

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, September 19, 2017

A regular meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 19, 2017; Mayor Sylvester Turner presiding, with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jerry Davis, Ellen Cohen, Dwight Boykins, Dave Martin, Steve Le, Greg Travis, Karla Cisneros, Mike Laster, Robert Gallegos, Larry Green, Mike Knox, David Robinson, Michael Kubosh, Amanda Edwards and Jack Christie D.C.; Randy Zamora, Legal Department and Marta Crinejo Agenda Director and Stella Ortega Agenda Office present.

At 1:36 p.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting to order and stated they would start the presentations. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Cisneros, Gallegos, Green, Knox, Robinson, Edwards and Christie absent.

Council Member Laster stated that the City of Houston and the Grampian Region of Scotland (United Kingdom) have shared a mutually fruitful sister city relationship since 1979 and the relationship has several active programs, with the nursing exchange program being very highly regarded, founded in 1995 between Robert Gordon University in Aberdeen and the Houston Baptist University College of Nursing, this annual two-week program allows students from each country to learn about healthcare in their sister city's country and the nursing exchange program is demonstrative of the beauty and value of the sister cities program and because of the relationship between Houston and the Grampian Region, students are able to learn with an international awareness and broaden their horizons and the City of Houston highly values its ties with the Grampian Region and looks forward to continued exchanges in the future and therefore, Mayor Turner hereby proclaimed September 19, 2017, as Houston-Grampian Nursing Exchange Program Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Le, Travis, Cisneros, Knox, Robinson and Christie absent.

Mayor Turner stated that this is Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15<sup>th</sup> to October 15<sup>th</sup> that happens every year and this year the scheduling is a little different due to Hurricane Harvey and the ongoing recovering efforts and today they are thrilled to recognized 2 out of the 5 annual award winners for Community Activist and Youth Activist.

Mayor Turner stated that Dr. Mari Carmen Ramirez is the recipient of the 2017 Mayor's Hispanic Heritage Art in the Community Award, her passion for art advocacy locally and beyond has promoted the arts in the Latino community, sharing the beauty of Latino culture and serving as an artistic voice for the cultivation of Latin American art. Since 2001, she has served as the Wortham curator of Latin American art and director of the International Center for the Arts of the Americas at the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston (MFAH) and Dr. Mari Carmen Ramirez previously served as the curator of Latin American art at the Jack S. Blanton Museum of Art and adjunct lecturer in the department of art and art history at the University of Texas at Austin. As part of MFAH, she has led some of the most well respected art exhibitions, elevating 20<sup>th</sup> century Latin American art to its rightful place in the art world and she has curated numerous exhibitions, including HOME-So Different, So Appealing, Antonio Berni: Juanita and Ramona and Constructed Dialogues: Concrete, Geometric and Kinetic Art from the Latin American Art Collection, among countless others. Additionally she has curated several traveling exhibitions, most notably, the Inverted Utopias: Avant-Garde Art in Latin America alongside Hector Olea, which was deemed Best Thematic Museum Show Nationally in the USA by the International Association of Art Critics and one of the two most important exhibitions of the past decade by New York Times Art Critic Holland Cotter and Dr. Mari Carmen Ramirez has widely published on the relationship of Latin American art to identity politics, multiculturalism, globalization and curatorial practice. She is also chief co-

editor for the Yale University Press book series, "Critical Documents of 20<sup>th</sup> Century Latin American and Latino Art," and co-editor of the first volume of this series, "Resisting Categories: Latin American and/or Latino?" Most recently, she was inducted into the Greater Houston's Women's Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame in 2016 and the City of Houston commends Dr. Mari Carmen Ramirez for her outstanding contributions in preserving Latin American culture and history, which truly captures her unwavering commitment to the Latin community locally and beyond and is truly inspiring therefore, Mayor Turner hereby honored Dr. Mari Carmen Ramirez with the Mayor's Hispanic Heritage Art in Community Award for the City of Houston and proclaimed September 26, 2017, as Dr. Mari Carmen Ramirez Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Travis, Laster, Robinson and Kubosh absent.

Mayor Turner stated that Josue Rodriguez is the recipient of the 2017 Mayor's Hispanic Heritage Youth Activist Award and he has dedicated his time to cultivating young leaders through his personal, professional and academic experiences and Josue Rodriguez is a recent graduate from Houston Community College (HCC) and he is currently pursuing a double major in political science and international studies at the University of St. Thomas and the encouragement of his family led him to become a student leader by serving as student body president for two consecutive years at HCC, throughout his tenure, he administered and sponsored system-wide higher education policies, initiatives and legislation, he also pushed for the creation of a resolution that endorsed the continued support of non-discriminating policies and legislation to protect all HCC students and Josue Rodriguez has assisted minority high school students with college and scholarship applications at the Boys and Girls Club for Greater Houston, this year, he assisted teachers with lesson planning for underprivileged elementary schools through iEducate USA and he has also received numerous awards from various organizations, including HCC Board of Trustees, Harris County Community Services Department and Student Government Association, among several others and the City of Houston salutes and commends Josue Rodriguez for his outstanding efforts as a community youth leader and volunteer in the Hispanic community and wishes him continued success in all of his future endeavors and therefore, Mayor Turner hereby honored Josue Rodriguez with the Mayor's Hispanic Heritage Youth Activist Community Award for the City of Houston and proclaimed September 19, 2017, as Josue Rodriguez Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Travis, Laster, Robinson and Kubosh absent.

Mayor Turner stated that the Houston area is wonderfully enriched by its most vital resource, outstanding individuals who are willing to serve the public in all sectors and through tireless personal service and leadership, the Houston Parks and Recreation Department Urban Park Rangers perform a public service daily as a visible presence, promoting safety for all park visitors and Park Ranger Tamara Curtis joined the Houston Parks and Recreation Department Urban Park Rangers' on March 13, 2017, undertaking an important public safety role and on August 19, 2017, Ranger Curtis played an indispensable role and displayed a selfless act to protect our city and its residents. She was operating in her designated role as an Urban Park Ranger when she noticed and reported a suspicious incident to the Houston Police Department (HPD), triggering a response and investigation by HPD and other governmental agencies; and the Mayor of Houston, HPD and the Federal Bureau of Investigation acknowledge and are grateful for Ranger Curtis' devotion to her job, the City of Houston and its citizens, on September 19, 2017, Ranger Curtis will be recognized for her heroic act and the City of Houston commends Park Ranger Tamara Curtis and call upon all citizens to join in recognizing her and the important role the Houston Parks and Recreation Department Urban Park Rangers play for the City of Houston and therefore, Mayor Turner hereby proclaimed September 19, 2017, as Tamara Curtis Day in Houston, Texas.

At 2:17 p.m. Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Martin for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. Council Member Cohen absent.

At 2:21 p.m. the Roll was called.

Council Member Kubosh moved to delay the minutes of the 8/15-8/16, 2017 and the balance and seconded by Council Member Knox, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner stated that they would move to the procedural motions.

Council Member Green moved to suspend the rules to hear Ms. Barbara Anderson out of order and seconded by Council Member Kubosh, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Edwards absent. **MOTION 2017-0568 ADOPTED**

Council Member Cisneros moved to suspend the rules to add Ms. Kathleen Vassler and Ms. Cynthia Card to the list of speakers and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Edwards absent. **MOTION 2017-0569 ADOPTED**

Council Member Robinson moved to suspend the rules to add Mr. Kenneth Wiggins and Ms. Connie Dubroff to the list of speakers and seconded by Council Member Stardig, all voting aye, nay none. Council Member Edwards absent. **MOTION 2017-0570 ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner requested the City Secretary to call the List of Speakers.

Mr. Steve Moore, 100 Glenborough Dr., 77067, (512)293-7044 appeared and stated that he lives in the apartments in Greenspoint and his company actually manages a lot of the apartments that got flooded which they did a lot better than the last time this happen, he is a little nervous because what he wants to tell them, he believes in a few years they what used to be called guns point crime is at or better than Houston average and he thinks he can tell them 3 reasons why, it all about corporations, they have new owners like himself, the second thing is the Management District which are doing a really good job in getting over 65 Officers to an emergency command station before the Hurricane and another reason is he thinks that the Police Officers will be able to stay in the neighborhood and this is not going to cost the City anything and he is thinking in a few years he can come back to tell Council that their crime is below Houston average in a neighborhood that use to be called guns point. Council Member Green absent.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Moore and Mayor Turner stated that the only issue that they are having is how should we rebuild the Greenspoint area and they are working through that.

Dr. Alkebu Motapa, 5022 Cosby, 77021, (713)741-5150 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Member Green absent.

Mr. Carl Ducena, 10211 Tablerock Dr., 77064, (347)244-8098 appeared and stated that he is with Normal To Be Fit and it is a pleasure to be back in front of Council and thanked the Mayor and Council Members for all that they have done there is not a time that they turn on and did not feel safe and did not know what was going on and the reason why they are here is because they are having their Normal To Be Fit Expo that they were telling them about it the last time they were here and it is September 23<sup>rd</sup> and they are still a go but they did have a lot of sponsors that left and there was a lot of sponsors that came and stuck with them to help build Houston moral. Council Member Green absent.

Ms. Tina Chandler, 10211 Tablerock Dr., 77064, (832)687-3497 appeared and presented a flier and stated that they are with Normal To Be Fit and to update them that they are having their event

on this Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> from 2 to 6 p.m. and they feel that their event can help give Hurricane Harvey relief as they can during the event and after and as well as rebuild mind, bodies and spirit and after the Hurricane she received a lot of calls on how they did not relax and how unfit some of the people were in a situation like this and they are going to continue to do the learning, to rebuild and get stronger. Council Member Green absent.

Ms. Alba Huerta, 1919 Washington Ave., 77007, (713)869-4383 appeared and stated that she is here for the Senior Citizens Community at 2100 Memorial, she was asked this morning to speak on their behalf and she owns a business that is ½ mile away from their building and they have a lot of questions that need to be answered and in the next 3 days they are expected to leave their property and they been living there for over 20 years and this is a place for the elderly and the handicap since 1998 and she stands here to see if Council and the Mayor can do anything for them because she know that they are scared, a lot of them are unable to make it here today because of being handicaped and the reason they live in this building is because they need a community and as part of their community, they want to know what type of resources they can rely on, what is going to happen to them. Council Member Boykins and Green absent.

Mayor Turner stated for Ms. Huerta and for everyone else that is here for 2100 Memorial this is certainly before them, it did flood and the question is, is if habitable, the Houston Housing Authority is telling them that it is not currently habitable and they are checking to reconfirm that it is not and if it is not they want to place all the Seniors in other temporary housing while they work to make sure that this property is put back to a habitable situation and that is the main focus and the Director of Housing Tom McCasland is working with the Houston Housing Authority to make sure that the Seniors are properly taken care of, providing them with the necessary housing and how to make this property habitable and his goal is to put them back to 2100 Memorial, they will be following and be part of these plans

Members of Council questioned Ms. Huerta.

Council Member Cisneros moved to suspend the rules to add Ms. Shelila Henderson and Ms. Sandra Ford to the list of speakers and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin and Green absent. **MOTION 2017-0571 ADOPTED**

Ms. Barbara Anderson, no address, no phone, appeared and stated that she owns Its All Good that was on Cullen and she owned Southern Lady on Richmond Avenue and was in the Houston Press 3 different times, she was the official caterer to Magic 102 and she can go on for a while of what she had accomplished and all of this was before her 35<sup>th</sup> birthday, she is currently a Sub-Contractor at the George R. Brown Convection Center, it would take her days to state her case, she had been out of work for 2 months and one month due to Hurricane Harvey, she is a native Houstonian that is from South Park and to get Aramark to do what is right is like turning the Titanic around she was suspended for months at a time without due process. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin and Green absent.

Ms. Paula Sitter, 2100 Memorial Dr. No. 215, 77007, (713)363-1556 appeared and stated that she is from 2100 Memorial and her words are not going to be nice and what has happened is terrible and everything that the Mayor had said that he wants to see happen which none of that has happened, the residents at 2100 were told by HHA at 1:00 p.m. on 8/30/17 that HHA was going to remodel, she had been trying to work with HHA, the Fire Department FEMA and all who have said that their property was safe and then they came through again and then said it was not safe, so how can it one day be safe and the next day not safe, she had given them 2 ideas to save the entire property and would not cost hardly anything but money is at the root of this, they

can make more money by throwing them out than can by keeping them there and what they are doing is giving them a 4 day notice so that is not nice, that is not according to the law and nothing that they have done has been right and she was told by Channel 13 news because HHA and the City of Houston can make more money by throwing them out and that is what is happening and all in the City, County and the State of Texas on their actions can only be considered especially terrible and the very worst action on all of their parts, they have let the residents down who have been doing their level best to keep paying the rent. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Travis and Christie absent.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Sitter and Mayor Turner stated that he does not want her heart to be broken and it just came to his attention yesterday and he directly told Tom McCasland to go down there and directly work with Houston Housing Authority, number one, he wants to make sure that the complex is habitable or not, if the complex is not habitable he wants the Houston Housing Authority to work with all of the residents to provide temporary housing for them to look into making the necessary repairs to make it habitable and the goal is to return the tenants back to 2100 Memorial, it just came to his attention and he wants them to treat the Seniors and sensitive and understanding.

Mayor Turner stated that he is always hesitant to tell the Seniors what not to do but he had to say in this part of the session, the clapping they do not allow but they can wave their hands and show their support and he will tell the other speakers that are coming that Ms. Sitter had stated their case very, very well, they are on it and his staff is confirming with them as they speak so if that might shorten someones presentation he got it and they understand and they are now directly involved in it.

Mr. Jay Hamburger, 1817 State St., 77007, (713)302-0101 appeared and stated that he decided to leave his hat on because Paula is the face of this and he has been living in the Old 6<sup>th</sup> Ward for a long time and helped the residents with what he could after the storm and he is going to leave it to his other neighbors and the other speakers to voice Paula's case but what he came to address is in historic time that he participated in and stood in the same place many years ago during the issue with Allen Parkway Village it was about 20 years ago and for 15 years they tried to save the public housing and thanks to the efforts of a group of us they have what they have and there still is some public housing on beautiful property, there was a different Mayor and different Council Members and they were given many of the same assurance that the property would be rehabilitated and now he is a photographer and he was called on to document and if they want he can go and pull his work where the City and HHA sent crews out to disable the buildings to make them uninhabitable and he does not want to see that again and what HHA did what they did in the past and make it where its not habitable and that they have to tear it down. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, and Green absent.

Mayor Turner stated that his point was well made and that is not the way that they operate, they are going to work with the Seniors.

Mr. Stefano De Stanfano, 803 West 9<sup>th</sup> St., 77007, (713)805-0901 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin and Green absent.

Mr. Ryan Boehner, 617 Silver St., 77007, (713)306-0097 appeared and stated that he lives in the Old 6<sup>th</sup> Ward and is here about 2100 Memorial, to requested them to investigate HHA, that they do an Unit by Unit and independent review of the Authority determinations and not to evict the residents and for them to properly repair the facility and he would like to make sure that the City does not make an excuse for them to be able to modernize this property and he does not think

the City would make money on that deal and he thinks that in the private sector they might and that is why they have affordable housing and yes he is in the remarkable position to be a homeowner in the Old 6<sup>th</sup> Ward, 2 blocks away from this property, there are several red flags on this property that has to do with specific maintenance and specific actions that had been taken by the Housing Authority. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Green and Knox absent.

Members of Council questioned Boehner.

Mr. Matthew Oren, 244 Bardsall, 77007, (713)501-9568 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Green and Knox absent.

Mr. Ben Clark, 2100 Memorial, 77007, (281)745-0475 appeared and stated that he does live at 2100 Memorial and he had lived there for 7 years and it is subject to flooding which he knows that and it has improved over the last few years and he wants to make sure they don't get rid of them because they are easy to get rid of because they are elderly and that is all he is asking for. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Green and Knox absent.

Council Member Cohen requested that Mr. Rich Thompson be added at the bottom of the 2-minute list of speaker and there were no objections.

Ms. Peg Luther, 2100 Memorial Dr., Apt. 1104, 77007, (713)426-1817 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Green and Knox absent.

Ms. Debbie Bunn, 2100 Memorial Dr., 77007, (281)217-9610 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Green and Knox absent.

Mr. John Oren, 8603 Crescent Gate Ln., 77024, (832)656-6231 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Green and Knox absent.

Ms. Jane West, 2114 Lubbock, 77007, (832)721-9080 appeared and stated that she lives in the Old 6<sup>th</sup> Ward and she is the past President of the Super Neighborhood and she wanted to thank the Mayor for responding so quickly because it was not until the middle of their Civic Club meeting about 7:30 p.m. or 8:00 p.m. that they learned about this issue and also wanted to thank him on his comments and she had also spoken with Tom McCasland and she has every faith that they will conduct an independent investigation of the HHA determination on whether or not this building is habitable or not and their short term interest of course is their health and welfare of the residents of the building if the building is truly inhabitable and then they need to be somewhere else and they do not want them to be in harms way but if there is and way they can stay in the building while the building is getting repaired, they would like them to stay in the building because displacing people at this age can cause them harm because this is their community and many of them do not have families or other places to go and the long term is that this property remain a property of affordable housing for Seniors and they do not want to lose this Senior facility, they welcome diversity and it is core part of their neighborhood and they can see that the neighbors have come to the aid on 3 different occasions. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Green and Knox absent.

Members of Council questioned Ms. West and Mayor Turner stated that they will not allow anyone to victimize the Seniors.

Ms. James Schriver, 1808 Lubbock St., 77007, (832)305-4099 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Green and Knox absent.

Ms. Shelly Henderson, no address, no phone, appeared and stated that she been at 2100 Memorial for about a year and she just left a meeting what was supposed to be a meeting with FEMA and the Members of the Management and the Housing Authority was there with them and they noticed the 2 people that were with the housing Authority was leaving them with only 5 days to move out and then the management was handing out information on where they can go to make applications and tell them that they are responsible for their moving expenses, for whatever deposits that they maybe asking for, FEMA is present and what they are doing is simply just taking names and confirming whether or not they have been registered and some people are holding documents that FEMA had inspected their units and their units were found to be habitable and there needs to be some estimate of what the process is. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Laster, Green, Knox and Kubosh absent.

Mayor Turner requested that she let them work through and let them get some answers to some questions but just give them opportunity to work on it.

Mr. Rich Thompson, no address, no phone, appeared and stated that Council Member Cohen is his Council Member, he had met her before but he does not think she remembers him, he is an Attorney with LoneStar Legal Aid and he had couple of questions that he wanted to raise and one concern is that asking someone to leave in 5 days, there maybe a legal problem with that and their argument is that they can ask only if the place is totally inhabitable but the problem is that you cannot tell people that they have to leave in 5 days and they have been contacted by many of these people. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Laster, Green and Kubosh absent.

Mayor Turner stated if he would allow him to just short circuit this through, if they would allow them to investigate because no one is going to allow these Seniors to be forced out, they are going to make a determination and then they are going to work with them and they are not going to be guided by the notice that was set out.

Ms. Connie Castillo, 2100 Memorial, 77007, (713)807-1808 appeared and stated that she had met Mayor Turner recently, she volunteered for 5 days at the Police Union to help serve the First Responders and little did she know that later last night they placed a noticed on their doors which she displayed up for everyone to see and they got scared but to have 5 days even though they have already said what they said about the 5 days, they are all very scared and she can say with the building that she was told there were budget cuts and cutting back staff, old equipment was used and one man had complained for years that his apartment had leaks and had mold and nothing was ever done and after the flood they did do a walk through with hamate suits into each apartment, she reviewed examples of what was happening with the staff and what they were doing in the building, she lives on the 11<sup>th</sup> floor and she walked 10 flights of stairs to get dirty water so that she could flush her toilet and the 1<sup>st</sup> floor is the only floor that flooded, she is not part of the voucher system and she is unemployed and she does not know where to go. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Green and Knox absent.

Mayor Turner stated that he hates that it was done this way and not in a way he would have handled it and they will make a determination on whether the building is safe or not and if the building is not safe they will work with each and everyone of the tenants until they can make the repairs and make the building safe.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Castillo.

Mr. Arnold Calbert, 2100 Memorial, 77007, (979)429-5678 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Green and Knox absent.

Ms. Rachelle Vasquez, 2213 Decatur St., 77007, (713)213-5781 appeared and stated that she was a resident of the Old 6<sup>th</sup> Ward and volunteering since Harvey every single day up until today at 2100 Memorial and she is here with her own message and a message from a resident that is there that could not come to speak for himself and she read the letter that the resident wrote and the reason why he could not be there because he is handicap and he also wanted to express that he is a Veteran and he is asking for help from City Council and she objected on making the residents move within 5 days and at their own expense. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Laster, Green and Knox absent.

Mr. James Lozan, 2100 Memorial Dr., 1104, 77007, (713)426-1817 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Laster, Green and Knox absent.

Mr. Manuela Matala, 2100 Memorial Dr., 77007, (832)537-7571 appeared and stated that he wanted to thank his new friends for bring him here today and he is a resident of 2100 Memorial since last year, he was in an accident on December 29, 2012 and almost died in the car accident and had 8 major surgeries in 15 days and he survived and reviewed his life and how he helped so many people and that is why he thinks the Lord saved him and he is asking Mayor Turner to help all these people in his Apartment complex, they do not want handouts. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Laster, Green and Knox absent.

Mr. Mike Lassiter, 2100 Memorial, 77007, (832)341-8445 appeared and stated that he was Veteran, he was in Nebraska visiting his son that is in the Navy when the Hurricane hit, he was watching the news and how the City Government handled things and it was exciting and he bragged about it, he is a Senior and he was watching the news about the update on the people at the George R. Brown Convection Center and then he did not realize that he was going to be homeless this week and there are a lot of Veterans in this community and he does not get VA Vouchers for his rent, he pays for his own rent and all of his things are at this apartment and right now they are getting assurance that it's going to be ok but they have Veterans packing up and leaving as they talk right now, people are heart broken and scared, since he been at this building there had been a history for 2 ½ years of mismanagement, poor management and for this company to tell them to get out this Saturday by 5 p.m. and they have to pack things up and put it in storage at their cost gives them mentality of the management of these people. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Laster, Green and Knox absent.

Ms. Marlei Cannedy, 2100 Memorial, 77007, (281)857-7515 appeared and stated that she is a resident at 2100 Memorial and her observation of living there and she had lived there a short time and she feels that they are being misled as far as the contracts that they sign as an agreement and one of the things that she had found that was unusual to her when they did start to come in to rebuild 2100 Memorial, they started down in the lobby and not the units where they live and just a little bit of water came onto the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor from the back of the building and she thinks that 2 units got a little bit of water and the carpet was little wet and when they started to renovate they started in the lobby and she feels that they should have started with the units and there is no main use for the lobby on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor and all the electrical stuff just needs to be repaired and that does not take too many days to do if they get the right people and she is younger than most of the Seniors and she feels like the building is ok and that they have people that had lived there for many years that have storage units in the building which they were threatred and did not sign a

waiver and disguard everything tonight and throw everything in the trash and she does not think that is fair and that is their personal things that they own and throw it in the dumpster and act as it is nothing and it is outrageous the way they treat them. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Laster, Green, Knox and Kubosh absent.

Mr. Doug Goerner, 2100 Memorial Dr., Apt.1212, 77007, (713)325-3809 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Laster, Green, Knox and Kubosh absent.

Ms. Kathleen Vassler, no address, no phone, appeared and stated that she knows that they had heard a lot of speakers today but they would have heard more but they only had 16 hour noticed and by her count they have 27 speakers on this subject and she is hoping that they are getting the full circle of information, she is the Former President of the Old 6<sup>th</sup> Ward Neighborhood Association and the current President of Super Neighborhood 22 and when Hurricane Harvey hit most of the old 6<sup>th</sup> Ward did not flood like other parts of the City and what did flood is this building at 2100 Memorial and the 6<sup>th</sup> Ward is about 200 homes and at 2100 Memorial there are 186 residents and this represents a big part of their neighborhood and when the community made heroes efforts to help them get back on track and they thought they were on track until last night about 8:00 p.m. which they got a noticed during a meeting that the residents got on their door and what they are asking is to please fix it, make it safe and let these people return and if they read that letter part of it says that their leases are terminated and again all they are asking is to fix it, make it safe and let them come back. Mayor Turner, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Laster, Green, Knox and Kubosh absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Vassler and Mayor Pro Tem Cohen stated that the Mayor had clearly stated on where they are right now and in the next number of hours they we have a much better appreciation on what is happening and the residents will be taken care of.

Ms. Cynthia Card, no address, no phone, appeared and stated that she lives in the Old 6<sup>th</sup> Ward and when the word went out that the residents of 2100 Memorial were in need and over 60 volunteers came to help to bring water and food and do laundry and in memory of that they made Harvey Hero buttons and gave them to Members of Council and counting on them to be their heros and thank them for her time. Mayor Turner, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Laster, Green and Knox absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Mr. Kenneth Wiggins, no address, no phone, appeared and stated that he is resident at 2100 Memorial and went through there with a Voucher that was resinded in April for whatever reason of funding and he is not there, he is paying for his full rent and he still has a Voucher but right now they told him that they did not have any funding and he just does not want to be forced to be removed from their property and he had heard everyone say that they are not and when this storm just passed the Council Members that came through because he was there for 12 days because of his job, until the building was replaced and he does do home health care, he had 9 people that he had to deal with and he wanted to thanked the Council Members that did come by and the ones that thought of them and he hopes they find some type of resolution. Mayor Turner, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Laster, Green, and Knox absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Ms. Connie Duproff, no address, no phone, appeared and stated that she is also a resident at 2100 Memorial and last evening she been in and out of the hospital and last evening it also happened to be her birthday but to go home at 8:00 p.m. in the evening where a bunch of people were on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, she had a gut feeling that something was wrong here and everyone was on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor all in a panic being concerned about all their things being thrown out and have been

told which had been said many times here today, been told that their things would be thrown out or have to pay for storage and they got busy and went door to door and got a petition signed with over 100 signatures that they wish to stay if possible and they are also aware if there are safety issues, they do not want anyone to hurt, they are the ones that helped each other but during the storm they had to evacuate within 15 minutes during the storm and because of her medical issues she needed to go and they asked her how is she going to get down the stairs and she told them that she was going to walk and they told her that she cannot walk and she told them "just watch me" the stairways were dark and wet and by her will, her faith and God's power she made down those stairs and she is not the only one that way, they have a whole community over there that is just like her, none of them want a hand out and in trusting in everyone here and she been listening and she does not get in any rhetoric that has been already said and she wants to trust and know that they are getting a fair shake and when they are told they can come back that they can come back. Mayor Turner, Council Members, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Laster, Green and Knox absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Ms. Sandra Ford, no address, no phone, appeared and stated that her daily job is to be involved with Medicare Benefits and last night that her grandmother that is 87 years old called her and said to let Council Members know it was 6:00 p.m., called her and said there is a letter on her door that said that she had to out of her apartment in 5 days and then she called her sister and told her sister that she does think that their grandmother is reading her paper right and her sister left work and went over there and it was 5 days and they looked up the document online and under the City of Houston in a habitable facility they do have the right to move the people out in 5 days but then there is an extension and she wanted to paint a picture to Council Members that they have 13 stories of residents and 10 units per floor, there are 3 elevators that barely work and they wait up to 6 minutes each time for the elevator and most of these people do not have family and the people with family took off of work to go pack their stuff and to figure out where are they going to go, FEMA is there but is not very polite, she had verbal discussion with one particular person and she was told by FEMA that was not nice that she said that this was too much work and she did not want to deal with these dirty ass old people and she told the lady that she cannot speak like that because she still had FEMA shirt on and FEMA is there to accept an application and the apartments are proposing a prorated rent which that would be one week of return rent and she is requesting a longer period of time. Mayor Turner, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Laster, Green and Knox absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Ford.

Ms. Krystal Ward, 10965 South Gessner, 77071, (832)706-7433 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Laster, Green and Knox absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

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

Ms. Vivian Harris, 3810 West Fuqua Rd., 77045, (832)393-4203 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Laster, Green and Knox absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

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

Mr. James Partsch-Galvan, 2705 Terry St., 77009, (713)528-2607 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Laster, Green and Knox absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Mr. Roland Curry, 5911 Bent Bough Ln., 77088, (832)977-9305 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Laster, Green and Knox absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Mr. Will Hill, 3215 Lyons Ave., (281)964-5388 appeared and stated that he wanted to introduce his son to Mayor Turner and he just wanted the Mayor to meet and see his son, he is a Master Plumber for 30 years and what he is here for and the last time he was here he spoke about his meeting with Shelia Jackson-Lee which they sent him a letter and the discussion was a lawsuit that he filed in Federal Court and he was able to get the original documents and he had gone through terminal after terminal and he knows it was a discrimination case, he used to work for ARS which left him to have a heat stroke and another report tells that they enlarged his heart, this case has been going on and on and he wants to get this resolved, he had spoken to a lot of people including George Forman which he is the heavy weight champion and he is standing with him and they were supposed to meet but they could not because of Harvey and they told him that they have made a decision on his case and he just wants to settle because he has kids to raise and again he just wants to settle. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Green and Edwards absent.

Mr. Sullivan Gant, 7830 Scott St., 77051, (713)254-4238 appeared and stated that he had tried several times but he wants to understand that he does not want anything special he just wants the City to do their job and he asked several times for help to get his trash to be set out in the mornings at the end of his driveway so they can pick it up and they do not miss it all the time but when they do miss it, they expect him to roll it back in and when he leaves it out there it gets turned over and it looks bad for the area that he lives in and he wishes that the City would straighten it up because he is not complaining, he just want something done and he was told he had to clean his ditch and he tried but when he gets down into the ditch and it is hard for him to get out, he has to tie a rope around a poll to help him to get out, he is 90 years old and only can do so much and the ditch next to him needs attention and he asked if they would do it for him. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Laster, Green and Edwards absent.

Mayor Turner stated that they would do that and they would work on it.

Ms. Pearlene Richardson, 4415 Grapevine St., 77045, (713)433-3847 appeared and stated that she is Mr. Grants daughter and she does not understand why the City would expect a 90 year old Veteran to get in a ditch that is 3 feet deep to cut and she does not think it fair and it is not safe for him and this is City property and also does not think it is right for the City to drag his garbage trash can because all of the other residents are instructed to place the can by the curb and his trash can is at the end of Glenn Road and it intersects with Scotts street and she does not want to go to his house and find him in that ditch dead, he should not have to do that because that is not his property and she thinks that the City should do better and needs to do better. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Laster, Green and Edwards absent.

Mayor Turner questioned Ms. Richardson.

Mr. William Barker, 210 Gober St., 77017, (281)609-5554 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Laster, Green and Edwards absent.

Mr. Mark Rodriguez, 23 Delmar, 77011, (832)816-9673 appeared and stated that he is the President of his Civic Club and he is a business owner and he is here to speak about the extra 9 to 10% in tax increase and in their community, alone their taxes have gone up 30% and with this extra new percent that close to 40% more, he has several used houses and a car lot, he cannot go to these Senior citizens that live in his houses to tell them that he has to go up 40% because the City wants us to pay the extra money and that is just part of the problem and another reason he is here is that Valero had received a 18 Million dollar tax break and he is not mad at them for getting it and if the City can give a big company a tax break, they should try to give some of the small business a little help because they do need it and he feels for all the Seniors that were complaining and giving their concern and yesterday they had a meeting and Metro representatives were there and told them that they are about to move rail into the community and he told her that they cannot even do with what they already started, they have problems with their traffic lights and it is not just in his community and before they start more rail, they need to fix the traffic lights that are already there, they do need help and Mayor Turner try to do something else to help them so they do not get their tax increase and also an Inspector came by his car lot and requested the original documents. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Laster, Green and Edwards absent.

Mayor Turner stated that he should get the Inspectors ID if he feels that the Inspector was harassing him.

Mr. Leonardo Solis, 215 Altic, 77011, (713)429-2514 appeared and stated that the neighbors told him to come over there about the tax rate not only the elderly but also the young people too they can barely make on their checks even with 2 jobs along with car notes and other stuff, shouldn't the City have backups after hurricanes and stuff that they should have prepared more for occasions like this with people losing their houses and stuff.

Mayor Turner stated that they did have a equal stable fund and they have already used it.

Mr. Solis stated that we are losing money on changing names to schools, could that not go to that and Mayor Turner pointed out that it was HISD and that is not the City, then Mr. Solis asked about the County and Mayor Turner stated that it was the Harris County Tollway and then he asked why does it go on the citizens and Mayor Turner stated because we live in the City of Houston and we have to take care of each other and it is important to take care of one another because there will be another storm. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Laster, Green and Edwards absent.

Ms. Krystal Lee, 219 South Faust, 77024, (281)691-5280 appeared and stated that she been living here since 1997 and knows that Mayor Turner had done a lot with the City which she is grateful for that and she also saw the video of him accepting a \$5 million dollar donations from Mr. Wong and she is also an immigrant similar to him and she came here by boat and went to school in the U.S. and when she got married she convinced her husband to move to Houston (she started crying) and they brought a place in the Memorial area, it never flooded there since 2010 and been high and dry with all the floods in the past and when this hurricane came they thought they would not be impacted and she even went grocery shopping, parked the cars in the garage, thinking that they would ride through this and the water from the reservoir came into their house, they had a few hours Sunday night and Monday morning to pack up a family with 3 kids and left the home and everything that they have is gone.

Mayor Turner allowed her to voice her concerns and he wanted her to understand that it was not the City of Houston that released the water and they are asking Congress for additional funding to build a 3<sup>rd</sup> reservoir but the Corp of Engineers released the water and the Corp of Engineers

did not notify them how fast they were going to release the water and if they knew that they were going to release it at a faster rate and houses were going to flood, they would have provided notice out there.

Ms. Olivia Garza, 10912 Gulf Freeway, Apt. No.74 (832)473-1361 appeared and presented information and stated that she wanted to direct Members of Council eyes to the pictures that were handed out to them, she lives at the Cedarwild Town Homes Association and the first couple of pictures are showing you the debris, the mountains that are in front of their units and half of the Houston public street is closed because of the debris and making only one lane, they have 86 units in that community and those 86 units dumped their debris at this location and if they looked at the next page from inside the Association, it is right on top of them and unlike typical neighborhoods which have a curb space from their house front, they do not have that type of breathing room and they also have a ravine that goes under their property and one of the resident told her before she came here to represent them she had seen rat but she had not seen it and they are concerned about rodents and infected mosquitos and the last page shows where they are actually located within the City of Houston and she also had handed out her notes which she read because she did not want to forget things, they are privately owned and built in the 1980s and across from this are the Cabo San Lucas Apartments that have 367 units that are 2 stories and she cannot prove this but she believes some of that debris is from them as well and Cedar Community understands that Houston is receiving FEMA funding to assist Houston residents with debris clean up caused by Hurricane Harvey but they are also concerned because they are being told by Solid Waste Department that due to their HOA status because they were getting private waste pick up and that Cedarwild does not qualify for federally funded monies being issued to the City of Houston from Harvey debris clean up and they should not be rejected due to a practice during normal times and the need for the City help to clean up debris is a situation that is not business as usual and they are requesting the Mayor and Council Members to work with the Cedarwild community. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Laster and Green absent.

Mayor Turner stated as of yesterday that FEMA did get authorization for the City to deal with private collections and are making special agreements when it comes to private streets because they do not want to be held liable if something should happen if they are going in on private streets and prior to yesterday FEMA had not given the green light for the City to go on private streets and to be reimbursed and things have changed since yesterday but there will need to be agreements before they do that.

Mr. Joe Angel Falcon, 7524 Victoria St., 77020, (409)995-9841 appeared and stated that he came forward today with a concern and is something that had to be address by City Council Members and this is about cold cases that are not being investigated at the Dave Ward Center or that the information is not being passed to 100 Travis when the information and tips that were going through and none of the information was being passed to people that were supposed to investigate it and these cases with names, addresses and phone numbers, descriptions, complete profiles and crime cases and he was wondering what can be done because these are case such as homicides, rapes and kidnappings. Mayor Turner, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Laster and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Council Member Stardig questioned Mr. Falcon.

Ms. Glenola Hines, 4463 N. MacGregor Way, 77004, (713)384-1903 appeared and stated that her issues is that she lives about 75 feet to 100 feet from Braes Bayou and her apartment was flooded and the apartments are for Seniors and her husband did not want to evacuate, they were on the first floor and they did not want to be involved in any of the shelters and they received a

evacuation notice yesterday and she heard that the Mayor would see that apartments would forgive September rent and that is her problem and that is why she speaking before City Council and she needs help with that for she and her husband. Mayor Turner, Council Members Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis and Laster. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Mayor Pro Tem Cohen questioned Ms. Hines and requested Roxanne Lawson to help Ms. Hines and to see where they can go with that because that is different from the other issue at 2100 Memorial and for her to speak with Ms. Roxanne Lawson to help her get more information.

Ms. Johnnie Walker North, no address, (832)656-4256 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis and Laster. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Mr. Joseph Colangelo, no address, 9713)412-1875 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis and Laster. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Mr. Fred Kelly, 15735 Clarkspring Dr., 77053, (281)660-4550 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis and Laster. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Mayor Pro Tem Cohen stated that there are two people that were present that were not able to get on the list and Council Member Stardig moved to allow Ms. Diane Ryane Morin and Ms. Edna Besiant to speak and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Mayor Turner, Council Members Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis and Laster. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Ms. Diane Ryane Morin, no address, no phone, appeared and stated that she is 74 years old and former resident of 2100 Memorial, the Old 6<sup>th</sup> Ward had been her home for about 20 years and she is here to address the challenges at 2100 Memorial and she does not need to say much more about 2100 Memorial because they have listened very well and discussed dealing with TMO and others she wants to point out how FEMA people spoke and she requested that the State look into how they addressed the people at 2100 Memorial, she requests that Ms. Cisneros, Mr. Christie, Ms. Cohen and Mr. Gallegos to rely the things that she is addressing here to the Mayor. Mayor Turner, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Ms. Edna Besuant, no address, no phone, appeared and stated that she did not want to whip a dead horse and she knows there is unity in numbers and she wanted to address something that has already been said about 2100 Memorial and the problem over there at 2100 Memorial is truly a communication problem, they received notices on their doors at 5:30 p.m. in the afternoon on something that was going to happen on the next day and for Senior Citizens for any little kind of change is traumatic especially for those who have health issues and in regards to FEMA, she just signed up today and she asked the lady why she was signing up and what is this going to do and the lady told her that she did not know and at 12:01 p.m. FEMA came in and went into the office and they came out just as confused as they came in and they were placed in little rooms, there is no communication and they do not have trust in the people that are giving them this information. Mayor Turner, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Laster and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

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

At 5:06 p.m. The City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, September 20, 2017, Mayor Turner, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Laster and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

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, September 20, 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, Michael Kubosh, Amanda Edwards and Jack Christie D.C.; Ronald Lewis, City Attorney, Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director and Stella Ortega Agenda Office present.

At 9:10 a.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting to order and stated that Council would start with the Public Hearing. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martina and Le absent.

1. **PUBLIC HEARING** to provide a Resolution of No Objection to the 4% Housing Tax Credit application of **VILLA AMERICANA HOUSING PARTNERS L.P., 5901 Selinsky - DISTRICT D – BOYKINS**- was presented, the City Secretary advised that Ryan Bibbs, Housing & Community Development would make remarks and that no one had reserved time to speak.

Ryan Bibbs made the following remarks:

Mr. Bibbs stated that the hearing relates to a request for a resolution of no objection for the 4% percent tax credit Housing Tax Credit application of the Villa Americana Housing Partners L.P. an affiliate of I-Text Group, I-Text is a large affordable housing developer and manager for over 5,400 units across Texas, Louisiana and Colorado and this development is located in District D, Villa Americana Housing Partners L.P. helped to submit an application to TDHCA requesting an award of 4% tax credit for the acquisition and rehabilitation of the Villa Americana Housing Partners L.P., a 258 unit affordable housing community located at 5901 Selinsky HCDD, this project requires no funding from HCDD and HCDD recommends approval of this Resolution for the following reasons, none of the zone schools are on the list for States approval of improvement and the development will include 3 to 4 bedroom units, the Texas Department of Housing and community Affairs which Administers the State's Housing Tax Credit program and requires a Public Hearing to be held to solicit Public input concerning the project before the applicant can submit an application for the noncompetitive 4% tax credits.

Mayor Turner asked if there was anyone present that would like to speak for or against this Item.

Mr. Ray Richardson, no address, no phone, appeared and stated that he works with this group and he wanted to say that this is something that they have pursued in order to enhance the livability of the people who are at Asset and their plans are also to include

the Rainbow Housing as the educational piece to this Asset and Rainbow Housing is a National Organization that provides education for low to moderate income people and the development had been in operation since 1972 and they are really trying to preserve the affordability development and they would appreciate the no objection vote.

Mayor Turner asked if there was anymore questions or comments and he asked if there was someone else who would like to speak on this Item and seeing none Mayor Turner requested a Motion to close the Public Hearing.

Council Member Cohen moved to close the Public Hearing and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Martin and Le absent.  
**MOTION 2017-0572 ADOPTED**

At 9:14 a.m. Mayor Turner moved to the Mayor's report.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Turner stated in respect to 2100 Memorial, that is a Houston Housing project, HUD and it is run by Executive Director Tony Gunsolley and it does have a Board and he had spoken to the Chairman of the Board and he indicated to them that they should not have sent a notice to the Seniors like they did, they should have been brought in and talked to, explained and to let them know why things were looking the way they were, to explain the condition of the building and number one the determination of the condition of the building should have been made fairly quick to see if it was habitable or not and after they are done with their review if they determined if it was not habitable then they need to sit down and explain to the Seniors what the next steps would be and the Seniors should not have to be undergoing any relocation cost and they need to take steps to assure that and the Seniors needed to be explained that they were not going to have to pay anymore on what they are currently paying and that they do not tell them if they do not remove their things, then they are going to take control and it all needs to be undone and they need to walk the Seniors step by step by step but certainly do not add anymore cost and the relocation costs should be done by HUD or FEMA or Red Cross but not by the Seniors and even through it is not something that they provide direct oversight of, they do provide the Board Members and what he asked Director Tom McCasland and his team to do is to provide additional oversight on top of what is provided now to make sure there is a process in place that is very thoughtful and sensitive and to be able to explain to the Seniors how long it would take before they can come back and assessments will be made along the way and it is his hope that all that stuff taking place today and to what extent the building can be restored or rehabbed and that the Seniors need to be returned and that they need to follow that process very carefully and he regrets that they took that approach by giving them that notice and it was not the right way to do that and now they need to win their trust back.

Members of Council the Mayor about 2100 Memorial.

Mayor Turner stated as the other issue was the debris removal and where they are, they are adding additional Contractors every week there are approximately 80 million cubic yards on the streets and they had pre-position contract which was good for the City that was paying \$7.69 per cubic yard to the general contractor DRC and the sub-contractor would be making like \$5.00 dollars and was not attracting any contractors to our area and this was also taking place while the storm was approaching Florida and many contractors and sub-contractors were waiting to see

what would happen there and they requested from FEMA to increase that rate so that we can attract more and he already given Director Hayes and other permission to even give them more to get ours trucks moving quicker and then FEMA said that they can pay more and that amount is \$11.69 per cubic yard which helps and it has brought on more contractors and he was speaking with another large contractor and they flew in yesterday and he was trying to bring them on board and what they said to him was “ Mayor, \$11.69 is not going to bring them on board and that they needed to be in the upper teens in order to bring us and we are not going to do it”, they are working really hard to bring any contractor around the United States that will operate on the reimbursable rate of FEMA of \$11.69 because he is very sensitive to cost and with the other good news in the categories were there was going to be 75%/ 25% share between FEMA and Houston, the President last week modified that split and in other categories it is 90%/10% between FEMA and Houston which is good and dealing with emergency protective services that is at 100% which is a plus and his request for a tax increase rate is almost cut in half, he is also going to request that the landfills be open 24 hours and he wanted to advised the people that there will be 3 passes by trucks to remove the debris before it is all up.

Mayor Turner stated he wanted to go back, if for example if the State is willing to join with them and tap into their Rainy Day Fund, there will not be a need and would not be a tax rating increase at all, if they are willing to provide us with the \$50 to \$60 million dollar, there will be no reason to impose any burden in people that are already burdened enough.

Members of Council questioned Mayor Turner and after a lengthy discussion.

Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Christie for a procedural motion.

Council Member Christie moved to consider Item 22 out of order and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Travis and Knox absent. **MOTION 2017-0573 ADOPTED**

**22. ORDINANCE to rename Elder Street**, located between Franklin and Washington Streets, to **MENTOR WAY - DISTRICT H – CISNEROS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Travis and Knox absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0710 ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner stated that Mr. Pierce Bush and Ms. Diane Bess are present from the Big Brother & Big Sister.

Members of Council thanked the Big Brother and Big Sister and their organization.

Council Member Davis move to suspend the rules to hear Mr. Pierce, Representative of the Big Brother & Sister on Item 22 and seconded by Council Member Laster, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0574 ADOPTED**

Mr. Pierce Bush stated that he wanted to thank the Mayor for what he had done and the work of this Council as well, this is a big deal for them, they have built a new building, they are finishing the court yard and it is on Washington Avenue and having the street renamed to Mentor Way is a big deal for them and on behalf of all the kids that they are able to impact here in this City because of the goodness of that natural volunteer spirit and he thanked the Mayor and Member of Council for this.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Bush and thanked him for what Big Brother & Big Sister does.

Council Member Davis requested that consider take Items 2-6 up next because they are appointments.

2. **REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following individuals to the **ANIMAL SHELTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**, for terms to expire December 31, 2017:
  - Position Five - **MICHELLE MANTOR**, reappointment
  - Position Six - **BUFFY K. MARTINES**, appointment- was presented,  
Moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Cisneros absent. **MOTION 2017-0575 ADOPTED**
  
3. **REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment of **BESSIE MANSFIELD** to Position a8, as an Alternate, to the **BUILDING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION**, for a term to expire December 31, 2017- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Cisneros absent. **MOTION 2017-0576 ADOPTED**
  
4. **REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment of **MELINDA LITTLE** to Position Two of the **HOUSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for a term to expire March 1, 2019- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Laster, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Boykins and Cisneros absent. **MOTION 2017-0577 ADOPTED**
  
5. **REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment of **MICHAEL C. NICHOLS** to Position Three on the **MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION and the FIREFIGHTER'S & POLICE OFFICERS' CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION (FIRE ONLY)**, for the remainder of a three-year term ending June 14, 2020- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0578 ADOPTED**
  
6. **REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following individuals to the **NORTH HOUSTON DISTRICT (Formerly known as the GREENSPPOINT DISTRICT OF HARRIS COUNTY) BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for terms to expire June 1, 2021:
  - Position One - **MARGARET EYSTER**, reappointment
  - Position Two - **DONNA VOLKERDING**, appointment
  - Position Three - **JOHN RIDGWAY**, reappointment
  - Position Four - **KAREN MARSHALL**, reappointment
  - Position Five - **MARK SMITH**, appointment
  - Position Six - **DAVID K. EGBERT**, reappointment
  - Position Seven - **CHARLES R. LOPEZ**, reappointment
  - Position Eight - **THOMAS R. WUSSOW**, reappointment
  - Position Nine - **KAITLIN BELLON**, appointment
  - Position Ten - **GEORGE W. LUNNON, JR.**, reappointment
  - Position Eleven - **GERALD F. NAPOLES**, reappointment-

Was presented, moved by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **MOTION 2017-0579 ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Davis for a procedural motion; Council Member Davis moved to suspend the rules to consider Item 32 out of order and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0580 ADOPTED**

- 32. ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing third amendment for the contract between the City of Houston and **DRC EMERGENCY SERVICES, LLC** for Disaster Debris Removal Services for the Solid Waste Management Department; providing a maximum contract amount - \$60,000,000.00 - Disaster Recovery Fund- was presented and after a lengthy discussion Council Member Green tagged Item 32.

### **CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 7 through 28**

#### **MISCELLANEOUS** - NUMBER 7

- 7. RECOMMENDATION** from Chief of Police for approval of extension of Injury on Duty Leave (Salary Continuation) for **Officer JOSEPH LEMELLE**, for the period April 5, 2017 to June 18, 2017- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis and Martin absent. **MOTION 2017-0581 ADOPTED**

#### **ORDINANCES** - NUMBERS 12 through 28

- 12. ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing fifth amendments to various vendor agreements for support services to the elderly provided through the **HARRIS COUNTY AREA AGENCY ON AGING**, as amended, between the City and **ALPHA EYECARE ASSOCIATES PLLC, ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION - HOUSTON & SOUTHEAST TEXAS CHAPTER, CHINESE COMMUNITY CENTER, INC, DINSMORE MEDICAL SYSTEMS, LLC, LONE STAR LEGAL AID, MONTROSE COUNSELING CENTER, INC, HEIGHTS HEARING AIDS, LLC, RONALD L. NORSWORTHY, INC, dba HOME HELPERS OF FORT BEND, TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY and THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER AT HOUSTON**, respectively, to extend the term of the above contracts; approving and authorizing sixth amendments to various vendor agreements for support services to the elderly provided through the **HARRIS COUNTY**

**AREA AGENCY ON AGING**, as amended, between the City and **BAKERRIPLEY (formerly known as NEIGHBORHOOD CENTERS, INC)**, **MPJ AUDIOLOGY CONSULTANT, LLC**, and **PERRYLEE HOME HEALTH CARE SERVICES, INC**, respectively, to extend the term of the above contracts- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0711 ADOPTED**

- 18. ORDINANCE** amending Ordinance No. 2013-0816, as amended, to increase the maximum contract amounts and approving and authorizing 1) a second amendment to the agreement for Westlaw Computer-Assisted Legal Research Services and Clear Services, and 2) a second amendment to the Library Maintenance Agreement for print products, between the City of Houston and WEST, a Thomson Reuters Business, for the Legal Department - \$107,000.00 - General and Property & Casualty Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0712 ADOPTED**
  
- 19. ORDINANCE** amending Ordinance 2016-0574 to increase the maximum contract amount; approving and authorizing first amendment to agreement between the City of Houston and **HILLTOP SECURITIES INC** for Financial Advisory Services related to special projects during Fiscal Year 2018- the City Secretary advised that Item 19 had been pulled by the Administration and would not be considered.
  
- 23. ORDINANCE** to rename **Mercedes Drive**, located between Interstate-45 Freeway and Kuykendahl Road, to **LAMBORGHINI WAY - DISTRICT B – DAVIS**- the City Secretary advised that Item 23 had been pulled by the Administration and would not be considered.
  
- 25. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$12,581,000.00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF and \$1,529,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **MAIN LANE INDUSTRIES, LTD** for Woodshire Drainage and Paving Improvements Subproject I; 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 testing services, CIP Cost Recovery, construction management, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF and the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT K – GREEN-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0713 ADOPTED**
  
- 26. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$916,854.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding contract to **SEWER AND STORM MAINTENANCE, LLC** for Sanitary Sewer Cleaning and Television Inspection in Support of Rehabilitation; 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 contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund (4277-100)- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0714 ADOPTED**

- 27. ORDINANCE** No. 2017-701, passed first reading September 13, 2017  
ORDINANCE granting to **REPUBLIC INDUSTRIAL AND ENERGY SOLUTIONS, LLC**, a Delaware 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; and making certain findings related thereto - **SECOND READING-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0701 PASSED SECOND READ IN FULL**
- 28. ORDINANCE** No. 2017-702, passed first reading September 13, 2017  
ORDINANCE granting to **STEEL WASTE INC, a Texas Corporation**, the right, privilege, and franchise to collect, haul and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions; and making certain findings related thereto - **SECOND READING-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0702 PASSED SECOND READ IN FULL**

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- 8. RECOMMENDATION** from Director Houston Airport System for approval of final contract amount of \$31,580,678.52 and acceptance of work on contract with **HENSEL PHELPS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY/CBIC CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT, LLC (JOINT VENTURE)** for Pre-construction Services and Construction Services for the Realigned Terminal Roadway, Satellite Utilities Plant, and New Fire Protection System at William P. Hobby Airport - 1.6% over the original contract amount and under the 5.8% contingency - **DISTRICT I – GALLEGOS-** was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **MOTION 2017-0582 ADOPTED**
- 9. ORDINANCE** finding and determining that public convenience and necessity no longer require the continued use of a full-width utility easement within the former Attucks Street, from Alabama Street south 200-feet, more or less; a full-width utility easement within the former Canfield Street, from Alabama Street south 200 feet, more or less; a full-width utility easement within the former Napoleon Street, from Alabama Street south 200 feet, more or less; ten 5-foot-wide utility easements; and fifteen 3-foot-wide utility easements; all located within the Granlin Grove Subdivision, Henry Tierwester Survey, A-75, Harris County, Texas, abandoning the easements to Houston Independent School District, owner, in consideration of its payment to the City of \$341,550.00 and other consideration, Parcels SY15-023A through C - **DISTRICT I – GALLEGOS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis and Edwards absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0715 ADOPTED**

- 10. ORDINANCE** finding and determining that public convenience and necessity no longer require the continued use of a 20 foot-wide water line easement and a 40 foot-wide drainage easement abandoning said easements to **Houston Independent School District**, abutting owner, in consideration of its payment of \$40,012.00 to the City and the conveyance to the City of a variable-width storm sewer easement, all located in restricted Reserve A, Block 1, Barbara Jordan High School Subdivision, J.S. Collins Survey, A-195, Harris County, Texas, and other consideration - **DISTRICT B – DAVIS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0716 ADOPTED**
- 11. ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing first amendment to agreement between the City of Houston and **RESCUED PETS MOVEMENT, INC** (Approved by Ordinance No. 2015-0665 approved July 8, 2015) for Animal Transport Operations- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0717 ADOPTED**
- 13. ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing contract among the **CITY OF HOUSTON, SPRING BRANCH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT** and **S P A R K** to provide \$150,000.00 in Community Development Block Grant Funds for the Development of neighborhood parks on Public School Grounds under the Spark Park Program - **DISTRICT A – STARDIG-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0718 ADOPTED**
- 14. ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing first amendment to Cost Sharing Agreement between the City of Houston and **RICE UNIVERSITY** for Design and Construction of a 12-inch Waterline (Approved by Ordinance No. 2016-769) - **DISTRICT C – COHEN-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0719 ADOPTED**
- 15. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$711,000.00 out of Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund for Purchase of Body Armor Vests for the Houston Police Department- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0720 ADOPTED**
- 16. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$108,091.00 out of Parks and Recreation Dedication Fund, \$10,000.00 out of Contributed Capital Project Fund, \$204,000.00 out of Parks Consolidated Construction Fund, and \$15,002.00 out of Parks Special Fund; approving and authorizing Interlocal Agreement between the City and the **HOUSTON PARKS BOARD LGC, INC** for Construction of Improvements to Various Parks **DISTRICTS C - COHEN; H - CISNEROS and J – LASTER-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0721 ADOPTED**
- 17. ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Concession Agreement between the City of Houston and **LENLYN LIMITED d/b/a ICE INTERNATIONAL CURRENCY SERVICES USA** for Foreign Currency Exchange and Passenger Amenities at George Bush Intercontinental Airport/Houston and William P. Hobby Airport - Revenue - **DISTRICTS B**

- **DAVIS and I – GALLEGOS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0722 ADOPTED**

20. **ORDINANCE** approving, authorizing, and awarding contract to **ATLANTIC PETROLEUM & MINERAL RESOURCES, INC** for Fuel Transportation Services for the Fleet Management Department; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$4,000,000.00 - Fleet Management Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0723 ADOPTED**

21. **ORDINANCE** amending Ordinance No. 2012-836 (Passed on September 19, 2012) to extend the contract term to Contract No. 4600011794 between the City of Houston and **PROPERTYROOM.COM** for the Disposal of abandoned personal property for the Houston Police Department- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0724 ADOPTED**

24. **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 Greenbriar Street Paving and Drainage: Rice Boulevard to W. Holcombe Boulevard Project; authorizing the acquisition of fee simple or easement interest to parcels of land required for the project with four parcels situated in the P.W. Rose Survey, Abstract No. 645 in Harris County, Texas and with two parcels situated in the A.C. Reynolds Survey, Abstract No. 61 by gift, dedication, purchase and the use of eminent domain and further authorizing payment of the costs of such purchases and/or eminent domain proceedings and associated costs for relocation assistance, appraisal fees, title policies/services, recording fees, court costs, and expert witness fees in connection with the acquisition of fee simple or easement interests to the six parcels of land required for the project - **DISTRICT C – COHEN-** was presented, Council Member Edwards voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Davis absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0725 ADOPTED**

**MATTERS HELD** - NUMBERS 29 through 31

29. **ORDINANCE** appropriating up to \$46,114,987.70 in Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Affordable Housing Funds for Single Family and Multi Family Affordable Housing Activities, including costs associated with the administration of the City's Affordable Housing Programs

**DELAYED BY MOTION #2017-549, 9/6/17**

This was Item 3 on Agenda of September 6, 2017- was presented, Council Member Cohen moved to refer Item 29 back to the Administration and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **MOTION 2017-0583 ADOPTED**

30. **MOTION** by Council Member Cohen/Seconded by Council Member Davis to adopt recommendation from Chief Procurement Officer to award to **PD BAYOU CITY LAWN INVESTMENTS, LLC** - \$1,393,611.88 and **PROFESSIONAL TURF PRODUCTS, LP** - \$562,386.83 for Toro, Kohler and Kawasaki Tractor and Mower Replacement Parts and

Repair Services for the Fleet Management Department - 3 Years with two one-year options - Fleet Management Fund - **TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER EDWARDS**  
This was Item 14 on Agenda of September 13, 2017- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **MOTION 2017-0584 ADOPTED**

- 31. MOTION** by Council Member Cohen/Seconded by Council Member Davis to adopt recommendation from Chief Procurement Officer to **AMEND MOTION #2016-0526, 10/26/16, TO INCREASE** award to purchase additional vans through the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) and the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative (BuyBoard) for Various Departments, awarded to **SILSBEE FORD, INC** from \$424,354.33 to \$444,337.78; **CALDWELL AUTOMOTIVE PARTNERS LLC, d/b/a CALDWELL COUNTRY CHEVROLET, LLC** from \$175,370.00 to \$186,996.00; **COWBOY DODGE** from \$201,840.01 to \$209,370.01 - Enterprise and Other Funds **TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER EDWARDS**  
This was Item 15 on Agenda of September 13, 2017- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **MOTION 2017-0585 ADOPTED**

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

Members of Council announced events and discussed matters of interest.

There being no further business before Council; the City Council adjourned at 12:07 p.m. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Gallegos, Laster, Green, 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