

Mr. Andrew Barley, 3815 Cloverbrook Dr., 77045, (281)814-8978 appeared and stated that he wanted to thank Council Members Christie and Boykins for speaking with him and he is with AmeriCorps Vista that is serving here in Houston Texas and he will be serving with Central Care Integrated Health Services and will be serving with Central Care for the next year and Central Care is FQHC, a Federally Qualified Health Clinic meaning they get the majority of the funding from the Federal Government but they have an obligation to provide services to low-income areas, they have 6 clinics throughout the Houston Community, he listed the names of the locations in Houston, they have served the community for the last 25 plus years and one of the things that they are not able to do is to do community outreach and in effort of doing the outreach they have gotten several plans in place that they were going to launch and he is here today requesting for resources regarding these plans and what he means for resources space to host these events and he need access to other community members and other community organizations that could work and tie in together. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Martin, Travis, Cisneros, Laster and Edwards absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Members of Council questioned and advised them of outreach programs that Mr. Barley maybe able to contact.

Mr. Zach Vasquez, 1328 Avenue M ½, Galveston, TX, 77550, (409)877-2955 appeared and stated that he is with Central Care Integrated Health Care Services and Central Care started about 25 years ago, they do have 6 locations out in the Houston area and one of their mission is to do community outreach programs and to provide services as best as they can and he requested for them to speak with Members of Council to provide mental health resources and community outreach events. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Cisneros, Laster, Green and Edwards absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Ms. Yvonne Green, 901 Bagby St., 77002, (832)393-3523 appeared and stated that she wanted to thank Council Member Christie for getting on board so quickly, this is a coalition to help individuals in the Financial Mainstream to begin building assists as to why they are partnering up with AmeriCorps because she is Alumni and they get things done and usually on a very limited amount of resources and so the other reason Bank on Houston is part of this because over half of the Houston households do not have emergency savings and thank the people that are working with Central Care to incorporate the financial literacy piece of this, she did some research in 2014 about people having high blood pressure due to financial problems and she also found as did her colleagues say banking deserts are in the food deserts which cause her to question if these same areas lack mental health support and that is why she is happy to partner with AmeriCorps colleagues in their effort and she been working with Non-Profits for 10 plus years, she had notice when they give people hope and access to a job and income to better living and better support and people feel a sense of accomplishment and then it begins that they going to eliminate stress, anxiety and depression in the community and she was requesting their support. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, MartinTravis, Laster, Green and Edwards absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Council Member Christie questioned Ms. Green.

Ms. April Richard, 5300 Coke St., 77020, (832)396-8070 appeared and stated that she is here to support Central Care Integrated Health Services, starting their financial service with Bank on Houston, including financial education and healthy savings habits in the communities they serve, she works for the National Housing Preservation Foundation with their Operation Pathways Programs in the 5th Ward Community where they partner with Bank on Houston to help facilitate their financial literacy programs and Bank on Houston has helped them to collaborate with Iberia Bank to create their Match Savings IDA Program and their Financial Education Programs for their residents and this is just one example of how collaboration works, if there are any resources that they can contribute to the work that the people that previously spoke are doing because she knows personally it would help and she served in AmeriCorps for 2 terms and they are working with peanuts and trying to grow crops and if there is anyone here that have seeds to plant or any relationships that they can share with these young men because it would go a very long way and when they choose to part of the AmeriCorps is truly coming from the heart. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Green and Edwards absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

The City Secretary advised that these were the two groups of three that was going to speak for one minute each for a total of three minutes on managing floods and one on sanctuary city.

Ms. Ofor Chianaka, 3631 John Hancock Ln., Missouri City, TX, 77459, (281)704-6904 appeared and stated that she was going to speak about flood control in Houston, flood is the natural occurring disaster that has cost a lot of money and she was present to speak on the solutions at which they can actually prevent the damages that it causes, which the Government or City Council should be able to give warnings to the people using communication channels like internet, media and phone calls that can help prepare people mentally and physically, and moving buildings away from flood levels and elevating the buildings up from the flood zones, educating the public on what to do before, during and after the flood occurs. Mayor Turner, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Green and Edwards absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Ms. Grace Yuying, no address, no phone, appeared and stated that it is time to change the measures that they are using right now because they lost a lot of lives and property and to take action immediately. Mayor Turner, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Green and Edwards absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Ms. Nancy Cabrera, no address, no phone, appeared and stated that trying to control floods is like going against the force of nature and that is not possible but trying to find ways to combat flooding does have advantages and to see the benefit of it, if the City can come back on spending a lot of money on the out structure measures, there would be enough money to manage flood damages, a healthy and safe environment will lead to better lifestyle. Mayor Turner, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Green and Edwards absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Council Member Christie commented the group for speaking.

Mayor Pro Tem Cohen asked the group on which school they are attending and the students answered Houston Community College on the Stafford Campus.

Ms. Onaeko Tobi, no address, no phone, appeared and stated that they came here to propose that the City of Houston become a Sanctuary City. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Laster, Green, Travis and Edwards absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Ms. Idalia Granados, 6323 Spruce Manor Ln. 77085, (832)788-3396 appeared and stated that Sanctuary Cities have helped many immigrants and refugees and by giving Houston this title, they would gain the benefits that would come from that and recently President Trump signed an Executive order, its purposes is to withhold Federal Funds from Cities that care for illegal immigrants and the individuals that are against Sanctuary Cities usually associate immigrants and refugees to criminals and believe the crime rate would increase and Sanctuary Cities give immigrants and refugees the guarantee that they would not get deported for speaking out and Sanctuary Cities create a bond and a safe haven for many. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Laster, Green, Travis and Edwards absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Mr. Adrian Ramirez, no address, no phone, appeared and stated in 2014 the New American Economy released a report the role that immigrants play entrepreneurship and this report showed that 3 million foreign born entrepreneurs generated 65.5 billion income and businesses owned by these immigrants employ more than 5.9 million workers and therefore it is hard to believe that immigration is a problem. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Laster, Green, Travis and Edwards absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Council Member Christie stated that this was a great project and he thinks that this Administration or this City Council to say that they want this to be Sanctuary City but this is the most welcoming City in America, they welcome immigrants, welcome in obeying the law, we all are immigrants at some point, first, second, third generation.

Mr. David Smolensky, 8110 Wateka Dr., 77074, (832)282-9262 appeared and stated that he hopes that the Mayor was watching this because this is his second time being here and he is a little angry as a citizen because he had lived here his whole life and at nighttime it is like Gotham City from Batman, there are so many bad things going on, 3 weeks ago on a Friday night he witness within a 20 minute span, going on Westheimer a group of motorcycles stopped the traffic to do wheelies and he and his family went the other way and then found a Corvette and Lamborghini racing and getting on the freeway a group of guys freeway racing, he called the Police the next day and spoke to a Sergeant and he told him that he understand and feels for his pain because there is nothing they can really do because they are shorthanded, he understands about the Cap and there is only so much they can do, there is a lot of money out there but they are not willing to do it and it is called writing tickets and because of his job he is all over the City and it will be days before he sees a HPD Officer driving around and the last 6 months he is in luck to even see 1 or 2, there is a problem and it is out of hand, they hired a Police Chief from Austin and he would like to speak to him and see what he is doing, he had called his Office 5 times and was told that they would call him back but they do not call him and then he calls back, he wants to know what is he is doing to make our City better and what it looks like is zero. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis and Green absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Cohen stated that she agrees that they need more Police on the street, they all agree that they need more Police because this City is growing but the question is how do they pay for it and that is one of the big issues

Mr. Harvey Yaw, 871 Sara Rose, 77018, (713)882-0124 appeared and stated that he was speaking about more Pension issues and during his 40 year career as a Houston Firefighter, he had seen Politicians attend Firefighter events and funerals and how they tell them they support Firefighter but when the Contract talks come up and the Firefighter hear the same thing over

and over, that the City Government does not have the money but then these same Politicians give themselves and their staff raises based on District Judges Salaries and say they have to take those automatic raises; next, he wanted to speak about the Municipal and Police Pension, the HPD salaries are 30% to 40% more than an equivalent ranks in the HFD, so do not tell Firefighters that they have taken money from HPD, the Municipal and Police Pension are locally controlled and are in terrible shape and Council has failed to make corrections for funding for the past 15 years and the Firefighter Pension Funds is under State Statue and is well managed, they do not want their Pension to be gutted and placed under local control and they are requesting that their funds be protected from the City of Houston mismanagement. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Green and Edwards absent.

Mr. Brannon Hershey, 2150 Ojeman Rd., 77080, (281)380-2150 appeared and stated that he had served the City for over 33 years as a Firefighter and a lot of things have been said already and he does have one question that still lingers in his mind about Legislation, they want to take all 3 funds the Police, the Municipal and the Firefighter and put them under all one State Statute and in that Statute, there is Pension benefit terms designed specifically for the Municipal Fund, there is Pension Benefit terms designed specifically for the Police Officer but there is no specific terms for the Houston Firefighters, why is that and he does not understand that and there is not pay parity with the Police since 2004, there is no reason to have Pension parity in 2017; he did hear couple of the Council Members talk a little bit about the burdens of Health insurance costs for the retirees and he wanted to paint a picture of that for them which this is based on he and his wife as an active employee on a Friday, he pays active rates for health insurance Cigna Limited Network and he pays \$233.76 a month and now he is a retiree, his health insurance which is the exact same coverage goes up to \$891.76 a month and that is an increase of \$658.00 a month for a retiree, so when they talk about this Pension check and when they take that money out of there, so that is what they all are concerned about and if there is anything that the Council can do to help retirees with that Health Insurance, they really need to take a hard look at that. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Travis, Green and Edwards absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Mr. Shawn Jorgensen, 1907 Freeman St., 77009, (281)974-6632 appeared and stated that he wanted to thank them for listening to him and giving him their attention and he is a combat Veteran and Houston Firefighter Paramedic, he is not retired, he is active, he wants them to know that he does have hope, he has hope for you, he never hopes that they have to hold a limp baby in their arms while the mother begs him to save her, he hope that they never have to convince a Veteran that his life matters as he hold a knife to his wrist or have to comfort at a husband while that husband looks at the charred remains of his wife because she was stuck in a house fire that they just could not get to in time and look at someone when they ask you if they are going to die and they tell you that they are scared, he hopes that their spouse has to stay up at night worrying whether you would make it in the morning and what she would tell the kids or how they are going to make it and he hopes that they know that they would be there for them if any of these things happen to them because all they have to do is pick up that phone and call 911 and they would be there on the worse day of your life day and night. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Travis and Edwards absent.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Jorgensen.

At 5:35 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen stated that Council would take a short recess as there was a woman in the audience in distress and 911 had been called

At 5:47 p.m. The City Council reconvened.

Mr. Steven Williams, no address, no phone, had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Travis, Green and Edwards absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Mr. Paul Connolly, 18022 Liberton Dr., Richmond, TX, 77407, (832)278-7844 appeared and stated that he is a Music Composer and a Sound Designer, he has a small studio out of Richmond and over the past few weeks, they have heard from several of his colleagues the value that the Video Game Industry can bring to the City of Houston and he wanted share with them his perspective how increasing support of funding of the Industry in Houston but not only the Industry itself but also the music community as well and as a Composer for video games and films as well, the project requires varying styles depending on what support it has and the role of music is fundamentally in these instances to support the work itself, it's heard but not heard, so he may work on a game that is classical music themed as jazz, rock, hip hop or even country and video games presents a challenge for composer unlike film and explained the gaming industry and how and what it takes to put a game together and a lot of the work he is doing today is for studios that our out of the City such as Austin and they have also have heard in the past couple of weeks on how Six Foot Studios is doing well here in Houston and he would appreciate if they have any questions for him. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Green and Edwards absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Connolly.

Mr. Sean Bellinger, 30018 Saw Oaks Dr., Magnolia, TX, 77355, (713)775-5090 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Green and Edwards absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Mr. Sarpaul Mehat, 16806 Morris Hill, 77095, (832)372-9305 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Green and Edwards absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Mr. Dale Mitchell, no address, (281)684-6978 appeared and stated that he is present to speak on the Encampment Ordinance and neither did Mayor Turner and Council Member Boykins came to the homeless and asked what they think about this Ordinance and his questioned to Mayor Turner himself since he knows that he is watching and when he does criminalize them what he means to do with them, he is talking about himself because he is homeless, he is not on drugs, he is not criminal as Council Member Boykins thinks they all are, how much will the fine be and how long would they be put in jail. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Green and Edwards absent.

Mayor Turner asked Mr. Mitchell if he was homeless now and if he would like to be in a home and Mr. Mitchell advised the Mayor that he is on the housing list and he had heard that the Housing Vouchers had been postponed at this moment and he had not heard from anyone from the Mayor's Office and Council Member Boykins Office come and asked him where he would like to go. Mayor Turner stated he is asking him now and he would like to connect him with Mark Eichenbaum and with some of the other people here because he would believe that their goal is that they do not deserve to live on the street and asked Mr. Mitchell does he mind them to help assisting him and his family because they want to help him and asked if Rhonda Sauter to get his contact information because she is with the Mayor's Citizens' Assistance Office.

Ms. Bobbie Hoskins, 2709 Forest Hill Dr., Kingwood, TX, 77345, (832)445-4956 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Green and Edwards absent.

Mr. James Castillo, 307 Winnie, 77009, (281)352-4701 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Green and Edwards absent.

Mr. James Joseph, 4206 Lyons Ave., (713)515-1364 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Green and Edwards 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, Travis, Green and Edwards absent.

Ms. Synethia Hall, 1515 Sydnor St., 77020, (832)886-7771 appeared and stated that last week she was told that she would receive a call from the Mayor and she did not so she called him and like she said that HPD busted into her home with an illegal search warrant and they lied and said that she was a drug dealer and that she had drug charges which are not true, she does not have one drug conviction, they broke into her house with gas mask, smoke bombs, guns and stole her home protection, she also had her home built free by the City of Houston and she owns a Non-Profit Organization, she is an advocate for her community. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Green and Edwards absent.

Upon questioned by Mayor Turner Ms. Hall stated that she filed a grievance and no one contacted her and did not know if the Officers were undercover Officers as she was not home. Mayor Turner stated that they are saying to him, that they spoke to a person at the home by the name of Synethia and that they purchased marijuana and she also advised the Mayor that the Police would set her up because she is a community member and the event happened and on the 5th of April and that they would continue to look into it.

Mayor Turner advised Luellen that there is no cursing allowed today and he is being firm about this because if she curses she is gone.

Ms. Nikki Luellen, 5802 Trush Dr., 77033, (713)305-3811 appeared and stated that on July 9 ,2016 Albert Braziel was brutally murdered by HPD cops with his hands up in the air saying please do not shoot and was shot 14 times and still no justice had been served and on July 11th Mayor Turner stated that this case should be tried in Federal Court but still no attempts have done so and Mayor Turner had said Brazeil pointed a gun at the Police but failed to produce that video and it had been 9 months and on that same day there was a White male that had a shootout with the Police and he left without a scratch on his body and they demand accountability and demand that everyone on City Council resign. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Green and Edwards absent.

Ms. Shere Dore, 2601 Woodland Park Dr., 77077, (281)779-5996 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Green and Edwards absent.

Rev. James Caldwell, 2424 Sakowitz, 77020, (832)231-9176 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Green and Edwards absent.

Ms. Emily Payton, 5700 Club Creek Dr., 77074, (832)443-8572 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Green and Edwards absent.

Mr. Ronnie Proctor, 1414 Congress, Apt.108, 77002, (832)651-7008 appeared and stated that they spoke last week and he is not homeless anymore and does not live in his tent anymore, his Church had put him up into a house and he presented a solution to help solve the homeless issues, Mr. McKinney had offered him some shipping crates, they come in varies of sizes but the problem he has once he receives these shipping crates, where would he put them and there is some property right off of Main and there really is no houses around so they would not bother anyone and if they could use that property. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Green and Edwards absent.

Mayor Turner congratulated him for not being homeless and with the property he does not know because he does not know who owns that property.

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, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Green and Edwards absent.

At 6:11 p.m. The City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 19, 2017, Council Members Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Green and Edwards 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, April 19, 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 Lewis, City Attorney, Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director present.

At 9:19 a.m. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen called the meeting to order and state that the Mayor is on an important phone call for update on the Pension and they would move to the Mayor's Report. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Le, Gallegos and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Pro Tem Cohen stated that part of the Mayor's Report has to do with Bike to Work Day, the City of Houston is embracing the bicycle and the recent adoption of the Houston Bike Plan, the now completed connection of the Lamar Cycle Track to the Buffalo Bayou Trails, continues expansion of both the Houston Bicycle Program and their even expanding trail network and now it is time to celebrate; Mayor Pro Tem Cohen advised that they had bicycle coming down the aisle, helmets, the Mayor is challenging each Council Member and their staff as well of all City Department Directors and the Departmental staff to celebrate these accomplishments with him and their host the Department of Public Works and Engineering at the 2017 Bike to Work Day on Friday May 19th and this marks the 3rd year that this launch had been issued and participation grows yearly and the challenge is a great way to get their staff involved, in 2016 the

Health Department won the Bike to Work Day Director Challenge and the Mayor personally would like to thank the Director Stephen Williams, almost 40 employees were there for last year's event, there was a total of 250 participants last year and the Mayor knows that they can do better while the Director Williams and his staff won the coveted golden helmet award(which they presented to Members of Council) and the Legal Department won in 2015 and she knows that the other Departments will work hard for this award and Director Williams could not be here today so he did request Deputy Director Benjamin Hernandez to speak.

Deputy Director Hernandez introduced the Health CFO who is here Helen Sweeney who she is Director for the Death and Birth Certificates for the City of Houston that they are here to speak about the Bike to Work Day challenge and they spoke described how they won this award and stated that last year their Director Stephen Williams sent out a challenge to them because he was tired of losing and they gather a group of associates to meet at City Hall and they also have the yoga option and they had over 40 associates that showed up, it was a great day and a great way for team building activity and great awareness of the City's resources; Deputy Director Hernandez stated he also wanted the help of City Council Members and the Mayor's Office and the Department Director because they were looking at it and honestly they are running out of room in the trophy case and they think it will be a win, win and the more people that they can encourage to use alternative forms of transportation is a good thing and they can all be winners in the City of Houston and they hope to see them on May 19th for the Bike to Work Day in the City of Houston and for more information call (832)395-bike. Mayor Turner, Council Members Davis, Boykins and Gallegos absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Members of Council discussed the Houston Bike to Work Day challenge.

Mayor Pro Tem Cohen recognized Council Member Green for a point of personal privilege; Council Member Green stated he wanted to acknowledge Members from District K and are the Academic Teams, Friendship Volunteers Services and the ROTC from the Willowridge High School and requested them to stand to be recognized.

Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Laster for a point of personal privilege; Council Member Laster stated that he wanted to welcome to City Hall a group of 8th graders from Saint Francis Catholic School which is in the heart of Sharptown community and requested them to stand to be recognized.

Council Member Stardig stated she wanted to thank the students from Willowridge High School for the certificates that they brought to the Mayor and all of the Council Members.

Mayor Turner stated that one of the reason he was running really late to the meeting because he had a conversation with Senator Huffman who is the Bill author in the Senate of the Pension Bill and discussed the changes to the Pension Bill itself and he thinks that they are making tremendous progress and believes that the Senate Bill be on the Senate Floor very, very soon and it was a very positive conversation and most of the changes that are being made he finds acceptable and they are working in the best interest of the City of Houston but they still may end up having a disagreement on the vote itself on the Pension Bill but regardless on however it falls we will move forward but the substance of everything else he thinks they can work on it is the best interest for the City of Houston.

At 9:27 a.m. Mayor Turner requested the City Secretary to call to the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 1 through 36

MISCELLANEOUS - NUMBERS 3 and 4

3. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$293,454.66 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund as an additional appropriation to construction contract between the City of Houston and **PEPPER-LAWSON WATERWORKS, LLC** for Plants 1 & 2 Flocculator and Bar Screens Rehabilitation at the East Water Purification Plant (Approved by Ordinance No. 2013-0561) **DISTRICT E – MARTIN-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0262 ADOPTED**

4. **RECOMMENDATION** from Interim Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of Change Order No. 3 in the amount of \$293,454.66 for Flocculator and Bar Screens Rehabilitation at the East Water Purification Plant on contract with **PEPPER LAWSON WATERWORKS, LLC** - 8.20% above the original contract amount - **DISTRICT E - MARTIN**
This item should only be considered after passage of Item 3 above- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **MOTION 2017-0200 ADOPTED**

ACCEPT WORK - NUMBERS 5 through 8

5. **RECOMMENDATION** from Interim Director General Services Department for approval of final contract amount of \$2,200,220.00 and acceptance of work on contract with **CARRERA CONSTRUCTION, INC** for Hermann Park Electrical Upgrades - 9.22% over the original contract amount and within the approved 9.22% contingency - **DISTRICT D – BOYKINS-** was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **MOTION 2017-0201 ADOPTED**

6. **RECOMMENDATION** from Interim Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$4,677,346.25 and acceptance of work on contract with **MAIN LANE INDUSTRIES, LTD.** for South Wayside and West Airport Panel Replacement - 2.37% under the original contract amount and under 5% contingency amount - **DISTRICTS I - GALLEGOS and K – GREEN-** was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **MOTION 2017-0202 ADOPTED**

7. **RECOMMENDATION** from Interim Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$865,827.71 and acceptance of work on contract with **TIKON GROUP, INC** for Kirkwood and Dairy Ashford Panel Replacement Project - 2.93% over the original contract amount and under 5% contingency amount - **DISTRICTS F - LE and G – TRAVIS-** was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **MOTION 2017-0203 ADOPTED**

8. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$658,718.19 and acceptance of work on contract with **CES UTILITIES, INC (Formerly COMPLETE ELECTRICAL SERVICES OF TEXAS, INC)** for Waterline Wrap Repairs - 57.15% under the original contract amount- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **MOTION 2017-0204 ADOPTED**

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS - NUMBERS 11 through 14

11. **FLOTEC, INC** for Medical Oxygen and Flowmeters for the Houston Fire Department - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$123,131.05 - General Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **MOTION 2017-0205 ADOPTED**
13. **TIBURON, INC** for Software, Maintenance Support and Services for the conversion from Uniform Crime Report to National Incident Based Reporting System for the Houston Police Department \$644,588.32 - General and Grant Funds- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **MOTION 2017-0206 ADOPTED**
14. **TEQSYS, INC** for approval of spending authority in an amount not to exceed \$80,670.00 for Year Two Maintenance, Support and Processing Capacity for eDiscovery Software for Various Departments - Property and Casualty Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **MOTION 2017-0207 ADOPTED**

RESOLUTIONS - NUMBERS 17 through 19

17. **RESOLUTION** amending Resolution No. 2015-0043, a Resolution supporting the request of a Waiver of the Local Match Requirements in the Federal Off-System Bridge Program (for Lee Road at HCFCD Ditch) - **DISTRICTS B - DAVIS and D – BOYKINS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **RESOLUTION 2017-0015 ADOPTED**
18. **RESOLUTION** amending Resolution No. 2015-0045, a Resolution supporting the request of a Waiver of the Local Match Requirements in the Federal Off-System Bridge Program (for Botany Street at HCFCD Ditch) - **DISTRICTS A - STARDIG and D - BOYKINS** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **RESOLUTION 2017-0016 ADOPTED**
19. **RESOLUTION** amending Resolution No. 2015-0046, a Resolution supporting the request of a Waiver of the Local Match Requirements in the Federal Off-System Bridge Program (for Grapevine Street at HCFCD Ditch) - **DISTRICTS B - DAVIS and K - GREEN** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **RESOLUTION 2017-0017 ADOPTED**

ORDINANCES - NUMBERS 24 through 36

- 24. ORDINANCE** amending Ordinance No. 2016-179, as amended, to increase the maximum contract amount for an agreement for Legal Services between the City and **HERRERA & BOYLE, PLLC, for representation of the City in pending complaint of Extenet Network Systems, Inc, against the City of Houston for imposition of fees for use of public right-of-way before the Public Utility Commission of Texas (“PUC”) (PUC Docket No. 45280) - \$50,000.00 - Property and Casualty Fund-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0263 ADOPTED**
- 26. ORDINANCE** amending Exhibit “A” of the City of Houston Ordinance No. 2015-642 to add four (4) Engineer Operator positions, delete four (4) Firefighter positions, and substituting the amended exhibit as part of the current Houston Fire Department Classified Personnel Ordinance; providing a repealer; providing for severability- the City Secretary advised that Item 26 had not been received but if received during the meeting will be consider at the end of the meeting.
- 28. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$175,000.00 out of General Improvement Consolidated Construction Fund, \$300,000.00 out of Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund, \$400,000.00 out of Police Consolidated Construction Fund, \$400,000.00 out of Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund, \$465,000.00 out of Parks Consolidated Construction Fund, \$28,759.00 out of Parks & Recreation Dedication Fund, and \$5,000.00 out of Reimbursement of Equipment/Projects Fund as an additional appropriation to the FY2017 Task Order and Job Order (TOC/JOC) Contracting Program for Professional and Construction Services for General Government, Library, Police, Parks and Recreation Departments (Approved by Ordinance Number 2013-1093; 2013-1201; 2015-0610; 2016-0264)- the City Secretary advised that Item 28 has been pulled by the Administration and will not be considered.
- 29. ORDINANCE** consenting to the addition of 7.493 acres of land into **FORT BEND COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 2**, for inclusion in its district **DISTRICT K – GREEN-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0264 ADOPTED**
- 30. ORDINANCE** finding and determining public convenience and necessity for the acquisition of real property interests in connection with the public improvement project known as the Pump and Lift Station Renewal and Replacement - Howard Drive, Easthaven, Gulfway and Gulf Freeway # 2 Project; authorizing the acquisition of fee simple or easement interest to one parcel of land required for the project and situated in the J.R. Harris Survey, Abstract No. 27, in Harris County, Texas, by gift, dedication, purchase and the use of eminent domain and further authorizing payment of the costs of such purchase and/or eminent domain proceedings and associated costs for relocation assistance, appraisal fees, title policies/services, recording fees, court costs, and expert witness fees in connection with the acquisition of fee simple or easement interest to the one parcel of land required for the project - **DISTRICTS E - MARTIN and I – GALLEGOS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0265 ADOPTED**
- 32. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$750,000.00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF; approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between

the City of Houston and **HUITT-ZOLLARS, INC** for Negotiated Work Orders for Pre-Engineering of Storm Water Drainage Improvements- the City Secretary advised that Item 32 had not been received and if received during the meeting will be considered at the end of the meeting.

- 33. ORDINANCE** No. 2017-239, passed second reading April 12, 2017
ORDINANCE granting to **BOZE ENTERPRISES II, LLC dba OAKMONT MAINTENANCE & RENTAL, a Texas corporation**, the right, privilege, and franchise to collect, haul, and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions - **THIRD AND FINAL READING-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0239 ADOPTED THRID AND FINAL IN FULL**
- 34. ORDINANCE** No. 2017-240, passed second reading April 12, 2017
ORDINANCE granting to **M.A. REYES TRUCKING, 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 - **THIRD AND FINAL READING-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0240 ADOPTED THRID AND FINAL IN FULL**
- 35. ORDINANCE** No. 2017-241, passed second reading April 12, 2017
ORDINANCE granting to **PUPU 66, LLC dba INSTANT SOLUTIONS, a Texas corporation**, the right, privilege, and franchise to collect, haul, and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions - **THIRD AND FINAL READING-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0241 ADOPTED THRID AND FINAL IN FULL**
- 36. ORDINANCE** No. 2017-242, passed second reading April 12, 2017
ORDINANCE granting to **WELLKEPT PROPERTY SERVICES, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company**, the right, privilege, and franchise to collect, haul, and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions - **THIRD AND FINAL READING-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0242 ADOPTED THRID AND FINAL IN FULL**

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

1. **REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following individuals to the **REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER EIGHT, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS (GULFGATE) BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**
 - Position One - **ALBERTO P. CÁRDENAS, JR.**, appointment, for a term to expire 12/9/2017
 - Position Two - **MARY K. VARGO**, appointment, for a term to expire 12/9/2018
 - Position Three - **TRACY STEPHENS**, reappointment, for a term to expire 12/9/2017
 - Position Four - **MEDARDO E. "SONNY" GARZA**, reappointment, for a term to expire 12/9/2018, and to serve as Chair for a term ending 12/31/2017
 - Position Five - **GUSTA BOOKER, III**, appointment, for a term to expire 12/9/17-Was presented, moved by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0208 ADOPTED**

2. **REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following individuals to the **GULFGATE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**
 - Position One - **ALBERTO P. CÁRDENAS, JR.**, appointment, for a term to expire 12/9/2017
 - Position Two - **MARY K. VARGO**, appointment, for a term to expire 12/9/2018
 - Position Three - **TRACY STEPHENS**, reappointment, for a term to expire 12/9/2017
 - Position Four - **MEDARDO E. "SONNY" GARZA**, reappointment, for a term to expire 12/9/2018, and to serve as Chair for a term ending 12/31/2017
 - Position Five - **GUSTA BOOKER, III**, appointment, for a term to expire 12/9/17-Was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0209 ADOPTED**

9. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$2,074,143.45 and acceptance of work on contract with **VACA UNDERGROUND UTILITIES, INC** for Water Line Replacement in East Tidwell Area 5.57% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICTS B - DAVIS and H – CISNEROS-** was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Green, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0210 ADOPTED**

10. **RECOMMENDATION** from the City Attorney to deposit the amount of the Award of Special Commissioners into the registry of the Court and pay the City's costs of court incurred in connection with eminent domain proceeding styled City of Houston v. St. Luke's Methodist Church Foundation, a Texas not-for-profit corporation, Cause No. 1074492, for acquisition of Parcels AY15-060, AY15-064, AY15-065 and AY065A; for the **WEST ALABAMA STREET PAVING & DRAINAGE PROJECT - DISTRICT C – COHEN-** was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0211 ADOPTED**

12. **KINLOCH EQUIPMENT & SUPPLY, INC** for Petersen Replacement Parts and Repair Services for the Fleet Management Department - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$1,770,200.30 - Fleet Management Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **MOTION 2017-0212 ADOPTED**

15. **RESOLUTION** of the City Council adopting the Fiscal Year 2018 (July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018) Budget Schedule for the City Budgets- was presented, after a lengthy discussion, Council Member Le tagged Item 15. Council Member Boykins absent.
16. **RESOLUTION** expressing no objection to an application for non-competitive 4% Federal Tax Credits for Rehabilitation of **LAKECREST VILLAGE APARTMENTS**, an Affordable Multi-Family Rental Community located near 9393 East Tidwell Road in the City of Houston, Texas **DISTRICT B – DAVIS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **RESOLUTION 2017-0018 ADOPTED**
20. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing second amendment to Community Development block Grant Disaster Recovery Program Round 2.2 Non-Housing Grant Agreement between the City of Houston and **THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS**, to extend the term and to revise the Performance Statement And Implementation Schedule - **DISTRICTS B - DAVIS; D - BOYKINS and H – CISNEROS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0266 ADOPTED**
21. **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 **HCHA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION** to assist with development of Fenix Estates, a 200 unit Affordable Housing Community, located in the vicinity of 1933 Hussion Street, in Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT I – GALLEGOS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0267 ADOPTED**
22. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Software License Agreement for Electronic Surveillance System for the Early Notification of Community-Based Epidemics between the City and **THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY APPLIED PHYSICS LABORATORY LLC**; providing a maximum contract amount - \$95,000.00 - Grant Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0268 ADOPTED**
23. **ORDINANCE** amending Ordinance No. 2016-910, as amended, to increase the maximum contract amount for Professional Services Agreement between the City of Houston and **NORTON ROSE FULBRIGHT US LLP** for Legal Services to the City in connection with Pension Reform \$275,000.00 - General Fund- was presented and tagged by Council Member Kubosh. Council Member Davis absent.

NOTE: Council Member Kubosh released his tagged of Item 23 later in the meeting.
25. **ORDINANCE** amending Exhibit “A” of the City of Houston Ordinance No. 2015-642 to add four (4) Engineer Operator positions, delete four (4) Firefighter positions, and substituting the amended exhibit as part of the current Houston Fire Department Classified Personnel Ordinance; providing a repealer; providing for severability- was presented and Council Member Stardig tagged Item 25.
27. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$300,000.00 out of Solid Waste Consolidated Construction Fund; amending Ordinance No. 2015-190 (Passed on March 4, 2015) to increase the maximum contract amount for Professional Environmental Consultant Services Task Order Contract between the City of Houston and **ARCADIS U.S., INC** for the Holmes Road

Incinerator Project for the Solid Waste Management Department - **DISTRICT B – DAVIS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0269 ADOPTED**

31. ORDINANCE appropriating \$3,228,000.00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF as an additional appropriation to Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **HALFF ASSOCIATES, INC** for the Storm Water Engineering Program Support (Approved by Ordinance No. 2015-0621, as amended); providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF- was presented and tagged by Council Member Kubosh.

The City Secretary advised that Items 26 and 32 had been received.

26. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing first amendment to Lease Agreement between **BRAYS OAKS TOWERS, LTD, as Landlord**, and the City of Houston, Texas, as tenant, for 10,409 square feet of leased space at 10103 Fondren Road, Suite 100, Houston, Harris County, Texas, for the Houston Public Library (Frank Branch HPL Express) - **DISTRICT K – GREEN-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0270 ADOPTED**

32. ORDINANCE appropriating \$750,000.00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF; approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **HUITT-ZOLLARS, INC** for Negotiated Work Orders for Pre-Engineering of Storm Water Drainage Improvements- was presented and tagged by Council Member Kubosh.

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

Council Member Kubosh stated that he will be releasing Item 23.

23. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2016-910, as amended, to increase the maximum contract amount for Professional Services Agreement between the City of Houston and **NORTON ROSE FULBRIGHT US LLP** for Legal Services to the City in connection with Pension Reform \$275,000.00 - General Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Le, Laster and Knox absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0271 ADOPTED**

Members of Council announced events and discussed matters of interest.

There being no further business before Council; the City Council adjourned at 11:03 a.m. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Laster, Knox and Kubosh absent. **DETAILED INFORMATION ON FILE ON THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY**

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

Anna Russell, City Secretary

