

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, November 14, 2017

A regular meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, November 14, 2017; Mayor Pro Tem Ellen Cohen presiding, with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jerry Davis, Dwight Boykins, Dave Martin, Steve Le, Greg Travis, Karla Cisneros, Robert Gallegos, Mike Laster, Larry Green, Mike Knox, David Robinson, Michael Kubosh, Amanda Edwards and Jack Christie D.C.; Randy Zamora, Legal Department, Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director and Stella Ortega with the Agenda Office present. Mayor Sylvester Turner out of the City on City Business.

At 1:33 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen called the meeting to order and stated they would start the presentations. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Le, Travis, Gallegos, Laster, Green, Knox, Edwards and Christie absent.

Council Member Martin stated that there is another of great sporting events that we are having in the City of Houston and recently announced in 2024 NCCA Football, National Championship Game will be held here in Houston and he is here today to speak about the 2017 World Corporate Games; as the World Corporate Games is the largest Corporate Multisport Festival on the Globe and is open to all organizations, businesses and institutions, the teams include employees, colleagues, family and friends and there should be a City Council team represented but he would guess that they do not have enough athletics in the City of Houston and therefore on November 16-19, 2017 World Corporate Games will commence throughout Houston and approximately 7,500 participates will compete in 18 different sports throughout the course of 3 days and whereas the City of Houston congratulates and commends the Harris County Houston Sports Authority and the World Corporate Games for organizing this worthwhile endeavor as well as the thousands competing for titles and best wishes and therefore, Mayor Pro Tem Cohen on behalf of Mayor Turner hereby proclaimed November 16-19, 2017 as 2017 World Corporate Games in Houston, Texas. Council Members Stardig, Le, Travis, Gallegos, Laster, Knox, Edwards and Christie absent.

Council Member Kubosh stated that we have some Hall of Famers that are present today and invited Kenny Houston, Elvin Bethea, Bruce Matthew and Curly Culp to the podium as they have been in the center of Houston and Sports Entertainment for many years, the mission of the NFL Pro Football Hall of Fame is to honor the Heroes of the Game and to preserve its history and players inducted into the NFL Hall of Fame are an impressive group. Council Members Stardig, Le, Travis, Gallegos and Edwards absent.

Council Member Kubosh stated that the mission of the National Football League (NFL) Pro Football Hall of Fame is to honor the heroes of the game, preserve its history, promote its values and celebrate excellence everywhere and the players inducted into the NFL Pro Football Hall of Fame are a prestigious and respected group. Among those are several of Houston's own – players whose storied careers included notable seasons as members of the Houston Oilers football franchise; Curley Culp played football at Arizona State University, where he was also the NCAA heavyweight wrestling champion. Professionally, he played with the Kansas City Chiefs (1968-1974), the Houston Oilers (1974-1980) and the Detroit Lions (1980-1981). He was an AFL All-Star in 1969, a six-time AFC-NFC Pro Bowler, NFL Defensive Player of the Year in 1975, and was on the Super Bowl IV Championship Team. He was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2013 and on November 14, 2017, Curley Culp will be honored for his outstanding athletic achievements as an NFL Hall of Famer, recognizing his significant accomplishments as a professional football player and therefore, Mayor Pro Tem Cohen on behalf of Mayor Turner hereby proclaimed November 14, 2017, as Houston NFL Hall of Famers Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Stardig, Le, Travis, Gallegos and Edwards absent.

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Council Member Boykins stated that Andre Johnson means so much to the City of Houston and everyone runs through his stats and career with the Houston Texans but he reflects during this time of the year when Andre and he been doing this since he been playing in the NFL, he would

take his time out of his busy schedule and bless the Inner City Kids and today is not just his day of accomplishments on the football field and it is what he had done for the City of Houston and on behalf of the Mayor and City Council, they wanted to let him know that they appreciate him and today is his day in this great City; Andre Johnson is a former American Football Wide Receiver who played most of his career with the Houston Texans, he played College Football at the University of Miami and was drafted by the Texans in 2003, he is 11<sup>th</sup> all-time NFL Career Receptions with 10 all time in the NFL receiving yards, he started and played in all 16 games and recorded 66 receptions, 976 yards and 4 touchdowns and his break out year came in 2004 and in 2010 Andre became the highest paid Receiver in the NFL History and on October 31, 2016 Andre announced his retirement, on April 19, 2017 he signed a one day contract with the Houston Texans so he can officially retire as a Member of the Houston Texans and on November 19<sup>th</sup> Andre will be inducted into the Inaugural Houston Texans Ring of Honor ,the City of Houston commends Andre Johnson on this occasion and extends best wishes on a memorable celebration and therefore, Mayor Pro Tem Cohen on behalf of Mayor Turner hereby proclaimed November 19, 2017 Andre Johnson Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Stardig, Le and Laster absent.

Council Member Cisneros stated that hundreds of nomadic tribes have been recorded living, hunting, farming and residing in Houston and along the Gulf of Mexico's coastal southern plains regions and approximately 60 to 110 million people with a native Amerindian population existed 500 years ago across the Americas. Indigenous people have lived upon this land prior to European settlement and we value the progress society has accomplished through Indigenous people's knowledge, labor, technology, science, philosophy, arts and deep culture, the Dimond Knoll site was discovered in 1996 in Northwestern Harris County and Archaeologists claimed it as one of the oldest digs found in North America, dating from 10,000 to 14,000 years ago, these stone age human remains found with fragments of bison teeth, ceramics and hunting darts became the largest excavation into an Early Archaic Age acknowledging Paleo-Indian occupation in southeast Texas and on October 12, 2017, Indigenous People's Day will be observed in recognition of those numerous contributions that indigenous people have made to the United States and the City of Houston commends all involved in this worthwhile endeavor and extends best wishes for a successful observance of Indigenous People's Day and therefore, Mayor Pro Tem Cohen on behalf of Mayor Turner hereby proclaimed October 12, 2017, as Indigenous People's Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Travis, Robinson and Knox absent.

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis invited Chris Canetti to the podium and Mayor Pro Tem Cohen stated that it was a pleasure to recognize the Houston Dynamo's and all that they have done; the Houston Dynamo are 2 time MLS Cup Champions having won the League Championship in 2006 and in 2007, the Dynamo's have advanced to the MLS Cup final 2 additional times in 2011 and 2012, Houston hosted the defending MLS Cup Champion Seattle Sounders and the first leg of Championship on Tuesday November 21<sup>st</sup> and the game is sold out and will be the biggest Dynamo's game since the new stadium had open in 2012 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> and the final game in the series will be played in Seattle on November 30<sup>th</sup>, today we are celebrating the Houston Dynamo's and we wish them well in the playoffs against Seattle, we love this team for their skills and leadership that they exhibit both on the field and off the field. Council Member Stardig absent.

Mr. Canetti introduced some of his staff that was present and stated that the Houston Dynamo's are celebrating their 12<sup>th</sup> season, they have had their ups and downs and last year was one of their lows where they finished in last place and this year they are among the final 4 and what he thinks is remarkable about it is it represents our City and the resilience of Houston and the story of come backs and a story of rising through difficult times to the top and they are proud to be part

of the energy here in Houston sports and they are happy to represent this City and thanked Members of Council for having them here today.

At 2:23 p.m. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis recognized Council Member Kubosh for the invocation and he invited his Niece and Nephew to the podium and Natalie will offer the invocation and Andrew and Council Member Kubosh led the Pledge of Allegiance. Council Members Stardig and Cohen absent.

The Roll was called. Mayor Sylvester Turner out of town. Council Members Stardig and Cohen absent.

Council Member Green moved to adopt the minutes for October 25, 26 & 27, 2017 and seconded by Council Member Kubosh, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Stardig, Cohen, Boykins and Gallegos absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding. **MOTION ADOPTED**

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis recognized Council Member Christie for a point of personal privilege, Council Member Christie stated that he would like to bring attention an article either Saturday or Sunday's Newspaper, we just had Veterans Day and he wanted to introduce them to Adam Babiker, Liz Vallette and Eric Almonte and he invited them to the podium because he wanted the City to recognize what they did, the 3 of them wrote an article for Veterans Day and the article was entitled America is strongest when it Strives to live up to its Ideals and had presented a copy of the Article to Members of Council and read part of the Article. Council Members Cohen, Boykins, Knox and Kubosh absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding.

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis recognized Council Member Le for a procedural motion; Council Member Le moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing Mr. Michael Griffin out of order and seconded by Council Member Travis, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Cohen, Boykins and Kubosh absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding. **MOTION 2017-0681 ADOPTED**

At 2:31 p.m. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis requested the City Secretary to call the List of Speakers.

Dr. Alkebu Motapa, 5022 Cosby, 77021, (713)741-5150 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Cohen, Boykins and Kubosh absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding.

Mr. Michael Griffin, 5327 Winding Way Dr., 77091, (713)503-8064 appeared and stated that he is here today to represent some of the Veterans Groups that have called him and they are really upset that the Veteran's Day Parade, one of the groups that contacted him told him that they are putting the Parade off for another year and some of his group would not be alive, what he was thinking was why don't they combine the Thanksgiving Parade with the Veteran's Day Parade, there will be 100,000 to 200,000 people in Downtown, they would get a really good feeling and in this City we should be very proud of our military, they have done such a great job, they want to be known as the City, we are waiting one year to have a Veteran's Day Parade and Thanksgiving is the time that when people are down there they are really going to be thankful and if you can get your Leaders together and just say because timing is so important, just a few years ago when Captain Dowling was the last one alive from those fires and they had him as the Grand Marshall of the St. Patrick's Parade and if they waited he would not have been around and he is asking Council to use their Leadership and get whatever is the problem between them and just think what they all can do, can they imagine in the Thanksgiving Parade with Troops and Army people, please do not pass up an opportunity to honor them because some of these people may not be

around next year. Council Members Cohen, Knox and Kubosh absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Griffin and Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis stated that there is an effort for inclusions in the Thanksgiving Parade with the Veterans.

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis recognized Council Member Boykins for a procedural motion; Council Member Boykins moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing Mr. Patrick Marty Lancton out of order and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Cohen, Martin, Knox and Kubosh absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding.

**MOTION 2017-0682 ADOPTED**

Mr. Charles Cupp, 1237 Althea Dr., 77018, (713)682-7010 appeared and presented information and stated that this concerning Location Inquiry documents and to get a Location Inquiry you have to go in person to the HPD Office on Main Street and pay 10 cents, a HPD Officers advised him to get a Location Inquiry documents when the homicide Detective at the body of his son graduated Magna Cum Laude from UH and said there was no gun gas residue found meaning it was not a self-inflicted wound, the Officer told him, he can use that document to get Police information about dangerous people in their neighborhood and the person he suspected has a Location Inquiry that shows 5 homicide investigations and people should be able to buy a Location inquiry over the internet for say a dollar rather than traveling Downtown, going through metal detector, using up time of several City Employees and then having to pay 10 cents, years ago when he bought this Location Inquiry it went back nearly 30 years but today the updated ones only go back 2 years and for Council to look on the second page that he had attached for examples and for their information on a Location inquiry a friend sued 2 people that paid to him thousands of dollars from an arbitration award to keep from going to court apparently because they were in fear the information on their Location Inquiry, so it is a powerful thing and also equally revolting as Location Inquiry documents is the availability of drug paraphernalia at the local corner food stores and he said that because when he was a Jailer or Correction Officer he spoke to a lot of drug dealers that were behind bars and they said if drug paraphernalia was not readily available then for sure drugs use would decrease a lot and the reality availability of drug paraphernalia verifies the war on drugs which is bull and at no fault of the Police, it is the fault of the Politicians and there are a lot of evil doers that makes it hard to get that information and to make drug useable and he just want to know what the Council Members are thinking. Council Members Cohen, Martin, Laster, Knox and Kubosh absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding.

Council Member Stardig moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose to allow more than one person at the podium and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Cohen, Laster, Knox and Kubosh absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding.

**MOTION 2017-0683 ADOPTED**

Mr. Patrick Marty Lancton, no address, no phone, appeared and stated that he was the President of the Houston Professional Firefighter Association and this is Chief Rodney West and they are here to follow up on some letters that they sent out inviting them to an upcoming Fire Ops Event and this event is on December 11<sup>th</sup> and this will update them on Fire Grounds Operations, Emergency Medical Services in Houston, this is an IAFF Fire Ops Event that have been around for a couple of decades, they have invited a group of Elected Officials, New Media Professionals and others to participate in this event, the Fire Ops will allow you to suit up in the Firefighters clothing, go inside a real fire to experience the environment in which they work, they will also provide briefings as the scenarios going on and many Elected Officials and other guest have already confirmed that they would be attending this event and he hopes that all Members of

Council would attend as well, they are pleased the New 93Q radio station will be broadcasting live at the event and they will also be participating in the experiences to be in a day of a life of a Houston Firefighter and the event will be held at the training facility near Hobby Airport and he asked if Chief West would like to add anything. Council Members Cohen, Knox and Kubosh absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding.

Chief West stated he wanted to add that he thinks it is important for Council to know that this is an united effort in labor and management so that they can show Council the experiences that our Firefighters deal with as a picture is worth a thousand words and this experience is worth 10,000.

Upon questions by Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis, Mr. Lancton stated the Event starts at 9:00 a.m. and they would e-mailed them and also have the print out that they will be handing out.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Lancton at length.

Mr. Clarence Banks, 9393 Tidwell, No. 2212, 77078, (713)586-9280 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Cohen, Laster, Knox and Kubosh absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding.

Mr. Isiaka Owolabi, Box 82918043, 77288, (832)607-0326 appeared and stated that he just wanted to thank the Members of Council and three minutes is not enough time but he will manage it and he come to say thank you to the greater Houston Metropolitan and it takes a village to raise a family and Houston is the village and thank you for always being with them, a special thanks to Mayor Turner, our Governor and all of the Council Members that are past and present and he continued to thanked all from the Government levels, God Bless Houston and God Bless all and God Bless America. Council Members Cohen, Martin, Gallegos, Green, Knox and Kubosh absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding.

Mr. Robert Campbell, 5022 Kelso St., 77021, (713)737-5326 appeared and presented information and stated that he is Houston Strong, he is disabled and a lot of people look at you and they try to judge you on the way you look and that is not fair, the problem that he is having is recovering after Hurricane Harvey, he has contacted every single Council Member here and not one person has called him back but he did have an e-mail correspondence with Mr. Andre Wagner in Council Member Boykins Office which there is a copy in front of them and again have not heard back from anybody, where is the money, his home is devastated, he had been active in his community for over 20 years and whenever we need something to give them something they are definitely there but at this point he is totally disappointed of his City Council, he had contacted 211 after the Mayor's Press Conference and he did not know that was the United Way and a lot of the people that work in the City Council did know that was the United Way, he has contacted Ripley's House and he spoke to a young lady that advised him that she did not know how the funds were going to be used and she would get back with him and he is still waiting, he contacted Habitat for Humanity and they told him that he was number 3 on the list and now there is another person in charge and he is still waiting and all he wants to know is where is the money, he works part time for the Houston Astros, part time for the Houston Rockets, they have given millions of dollars, where is the money. Council Members Cohen, Martin, Gallegos, Green, Knox and Kubosh absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding.

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis question Mr. Campbell on which money is he referring to and Mr. Campbell said any money that is available to the citizens that were devastated by Hurricane Harvey; Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis advised him from his understanding right now with the City of Houston, we are still working on certain items as far as working with the State, with the Feds in trying to put forth a proposal so we can get reimbursed for some of the funding and the millions

of dollars that he was referring for Hurricane Harvey relief fund and also to the JJ Watt Foundation and when you did contact 211 which was United Way because he is surprised that the Ripley House told him that they do not know what they are doing because they do have case managers that are assigned to individuals but he going to let the other Council Members question you.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Campbell at length.

Mr. Jagannathan Viswanathan, 14835 Orange Bloom Court, Cypress, 77433 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Cohen, Martin, Gallegos, Green, Knox and Kubosh absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding.

Ms. Kathleen Ownby, 3928 Tennyson, 77005, (713)0553-4693 appeared and presented Spark School Park Program Calendars and Coloring Books and stated that she is excited that this is Spark Week and hopefully in their Offices that they seen the big signs and some pictures of their calendar which they have passed around, they are dedicating 8 Parks this week and some of the Council Members know that they are in this Park desert initiative thanks to the Kinder Foundation, Houston Endowment Foundation and the Pal Foundation, 5 of the 8 schools that they will be dedicating and alleviating Park deserts in the Greater Houston area and she wanted to thank Council Member Le Office for attending the dedication in Alief ISD yesterday and also thanking Council Member Knox for attending that dedication and they are hoping to go to Heartfield later this week in Council Member Boykins and in Council Member Gallegos there will be 2 projects in Pasadensa ISD on Wednesday and Thursday, they started doing this calendar in 2001 they have printed 15,000 calendars and they have a lot to give away and the coloring books are to give all of the students that are at the dedications and underwritten by the William Hill Land and Cattle Company and she also wanted to thank Council Member Davis for attending dedication that they had at the Mandarin Immersion Magnet School several weeks ago. Council Members Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Gallegos, Green, Knox and Kubosh absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Ownby.

Ms. Crystal Priester, 419 Emancipation Ave., 77004, (713)584-7728 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Gallegos, Green, Knox and Kubosh absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding.

Mr. Ben Brewer, 5020 Montrose Blvd, No.311, 77006, (210)889-5815 appeared and stated that he is the new Executive Director of the Montrose Management District and he thanked them for the opportunity to visit them today and more than anything it is more as an introduction, he had met several Members of Council but he is looking forward into meeting with all of them to answer any questions that they might have with Montrose District and to get their opinions about direction for the organization in the area, it is a very exciting and diverse community, one that he was born in and he is excited to come back and lead Montrose into a better place, last week Ms. Daphne Scarbrough addressed the Council and many comments were made by Ms. Scarbrough and in the packet that he was handing out to Members of Council, there is a letter from their Legal Council that address those, he is not a Lawyer and he is not here to speak about the ongoing case, there is good reading in there and he will let it explain for itself, there were several comments that was regarding their services and he did want to address those, they have made great strides in the last 10 years in curbing a lot of the criminal activity in the District and also assisting with maintenance within the District, their security patrols alone spend 20,000 hours a year in circulating throughout the District, the good news is that they have seen their violent crimes go down and there are illustrated in the packets and they have also seen their arrest come down in both misdemeanors and felonies and they feel that is positive sign and his purpose in moving

forward with the District is to make it cleaner, safer and greener; there were comments made about the bridges lights and this was an important partnership that they first approached the City and discussed and then worked with TXDOT Federal Funds were involved in putting those bridges lights and have gotten great feedback and there are some good P.R. in the packets as well. Council Members Cohen, Martin, Gallegos, Laster, Green, Knox and Kubosh absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding.

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis thanked Mr. Brewer his commitment to the City and in particular in that area and even he does not live in the area, he had seen great things that they are doing and seems like they are doing well with the security and it is in the area that a lot of people love to hang out.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Brewer.

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis stated before the next Speaker he wanted to remind all Council, that they do not have quorum to extend time and requested for them to be short on their commentary.

Mr. Cedric Hamilton, 4403 Ebbtide, 77045, (713)894-4823 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Cohen, Martin, Gallegos, Laster, Green, Knox and Kubosh absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding.

Ms. Demetria Smith, 1200 Dairy Ashford Rd., 77079, (832)671-9712 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Cohen, Martin, Gallegos, Laster, Green, Knox and Kubosh absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding.

Mr. Gary McGuire, 5925 Alameda Rd., 77004, (713)539-2409 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Cohen, Martin, Gallegos, Laster, Green, Knox and Kubosh absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding.

Mr. Sean McDermott, 1300 Wheeler Ave., 77004, (713)922-5156 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Cohen, Martin, Gallegos, Laster, Green, Knox and Kubosh absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding.

Mr. Moiz Abbas, P.O. Box 2161, Cypress, 77410, (832)646-6729 appeared and stated that he received this notice that he held in his hand about his property for mowing the lawn and weeds and it is \$348.65, he has not received any notices prior to this one bill, he believes if there is an issue of any kind of weeds or lawn to be mowed, he should be given a chance to do it himself or to get something done, it is small piece of land and they are charging him \$348.65 which is very high, he wants to know who are the contractors, how they found this about being higher than 4 feet and he wanted proof that they were there to mow it and he is requesting Council to consider what he is asking for them to review it and give him a waiver for this and let him take care of it himself. Council Members Cohen, Martin, Gallegos, Laster, Green, Knox, Robinson and Kubosh absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis thanked Mr. Abbas in coming down here to present his case and to give the information to Rene Ruiz with the Mayor's Citizen Assistance Office to give him information on what to do next.

Ms. Robin Harrison, 15101 Blue Ash Dr. No.1302, 77090, (281)408-5505 appeared and stated that Baker Ripley formerly neighborhood centers is known for operating numerous programs in the community, including the energy assistance program, the shelters during Hurricane Harvey and the assistance after the storm and there is another side to the agency that she has

experienced and is over shadows the good that they are doing and because the City of Houston is partnering with Baker Ripley on projects that have a tone of discrimination, there is another side of the story from those excluded and discriminated against by these affected and discrimination comes in reverse such as classes and services being offered in Native Language of Spanish and those of them that are limited to communicate in English are getting left out and this is not just proven in the Baker Ripley program such as the entrepreneur academy and the upcoming business pitch competition, both offered only in Spanish; just from yesterday she called and put her name on the list to speak about Baker Ripley and before the day was over she received a phone call from someone that is over all the classes in all the different centers and she sarcastically told her that she is reaching out to her to make a positive contact in telling her because of her behavior last Wednesday night in a class where she has been experiencing in the last 5 weeks, the teacher speaks English and Spanish but the teacher insists on putting most of her time on students who are all Hispanic Women and she has 3 classes that she attempted in taking there and one of the classes which was a jewelry class the teacher refused to translate for her, she went and told the staff on what is going on and the instructor rudely came up and interrupted the conversation and then the staff and the instructor are speaking Spanish in front of her and because of her issues, her membership has been cancelled and was told that she cannot go to any of the centers of Baker Ripley. Council Members Cohen, Martin, Gallegos, Laster, Green, Knox, Robinson and Kubosh absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Harrison.

Ms. Bianca Rivera, 737 W.21<sup>st</sup> Dr., 77008, (713)449-1022 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Cohen, Martin, Gallegos, Laster, Green, Knox, Robinson and Kubosh absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding.

Mr. Daniel Antoon, Jr, 5535 Oriole St., 77017, (713)483-4745 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Cohen, Martin, Gallegos, Laster, Green, Knox, Robinson and Kubosh absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding.

Mr. Derek Fiddler, 625 Green Grass, Green Grass, SD, 57625, (713)692-2995 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Cohen, Martin, Gallegos, Laster, Green, Knox, Robinson and Kubosh absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding.

Mr. Arthur Erickson, 2819 Bright Trail, Sugar Land, 77479, (713)367-6033 appeared and stated that he is the CEO of a company called Helio they make delivery drones and they were founded at the University of Texas 3 years ago and since then they have conducted operations in Costa Rica, El Salvador and done hundreds of real time deliveries in urban areas and his goal today is to shed light on this exciting new Federal program Helio drones that can benefit the City and this program is called the U.A.S. Integration Pilot Program and it was published on November 8<sup>th</sup> and explained what the Pilot Program is and how to submit if the City, is interested and how it can benefit the City of Houston, it can utilize 2 of its biggest concerns which are flooding and traffic. Council Members Cohen, Martin, Le, Gallegos, Laster, Green, Knox and Christie absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding.

Member Boykins questioned Mr. Erickson about his company.

Ms. Mona Cartwright-Biggs, 1610 Bluebonnet Place Circle No.J, 77019, (281)678-6662 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Cohen, Martin, Le, Gallegos, Laster, Green, Knox and Christie absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding.

Ms. Rainey Massel, 812 Welch, 77006, (713) 469-2579 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Cohen, Martin, Le, Gallegos, Laster, Green, Knox and Christie absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis 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. Council Members Cohen, Martin, Le, Gallegos, Laster, Green, Knox and Christie absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding.

Ms. Deborah Wilkerson, no address, (713)499-9671 appeared and stated that she is still a victim of organized stalking which is a criminal felony, she is being followed, watched and pursued in and out around Houston and she is not alright with this, this is deliberate, repeated and life threatening, this is not easy and she is very stressful. Council Members Cohen, Martin, Le, Gallegos, Laster, Green, Knox and Christie absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding.

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis advised Ms. Wilkerson that there were no questions and there was not enough Council Members in the Chamber to extend her time.

Mr. Hiren Kapadia, 6931 Carvel Ln., 77074, (713)894-0995 appeared and presented information and stated that this covers what he was speaking about a couple of weeks ago this is information of the Crime Statistics for District J in the City of Houston from January 1, 2013 to July 31, 2017 and this is the best that he could do and he reviewed the statics from 2016 to 2017 and the numbers are in front of them. Council Members Cohen, Martin, Le, Gallegos, Laster, Green, Knox and Christie absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding.

Ms. Lovely Washington, P.O. Box 740421, 77274, 9713)904-0334 appeared and stated that she would be brief that Texas Workforce Solution and Texas Workforce Commission has a lot of positives but however she would be grateful and appreciative if the agency had some reasonable accommodations for the blind when they are looking for work so they can continue to be independent on the computers. Council Members Cohen, Martin, Le, Gallegos, Laster, Green, Knox and Christie absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding.

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis stated that he sits on the Houston Galveston Area Council who works with the with a workforce solution and he will bring this up in their next meeting.

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

At 3:44 p.m. The City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, November 15, 2017, Council Members Cohen, Martin, Le, Gallegos, Laster, Green, Knox and Christie absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding.

At 8:31 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, November 1, 2017 Mayor Sylvester Turner presiding, with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jerry Davis, Ellen Cohen, Dwight Boykins, Dave Martin, Steve Le, Greg Travis, Karla Cisneros, Robert Gallegos, Mike Laster, Mike Knox, David Robinson, Michael Kubosh, Amanda Edwards and Jack Christie D.C.; Ronald Lewis, City Attorney, Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director of the Agenda Office present. Council Member Larry Green absent on City business.

At 9:11 a.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting to order and moved to the Public Hearing. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Le, Cisneros and Knox absent.

1. **PUBLIC HEARING** to provide a Resolution of No Objection to the 4% Housing Tax Credit application of **DALCOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING I, LLC, 6005-6525 South Gessner - DISTRICTS F - LE and J – LASTER**- was presented, the City Secretary advised that they have 4 Speakers that have signed up for the Hearing.

Mr. Ryan Bibbs from the Housing and Community Development Department made the following statement:

Dalcor Affordable Housing I, LLC, submitted an application to TDHCA requesting an award of 4% Tax credits for the construction of the Vista at Gessner apartments. This is an existing 810-unit apartment development located at 6005-6525 S. Gessner Road in the southwest market of West Bellaire Blvd. The property includes 48 Garden Style buildings built in 1978. The property will be purchased and renovated by Dalcor Companies, a Dallas based developer company formed in 1982. Dalcor has experienced developing, renovating and managing over 4000 units throughout Texas. This development is located in Council Districts F (Steve Lee) and Council District J (Mike Laster).

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) administers the state's housing tax credit program, which provides federal tax credits to spur the development of quality, affordable housing. The resolution requires a public hearing to be held to solicit public input concerning the project before the applicant can move forward with submitting an application for noncompetitive 4% tax credits.

At closing, the property will be purchased at approximately \$64k per unit and renovations will commence. Renovations include reducing the unit count to 805 one and two bedroom units and bringing the community into compliance with current ADA requirements. Other improvements include replacing interior finishes, replacing appliances, cabinet and cabinet tops, plumbing and lighting fixtures, and replacing all HVAC mechanical systems. Finally, the development team will install a fitness center and library. These renovations will upgrade the aesthetics of the property while also extending the useful life and enhancing energy efficiency.

HCDD is recommending the resolution of no objection as this proposal as redevelopment of existing multifamily facilities with diligent property management is an effective strategy for neighborhood redevelopment. By improving the existing condition of the existing property, it is likely to have a positive impact to the overall neighborhood quality. In addition, this proposal will help to preserve the stock of affordable housing within Houston as residents face rising rent in a post Harvey environment. There is no funding required by the City of Houston.

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

Mr. Dale Dotson, 15950 North Dallas Pkwy, No.300, Dallas, TX, 75248, (972)769-2002 appeared and stated that he is the CEO of Dalcor Dotson Companies, when they are talking about rehab, they are not talking about upgrade or any of that kind of thing, they are talking about major rehab, the Tax Credit Programs when everyone hears low income housing type and the medium income that they can accept with this property is a 130% of the medium income property right now and they find when they rehab and bring the property up to date and let people live in 2017 type of properties, the quality takes care of itself, they would also be a member of the Houston Police

Department Blue Star Program and they have reserved 4 units for Houston Police and their families to live free on the property and they do not expect them to be Police Officers on the property or security guards, they just used to give units to the City Police Department, they want to be very involved with the City, they have also have not ever in any of their properties requested in any tax exemption and as a matter of fact they estimate this property to go up to about 250,000.00 a year, they want to be part of the family inside of the City of Houston and not the outsider that came in and trying to do something that is different, they have owned 16 properties in Houston, the rehab will be \$35,000.00 a unit and that is between \$25 to 35 million and that is not an upgrade that is a rehab and as was stated that the ADA will be brought to the 2017 requirements and they have a set of rules like criminal history, as to credit backgrounds, as to rental history and believe him that they have zero tolerance of all their properties, they have 4,000 units in Texas and the City will be very proud of this product.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Dotson at length.

Ms. Mandy Kao, 6400 S. Gessner, 77036, (713)828-3683 appeared and stated that she is the owner of Bellaire Apartments located directly across from the apartments, she bought her property 2 years ago with her husband and they used their own money and they also have 2 more properties that are nearby that they have owned for over 10 years, they have a vested interest in the community and she actually donated free rent to refugees every month and all their properties they paid for out of pocket and they support organizations that support their community and it is very important to her to continue to improve the area and uplift the area and it is important to her that the community continues to grow; they have used their own money for rehab and their market rate is higher than across the street, she has several concerns, the first one is that she read that it is taxed at 10.8 million dollars but the sale price is 51 million dollars and if it was her and it was her 51 million dollars, she would actually rebuild it, it does not make sense, she does not know who the other offers are but she does know in the apartment industry that landlords and friends can get together help each other to give back up offers if they wanted to buy an apartment, she did a survey at Smart Locating and currently their rates are not \$650 on an average, they are charging maybe \$700 dollars and the other properties that are near them are completely rehabbed and they are charging more and once this supposed unit is rehabbed and they are charging less rent and what is going to happen is that it will drive the market down and because of that they will have to reduce the rents, they might cut back on some of the services like security which is her main concern. Council Members Davis, Kubosh and Knox absent.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Kao.

Ms. Maria Fuentes, 6400 S. Gessner, 77036, (713)778-9200 appeared and stated she is the Property Manager at Bellaire Apartments, she has a history in that area and she actually used to work at Vista Apartments when it was the Claremont, she was there for 3 years and then she resurfaced across the street and she was there for 5 years, when she came to Bellaire Apartments formerly the Silver Leaf Apartments and it was under the Lara Program and it did not have all of the experience for these programs and she can tell them that during that time she lost a lot of good prospects because they were not qualifying due to the cap on the income, she did a lot of leg work to clean up the property, they had Section 8 and when she came on board the management company, there was a big rehab program that was going to take place and they were very excited and within 3 months, they decided to sell the property and the investment was shut down so they did a basic face lift and was placed on the market and sold again and within a year and half she experienced 3 management companies until Titan, Ms. Koa purchased it and she had taken it to heart just like she had and back then she was a single mom and not everyone takes it to heart, these apartments were in bad conditions and over populated in the units and

people were given the apartments as is, poor maintenance and you have believe in your product. Council Members Davis and Christie absent.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Fuentes.

Mr. Jim Bigham, 7911 Sharpview, 77036, (713)568-8124 appeared and stated that he is from the Sharpstown Community and he appreciates the dialogue this morning, there been a lot of good information here today and a lot of facts for this particular project and to bring this to the table and he appreciates Council Member Martin for looking at the numbers, there have been some good conversation here and he wanted to say first and foremost, we could have brought 10 to 20 people here but he had been asked to speak for the majority of their community, he is part of a new organization, the South Houston Alliance and he been in touch with the Sharpstown Civic Club and other organizations and schools and he is a resident of the community, he has business here, he thanked Council Member Le for helping them extend the hearing to this date because last week they held a community meeting and they had about 70 or more attending, people signed in in favor or opposed of it and they had no one that signed for in favor, they had a couple that signed in as uncertain, it was very good dialogue about this particular project, they had Public Hearing at the Walter Branch library and about 40 people attended and again he looked at the signed in sheets and no one sign in in favor of the project and he named all of the organizations, Clubs, and Schools that will not be in favor of this project and there is a letter and resolution that have been sent to them and hopefully will get to them in the next couple of days, they are opposed to this, the Sharptown Community is in favor of affordable housing, they have it right now and right now what is happening is that the market rent rate is about \$880.00 a month for a 2 bedroom at that property and to spend \$80 million dollars the rent will be about \$896.00 and that is the limit in their packet today and they have already affordable housing and it was created by the market, the community is opposed to this deal and they asked Mr. Datson at the hearing, about coming to them with a mixed income property. Council Member Boykins absent.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Bigham.

Mayor Turner asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak on this particular Item and seeing none, he requested a motion to close the Public Hearing.

Council Member Stardig moved to close the Public Hearing and seconded by Council Member Laster, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Boykins and Christie absent. **MOTION 2017-0681 ADOPTED**

At 10:41 a.m. Mayor Turner stated that he wanted to move to the Mayor's Report.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Turner stated the Mayor's Report will be very, very brief this morning, the deep cleaning on the Encampments has already begun and since 7:00 a.m. this morning, they been at the Encampment in Midtown on Wheeler and tomorrow the deep cleaning will commence under St. Emanuel and he also asked them to take a look at San Jacinto underneath Pierce and other areas as well, they are going to do everything that they can within the parameters of the Federal Court Order and secondly the Neighborhood Restoration, the pilot program and this is post Hurricane Harvey that starts today at the Kashmere Multiservice Center and that is part of the City's efforts because the DRC set up from FEMA will come to the end on the 10<sup>th</sup> and there will be number of these Restoration Centers that will be set up throughout the Houston Area.

Mayor Turner also stated that the trip to Washington D.C. from yesterday in meetings with Senators and most of the Congressional Delegation on Hurricane Harvey went very well and positive and he will ask some of the Council Members to consider when it gets ready to return to D.C. on this issue he requested a couple of them to go to D.C.

Mayor Turner stated that lastly that the Dynamos in their playoffs will be next week on November 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:30 p.m. and he is pleased to say that it is already sold out, their color is orange.

Mayor Turner further stated that the Hurricane Harvey Fund, they are issuing 90 different Grants to local Profits today and he wants to say close to \$36 million dollars and many of those are going directly to individuals that was affected by the storm, this is the second round and there will be a third round.

Council Member Kubosh stated that he had given to his Staff a letter for the United States Environmental Protection Agency and he was hoping he would address this, this morning, Mayor Turner invited Carol Haddock, the Director of Public Works and Engineering to the podium and Mayor Turner advised that it was a routine Audit and they have had several Audits and they came out good, very good reports and Public Works is viewing this as another routine Audit.

Director Carol Haddock advised Members of Council that they go through Audits annually, when we get outside loans from the State or Federal Government and in reviewing this it is similar to things that we have done in the past and the most recent Audit on the Clean Water State Revolving Fund came back clean and we actually had a model practice that was distributed on our Real Estate Acquisition as part of it and we are not concerned, they will cooperate fully and we expect to get clean findings at this Audit.

Council Member Travis that he wanted to bring up something that was not in his report and he knows that it is important to some people out there and it is important to him as well that we have spoken about the Veterans Day Parade and he was hoping that it was not cancelled, he is hoping that it had been postponed but he has not heard an update on it and he was wondering if there was an update at this time; Mayor Turner stated in respect the Veterans Celebration but what they elected to do is at this time is to have the Run and the Program at 10:00 a.m. and whenever it falls on Monday thru Friday, no question, there will be a parade, there was an issue when it was falling on a Saturday because when is the best time to salute the Veterans and the thinking was to have the run as well at the 10:00 a.m. Parade and they did not get out in front of it to make that message clear and what it also important to what he had said to his team, it is important to them to sit down now with all of the Veteran Groups and to work together to make sure they are all on the same page now as they move forward and what they are going to do is honor the Veterans in the Thanksgiving Parade.

Council Member Kubosh advised that it was Council Member Knox Birthday and the Members of Council wished him a Happy Birthday.

At 11:00 a.m. Mayor Turner requested the City Secretary to call the Consent Agenda.

**CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 9 through 34**

**ACCEPT WORK** - NUMBERS 9 and 10

9. **RECOMMENDATION** from Acting Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$7,488,857.41 and acceptance of work on contract with **MAIN LANE INDUSTRIES, LTD**, for Concrete Panel Replacement for Residential Streets – was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis, Boykins and Martin absent. **MOTION 2017-0685 ADOPTED**
10. **RECOMMENDATION** from Acting Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$4,976,475.93 and acceptance of work on contract with **BRH-GARVER CONSTRUCTION, L.P.**, for Amy Ridge and Hiram Clarke Lift Station Diversion 1.79% over the original contract amount and under 5% contingency amount - **DISTRICT K – GREEN**- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis, Boykins and Martin absent. **MOTION 2017-0686 ADOPTED**

**PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS** - NUMBER 11

11. **ALERE NORTH AMERICA, LLC** for Determine HIV Combo Test Kits for the Houston Health Department - \$100,000.00- Grant Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis, Boykins and Martin absent. **MOTION 2017-0687 ADOPTED**

**ORDINANCES** - NUMBERS 15 through 34

15. **ORDINANCE** supplementing Ordinance No. 2017-304 relating to the Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes; authorizing a term sheet relating to such Notes; authorizing the form of Note Purchase Agreement; making other findings and determinations related thereto; and declaring an emergency- the City Secretary advised that Item 15 have been pulled by the Administration and will not be considered.
20. **ORDINANCE** authorizing the acceptance of funds to be awarded to the City of Houston (“City”) pursuant to Section 408 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (“Act”) and approving and authorizing an Interlocal Agreement between the City and the **GENERAL LAND OFFICE** for the provision of Direct Housing Assistance to individuals and households displaced from their residences as a result of Hurricane Harvey; to accept the aforementioned funds, if awarded- was presented, City the Secretary advised that Item 20 had been removed by the Administration and will not be considered.
23. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$185,000.00 out of Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund for purchase of Information Technology Hardware for the City of Houston/Harris County Joint Processing Center for Municipal Courts Department- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Boykins and Martin absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0878 ADOPTED**

- 25. ORDINANCE** amending Ordinance No. 2012-1055 (Passed on December 12, 2012) to increase the maximum contract amount to contract between the City of Houston and **SIRSI CORPORATION d/b/a SIRSIDYNIX** for Integrated Library System and Discovery Services for the Houston Public Library - \$375,000.00 - H.A.L.A.N. Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Boykins and Martin absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0879 ADOPTED**
- 26. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$12,598,671.75 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund awarding contract to **VEOLIA WATER TECHNOLOGIES, INC** for 69th Street Wastewater Treatment Plan Tertiary Filtration System for the Department of Public Works; setting a maximum contract amount and providing funding for contingencies relating to the project financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - 3 Years- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Boykins and Martin absent. **ORDINANCE 2017- 0880 ADOPTED**
- 30. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$600,000.00 out of Street and Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF as an additional appropriation; approving and authorizing first amendment to Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **JONES & CARTER, INC** for FY16 Mitigation Program for Capital Improvement Projects (Approved by Ordinance No. 2016-0095); providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Boykins and Martin absent. **ORDINANCE 2017- 0881 ADOPTED**
- 31. ORDINANCE** awarding contract to **D.L. ELLIOTT ENTERPRISES, INC** for Waterline Wrap Repairs; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering and testing services and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Operating Fund - \$2,051,853.60 - Enterprise Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Boykins and Martin absent. **ORDINANCE 2017- 0882 ADOPTED**
- 32. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$1,917,069.17 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **T Construction L.L.C.** for Small and Large Diameter Waterline Valve Replacement Project; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering and testing, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water and Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Boykins and Martin absent. **ORDINANCE 2017- 0883 ADOPTED**
- 34. ORDINANCE** No. 2017-851, passed second reading November 8, 2017  
**ORDINANCE** granting to **ABRACADABRA SEPTIC PUMPING, LP, a Texas Limited Partnership**, 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 - **THIRD AND FINAL READING**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Boykins and Martin absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0851 ADOPTED THIRD AND FINAL READING IN FULL**

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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

2. **REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following individuals to the **HOUSTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON**, for terms to expire March 1, 2019:

Position One - **JORGE GARCIA-HERREROS**, reappointment  
Position Three - **URMILA SRINIVASAN**, appointment, for an unexpired term  
Position Five - **DAVID BUCEK**, reappointment  
Position Seven - **JOHN COSGROVE**, reappointment  
Position Nine - **EMILY ARDOIN**, reappointment

Was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Boykins and Martin absent. **MOTION 2017-0688 ADOPTED**

3. **REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following individuals to the **HOUSTON BARC FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**:

Position One - **CORRIE S. MORALES**, appointment, for a term to expire 12/31/2019  
Position Three - **KEVIN A. JONES**, appointment, for a term to expire 12/31/2019  
Position Five - **MICHELE MATALON HEDGES**, reappointment, for a term to expire 12/31/2019  
Position Seven - **ALAN RATLIFF**, reappointment, for a term to expire 12/31/2019 and server as Chair for a term to expire 12/31/2018  
Position Nine - **SUSAN BOGGIO**, appointment, for a term to expire 12/31/2019  
Position Eleven - **KATHERINE THOMASSON**, appointment, for a term to expire 12/31/2019  
Position Thirteen - **FRANCES CASTAÑEDA DYESS**, reappointment, for a term to expire 12/31/2019  
Position Fifteen - **JOSEPHINE VASHI**, appointment, for a term to expire 12/31/2019  
Position Seventeen - **JANICE A. RUDD**, reappointment, for a term to expire 12/31/2019  
Position Twenty-One - **MASON L. MOTE**, appointment, for a term to expire 12/31/2019

Was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Boykins and Martine absent. **MOTION 2017-0689 ADOPTED**

4. **REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the reappointment of the following individuals to the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HOUSTON CIVIC EVENTS, INC**, for terms to expire January 1, 2021:

Position One - **SUSAN YOUNG**  
Position Three - **CYNDY GARZA-ROBERTS**

Position Five - **STAN SKADAL**  
Position Seven - **FRAZIER WILSON**

Was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Boykins, Martin and Le absent. **MOTION 2017-0690 ADOPTED**

5. **REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following individuals to the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HOUSTON DOWNTOWN MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**, for terms to expire June 1, 2021:

Position Eight - **GENORA KENDRICK BOYKINS**, reappointment  
Position Nine - **DIANE HASELL ENGLET**, reappointment  
Position Ten - **THOMAS NAULS**, reappointment  
Position Eleven - **JEREMY L. BROWN**, reappointment  
Position Twelve - **H. MILTON HOWE**, reappointment  
Position Thirteen - **GILBERT A. HERRERA**, appointment  
Position Fourteen - **THEODORE J. (TED) ZWIEG**, reappointment  
Position Fifteen - **GREGORY A. BROTHERS**, reappointment

Was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, Council Member Travis voting no, balance voting aye. Council Members Boykins and Martin absent. **MOTION 2017-0691 ADOPTED**

6. **REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the reappointment of the following individuals to the **REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER NINE, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS (SOUTH POST OAK ZONE) BOARD OF DIRECTORS**:

Position Three - **ALGENITA SCOTT DAVIS**, for a term to expire 12/31/2019, and to  
serve as Chair, for a term ending 12/31/2018

Position Four - **PAUL E. JEFFERSON**, for a term to expire 12/31/2019

Position Five - **TANDELYN ATKINSON WEAVER**, for a term to expire 12/31/2019

Was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Boykins and Martin absent. **MOTION 2017-0692 ADOPTED**

7. **REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the reappointment of the following individuals to the **REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER TWELVE, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS (CITY PARK ZONE) BOARD OF DIRECTORS**:

Position One - **WILLIAM MORFEY**, for a term to expire 12/7/2018

Position Two - **KAREN J. DORRIS**, for a term to expire 12/7/2019

Position Three - **MATTHEW ZEVE**, for a term to expire 12/7/2018

Position Four - **WILLIAM HADDOCK**, for a term to expire 12/7/2019

Position Five - **ROBBI J. JONES**, for a term to expire 12/7/2018

Was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Le and Travis absent. **MOTION 2017-0693 ADOPTED**

8. **RECOMMENDATION** from the Director Mayor's Office of Governmental Relations for annual renewal of membership in the **TEXAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE** - \$ 89,090.00 - General Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Boykins, Martin and Travis absent. **MOTION 2017-0694 ADOPTED**

12. **APPROVE** payment to **TURNER POWER SYSTEMS & CONTRACTOR, LLC dba TURNER POWER & CONSTRUCTION, LLC** for Electrical Restoration Services to address emergency disaster recovery activities due to Hurricane Harvey - \$1,203,718.00 - General Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Boykins, Martin and Travis absent. **MOTION 2017-0695 ADOPTED**

13. **ORDINANCE** authorizing issuance of City of Houston, Texas Pension Obligation Bonds, Series 2017 (Taxable); authorizing the execution and delivery of a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement, a Bond Purchase Agreement and other related agreements; authorizing the preparation of an official statement in respect to the bonds; delegating authority to enter into such agreements and to approve certain other procedures and provisions related thereto; approving certain actions or proceedings in connection with the authorization and approval of the bonds; approving agreements pertaining to Bond Counsel and Special Disclosure Counsel; and making other findings and provisions relating to the subject and matters incident thereto; and declaring an emergency- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Boykins, Martin and Travis absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0884 ADOPTED**

14. **ORDINANCE** supplementing the Master Ordinance relating to the issuance of City of Houston, Texas Airport System Subordinate Lien Revenue Bonds, and/or Revenue Refunding Bonds in one or more series; providing for the payment thereof; authorizing the Mayor, the City Controller and other designated City officials to approve the amount, interest rates, prices, redemption provisions and terms thereof; determining and authorizing the redemption, or defeasance of outstanding bonds or other obligations; approving other related procedures, provisions and agreements pertaining to such refunding and/or defeasance; authorizing the execution and delivery of one or more bond purchase agreements, Paying Agent/Registrar Agreements, Escrow Agreements, and such other agreements relating to the bonds or the security thereof; authorizing an official to declare intent to reimburse; approving the form of Credit Enhancement Agreements with any bond insurer and Debt Service Reserve Fund policy provider; and making certain findings and other declarations necessary and incidental to the issuance of the bonds; and declaring an emergency- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Boykins, Martin and Travis absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0885 ADOPTED**

16. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing submission of an electronic application for grant assistance to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease

Control and Prevention for the Houston Health Department's HIV Prevention Activities Program and acceptance of the grant award; declaring the City's eligibility for such grant; authorizing the Director of the Houston Health Department to act as the City's representative in the application process, with the authority to accept the grant and expend the grant funds, as awarded, and to apply for and accept all subsequent awards, if any, pertaining to the grant- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Boykins, Martin and Travis absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0886 ADOPTED**

17. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **TRINDER AVIATION & AEROSPACE ADVOCACY, PLLC** for Professional Legal Services for the Houston Airport System; providing a maximum contract amount - 2 years - \$1,200,000 - Enterprise Fund- was presented and tagged by Council Member Davis. Council Members Boykins, Martin and Travis absent.

18. **ORDINANCE** approving Special Facilities Lease Agreement (United Airlines, Inc. Technical Operations Center) and appropriating \$10,000,000 from HAS Airports Improvement Fund (Fund 8011) in connection therewith; making certain findings with respect thereto and containing other provisions relating to the subject; and declaring an emergency- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Boykins and Martin absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0887 ADOPTED**

19. **ORDINANCE** authorizing the issuance, sale and delivery of Airport System Special Facilities Revenue Bonds (United Airlines, Inc. Technical Operations Center Project), Series 2017 (AMT) and Airport System Special Facilities Revenue Bonds (United Airlines, Inc. Airport Improvement Projects), Series 2017C (AMT); approving and authorizing the execution and delivery of the UTOC Trust Indenture, the third supplemental non-terminal trust indenture and the first amendment to the C Special Facilities Lease Agreement; approving and authorizing the execution and delivery of the bond purchase agreement and other related agreements to each series of such bonds; authorizing the preparation and distribution of a preliminary official statement and official statement; making certain findings with respect thereto and containing other provisions relating to the subject; and declaring an emergency  
**This item should only be considered after passage of Item 18 above-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Boykins and Martin absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0888 ADOPTED**

21. **ORDINANCE** approving the Project Plan and Reinvestment Zone Financing Plan for **REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER TWENTY-SEVEN, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS (MONTROSE ZONE) - DISTRICT C – COHEN**- was presented and tagged by Council Member Travis. Council Members Boykins and Martin absent.

22. **ORDINANCE** relating to the Fiscal Affairs of the **REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER TWENTY-SEVEN, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS (MONTROSE ZONE)**; approving the Fiscal Year 2018 Operating Budget and the Fiscal Years 2018-2022 Capital Improvements Budget for the Montrose Zone - **DISTRICT C - COHEN**  
**This item should only be considered after passage of Item 21 above-** was presented and tagged by Council Member Travis. Council Members Boykins and Martin absent.

24. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing contract between the City and the **METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS**, for purchase of Employee Transit Fare Media; providing a maximum contract amount - \$5,729,167.00 - Central Service Revolving Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Boykins and Martin absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0889 ADOPTED**
27. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Task Order Contract between the City of Houston and **VERGEL GAY & ASSOCIATES, LLC** for Professional Project Management Services; providing a maximum contract amount – was presented and tagged by Council Member Davis. Council Members Boykins and Martin absent.
28. **ORDINANCE** finding and determining public convenience and necessity for the acquisition of real property interests through dedication, purchase or condemnation, in connection with the public improvement project known as the Northeast Water Purification Plant Expansion Project; authorizing the acquisition of fee simple title interest in or easement purchase and the use of eminent domain and authorizing the payment of costs for parcel purchases/condemnations, relocation assistance expenses, appraisal fees, title policies/services, recording fees, court costs, expert witness fees and other acquisition costs in connection with the project, located in the Victor Blanco Five League Grant, A-2, Houston, Harris County, Texas- was presented, Council Member Edwards voting no, balance voting aye. Council Members Boykins and Martin absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0890 ADOPTED**
29. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$798,294.60 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **KIT PROFESSIONALS, INC** for Westbury Area Drainage and Paving Improvements Sub-Project 1; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF - **DISTRICT K – GREEN-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Boykins and Martin absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0891 ADOPTED**
33. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$15,376,000.00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF and \$974,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **TRIPLE B SERVICES, LLP** for Binglewood Area Drainage and Paving Improvements; 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, CIP Cost Recovery, construction management, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF and the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT A – STARDIG-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Boykins and Martin absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0892 ADOPTED**

**MATTERS HELD** - NUMBER 35

35. **RECOMMENDATION** from Acting Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$1,577,278.62 and acceptance of work on contract with **CES UTILITIES, INC** for Fire Hydrant Replacement Project - 8.37% under the original contract

amount (WA11180) - **DISTRICTS A - STARDIG; B - DAVIS; C - COHEN; D - BOYKINS; E - MARTIN; F - LE; G - TRAVIS; H - CISNEROS; I - GALLEGOS; J - LASTER and K - GREEN**

**TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ROBINSON**

This was Item 26 on Agenda of November 8, 2017- was presented, moved by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Cohen, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Boykins, Martin and Christie absent. **MOTION 2017-0696 ADOPTED**

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

Members of Council announced events and discussed matters of interest.

There being no further business before Council; the City Council adjourned at 11:34 a.m. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Gallegos, Laster, Knox and Christie absent. **DETAILED INFORMATION ON FILE ON THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY**

**MINUTES READ AND APPROVED**

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Anna Russell, City Secretary