

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, January 23, 2018

A regular meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 23, 2018; 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.; Randy Zamora, Legal Department, Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director and Stella Ortega with the Agenda Office present.

At 1:37 p.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting to order and stated they would start the presentations. Council Members Davis, Le, Travis, Gallegos, Laster, Green, Knox, Robinson and Edwards absent.

Mayor Turner stated that Co-Chair for the Cultural Plan for the City of Houston, Philamena Baird took the initiative to create a more culturally and economically diverse arts community, her dedication to the growth of Houston's arts and culture sector shows through her involvement on each board in which she serves, Philamena Baird coordinated the Darrell Royal and Willie Nelson Celebrity Golf Tournament for 14 years, benefiting Boys and Girls Clubs of Galveston and she also served on the board of governors and was the first woman vice president of the Houston Golf Association, in which she was involved and volunteered for more than 25 years and Philamena Baird was recognized for leading the Memorial Hermann Gala Circle of Life, where she was instrumental in initiating the School-Based Clinics programs, which Memorial Hermann now actively supports by providing health care services to thousands of children and Philamena Baird's accomplishments include chairing the NFL Charity Golf Tournaments benefiting the March of Dimes and coordinating the Oldsmobile Scramble Regional and National Competitions. She is also the chairman of Houston Arts Alliance and has represented herself as a results-oriented leader with a compassionate heart who loves Houston and on January 23, 2018, the Houston Arts Alliance will honor Philamena Baird for her many accomplishments over the years and the City of Houston and Houstonians recognizes and commends Philamena Baird for her commitment and contributions to the city and extends best wishes for continued success and therefore, I, Sylvester Turner, Mayor of the City of Houston, hereby proclaim January 23, 2018, as Philamena Baird Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Davis, Travis and Laster absent.

Council Member Kubosh stated that in August 2017, the greater Houston area experienced a life-altering natural disaster. Houstonians dealt with devastating losses due to the effects of Hurricane Harvey, with unprecedented amounts of rain and flooding along with widespread destruction and Houstonians will never forget those who, in the days and the months that followed, worked tirelessly and responded generously to help those affected, in 1992, SuitMart opened in Houston, with a mission to offer name-brand clothing without the traditional mark-ups of traditional retail specialty stores. In its more than 25 years of existence, SuitMart has donated thousands of suits and other merchandise to local churches, charities and schools and in response to the destruction caused by Hurricane Harvey, SuitMart opened its doors to give free merchandise to those in need, and truckloads of new clothing, shoes and more were donated to Hurricane Harvey distribution centers and shelters, this charitable spirit extended beyond the city of Houston, when SuitMart sent merchandise to Puerto Rico, which was devastated by Hurricane Maria in September 2017 and on January 23, 2018, SuitMart will be honored for its selfless contributions and active involvement during Hurricane Harvey recovery efforts and the City of Houston commends and appreciates SuitMart for its compassion during a historic disaster, as its selflessness is greatly appreciated by the many people who benefited from their unwavering generosity and therefore, Mayor Turner hereby proclaimed January 23, 2018, as SuitMart Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Davis, Travis, Green and Knox absent.

Council Member Stardig stated that adopted as children by U.S. citizens, an estimated 35,000 intercountry adoptees were raised in the U.S. but yet lacked U.S. citizenship and the Adoptee Rights Campaign (ARC) is a diverse group of intercountry adoptees and allies striving to advance adoptee rights and the focus is to educate, organize, and advocate for family permanency by ensuring that citizenship rights are conferred to all adoptees of U.S. citizens, in 2000, Congress determined that intercountry adoptees should automatically be granted U.S. citizenship, and the Childhood Citizenship Act was passed, when the law went into effect, adoptees who were age eighteen or older were denied the same automatic right because of a legal loophole and the Adoptee Rights Campaign invites all Houstonians to support efforts that bring awareness to local communities and encourages state and federal leaders of the need to support adoptees of U.S. citizens whose citizenship was not properly secured through the legal adoption processes or under the provisions of United States adoption policies and therefore, Mayor Turner hereby proclaimed January 23, 2018, as Adoptee Rights Campaign Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Davis and Travis absent.

At 2:24 p.m. Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Martin for the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Roll was called.

Council Member Cohen moved to adopt the minutes of October 31, 2017- November 1, 2017 and delay the balance and seconded by Council Member Knox, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION ADOPTED**

At 2:30 p.m. Mayor Turner requested the City Secretary to call the List of Speakers.

Ms. Christel Wommack, 2106 Hardy St., 77026, (512)785-4849 appeared and stated that right now she concerned about discriminatory and intimidating behavior of the Caucasian Members in the Super Neighborhood 51 Community Leadership Team, this Leadership team this year was mostly Caucasian despite the community being a dominant Hispanic Neighborhood and they can talk about why that is at another time, Stella, the Founder of Safe Walk Home and herself were appointed to be on the Leadership Team to represent Hispanics and since their appointment they have experienced discrimination and intimation by the Caucasian Members and most of this is due to her advocacy for Hispanic rights and for their history and their voice, she has been repeatedly told that she is not Lulac that they are all human beings and she is over their having Hispanic issues and that their history and preferences takes precedence over Latinos history, she has been yelled at and has been called a racist and a liar because of her advocacy in closed door meetings, in public meetings and in front of her 9 year old son and Gwyn Guidy has tried to have her removed twice. Council Member Le absent.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Wommack.

Mr. Daniel Fingold, 2500 Woodland Park Dr., 77077, (832)209-6846 appeared and stated that his message is short and clear and basically the City of Houston and everyone that is in it is only as good as it is when they take care of the poor and the homeless to make sure that we are taking good care of them and to continue even with housing, toilets and maybe put portable potties around and anything else that would help them like food, clothes and blankets and there are many good things going on and it does not hurt to have reminders. Council Members Stardig and Le absent.

Mr. Robert Horton, 3714 Bain St., 77026, (832)748-4010 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig and Le absent.

Ms. Sarah DeMerchant, 60 Schubach Dr., Sugarland, TX, 77479, (281)714-6246 appeared and stated that she wanted to thank Council for supporting Citizenship for all Adoptees, she is a proud supporter of it, she is the Organizer for Action Chapter League for the Fort Bend County Area and they do a lot of work because they have citizens that work in Houston and return home, they do have an overlap and they work with a lot of issues in regards to having Immigration Reform Seminars and this proclamation gives hope to so many people that are a product of Houston and growing up in the area and closing the gap is important, thanks for leading the way to support families, she is very proud of Houston, they have been fighters for what is right and it is an honor to be talking to them and making a bold statement on keeping families together and supporting working families is the key in enjoying life in America and in the Houston area and let's keeping donating the time, the money and the votes to support adoptees in the State of Texas. Council Members Stardig and Le absent.

Mr. Samuel Smith, 16803 Imperial Valley Dr., 77060, (346)410-9872 appeared and stated that he is here about the 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> time to get some assistance of employment and he has not been successful because he has a lot of baggage, he had spent the last 23 years in prison and he does not have much of a work history except other than prison work and he does not have a lot of education and he was watching the news this morning and they were talking about the crews to fix pot holes and that is the type of work that he is accustom to and is it possible for him to get a job like that it would help because his PO and the parole board is complaining about paying fees and getting a job and he is doing everything that he can think of to get employment. Council Members Stardig, Le, Cisneros, Laster and Kubosh absent.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Smith and Mayor Turner asked him about the Re-Entry Program suggested that Mr. Smith to get with Rene from the Mayor's Citizens Assistance Office and for them to send him information.

Ms. Marjorie Permuter, 3238 N. Pemberton Circle, 77025, (281)236-7064 appeared and stated that her family had a 100 year old property for almost 60 years and it is in the Historic Downtown Warehouse District and her property is near the Metro property where the proposed shelter would be placed and their neighborhood consist of Art Studios, restaurants, small business and has the potential to be a thriving asset to Houston and over the last few years they have been excited to see new businesses open and young people are settling in the area, the City of Houston is trying to develop and maintain this wonderful community and has expressed a desire to support growth in the future, her concern is not only that the proposed location of the low level shelter will hurt the future growth of a wonderful piece of Houston's history but the homeless citizens will be endangered at that location as the site location does flood and with Harvey it left 42 inches of water in her warehouse but everytime it rains for few days the overwhelmed sewer has caused their building and their neighbors to flood many times over the years, she and her husband have been dedicated to helping the homeless and she does not believe the supposed site is good for anyone and worried about the devastating result for the homeless people there during a flood event and she hopes that the City of Houston would closely consider looking at other locations and to let the citizens of Houston to vote on it. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Le, Cisneros, Laster and Kubosh absent.

Ms. Deborah Allen, Post Office Box 263252, 77027, (713)264-0127 appeared and stated her personal views on the Police brutality and shootings. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Le, Cisneros, Laster and Kubosh absent.

Ms. Nia Colbert, 1000 Greens Rd., 77060- (346)252-9541 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Le, Cisneros, Laster and Kubosh absent.

Mr. Carl Ducena, 10211 Tablerock Dr., 77064, (347)244-8098 appeared and presented information and stated that he is with Normal to be Fit and it's like seeing his family and friends up here because he loves coming here everytime and he and his wife are going to be putting out feel good TVs and movies and they are going to treat everyone right and the reason they are here is that they wanted to extend an invitation to the Mayor and the Council Members for a night of super stars and he is here with his wife as well as Hailey Keiffer and her 2 super star daughters of Macy's Miracles and this is an Academy Award red carpet type style event that is going to be March 3, 2018 that is starting at 5:30 p.m. at the Hilton in Downtown and their super stars are amazing children and the 10 children that have been chosen have special needs they are incredible and amazing, they are going to have limos pick them up and this is a heart touching event and they are working on scholarships which Tina and Haley will discuss that in detail and this was created in 2005 in Dallas, in 2015 they brought it to Houston and these kids live in their District and they are our future and he wanted the Mayor and the Council Members to walk with these kids down the red carpet. Council Members Stardig, Boykins and Le absent.

M. Tina Chandler, 10211 Tablerock Dr., 77064, (832) 687-34979 appeared and stated the she is the Founder of Normal to be Fit which is a company that is making an impact on Health and Wellness and they are proud to be partnering up with Night of Super Star and ever since they have been working with the community on disabilities and all they may have heard about Night of Super Stars and how amazing it is and the difference that they are making and this year Normal to be Fit, Carl and herself are helping to orchestrate the Houston event that is happening on March 3, 2018 and they are here to invite all of them as it is one of those events that make you have that feel good feeling and this organization make a difference and it is now working on a scholarship fund and working on grants and all of the feedback and interview all of these kids are saying that they have never been recognized and this was their first award that they have gotten and again they would love for them to come. Council Members Stardig, Boykins and Le absent.

Ms. Haley Keiffer, 17623 Durham Ridge Ln., Humble, TX, 77346, (713)562-7362 appeared and stated that the Night of Super Stars is an amazing organization and it is truly honoring the special needs community, not for this disability in 2016 she and her son were escorted by the Mayor and these Super stars are creating their own business, they are competing in the Special Olympics, they are doing things like creating art work and trying to make it on the global scale and having their art work showcased in galas from Mulan to the United States and these kids are truly doing something that is impacting and inspiring and they would love to have all of the Members of Council and the Mayor to come out and to be part of the event, on March 3, 2018. Council Members Stardig, Boykins and Le absent.

Mayor Turner stated that when he did attend the event it was an inspirational event just to be there and they are Super Stars in every since of the word and he will do his best to make it to the event.

Ms. Bridget McDaniel, 8114 St. Lo, 77033, no phone, had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Stardig, Boykins and Le absent.

Ms. Linda Stalters, Post Office Box 941222, 77094, (240)423-4392 appeared and stated that and she is the CEO of Schizophrenia and related Disorders Alliance of America and also known as SARDA which is easier to remember and it was born in Houston and they are celebrating their 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on April 10<sup>th</sup> and they are partnering with Baylor College of Medicine and LEAP

Foundation and the conference that they are having on April 20<sup>th</sup> and it will be held at Baylor Medical Center and then they will be celebrating at the Shell building, Schizophrenia and other mental disorders are the misunderstood, most underserved, most maligned people who experience it and most untreated and maltreated diseases, they do not treat other diseases of the brain such as Alzheimer's or Parkinson's, the same way they treat people that have psychosis which are disease of the brain and there are childhood diseases, most people are born with the genetic risk and why do people do that and they talk about family members who are older that have Alzheimer's and help them, they see Silver Alerts who are missing but what do they do when a person has Schizophrenia, they throw them in jail, they leave them on the streets to freeze and they need to change that and SARDAA is working to do something with treating them within the medical system, they do not throw them away and they want to invite them to the event. Council Members Stardig, Boykins and Le absent.

Ms. Victoria Lara, 1009 Niagara, 77051, (832)364-1366 appeared and presented information and stated that she is the President of the Houston Millennials, the Houston Millennials that is a Non-Profit Organization whose mission is to place Millennials into positions of leadership and they do this by having a network events once a month and they have Business Committee that also does events, they teach young professionals to grow their businesses and if they are a start up, they give them resources to start their businesses, they also have Civic Engagement Committee which has, "how to run an office 101" and they teach young professionals on how to get involved in the public processes, how to registers voters, deputizing people to help them register people, they did a lot of work involving the Harvey aftermath, they had a long donation drive and had several trucks that came in from Connecticut to Arizona today she is here because they have several initiatives that are coming up and the main one is the Leadership Conference which is in partnership with Houston Community College and the Mayor has already confirmed to speak that day and she wanted to extend the invitation to the Members of Council to come to the morning event that is starting at 10:00 a.m. and on and this is a very important organization because they have people from all walks of life that might be shifting careers and she would like to partnership with this Council and she wants to thank Council Members Gallegos and Boykins that have spoken to them already and Council Member Edwards is going to be on the panel at the conference and this is something that they have been working on for over a year and she is very excited to see that they are finally getting a conference that can finally speak on what they are truly trying to do and that is to bring leadership to the City of Houston, she loves this City and she would do anything to help it grow. Council Members Stardig, Boykins and Le absent.

Mayor Turner thanked Ms. Lara for being here and he looks forward to the Event.

Mr. Marion Scott, 1600 Louisiana St., 77002, (713)783-9292 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Boykins and Le absent.

Ms. Kimberly Kirk, 13223 Withee Path, 77048, (708)378-7582 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Boykins and Le absent.

Mr. Eduardo Luna, 9211 Sandra St., 77016, (832)208-4957 appeared and stated that he is a Community Organizer in the Northeast side of Houston Texas and he is familiar with a few of these faces because he did some of research and he is affiliated with the impact that Council Member Davis and a few of the other Council Members have and his topic is Community Outreach and the reason he said that is he has 4 zip codes and wonders if Members of Council live in one of those zip codes which is 77016, 77044, 77007 and 77028 and the reason he is say that is because he has looked up Council Member Kubosh, tried to reach out but has gotten nothing in return and he is guessing that others around here if he reached out to any of them that they would

have reached back and again he is here for Community Outreach from anyone that is able to help them and their community and he is from 77016, he is a volunteer coach for elementary and he been doing that for the last 7 years and the neighborhood that he is speak up for is 77078 which is Lakewood Community, Lakewood Stay Strong and Houston Stay Strong too but he has realized that other parts of Houston have been rebuilt, back to normal and 77078 is a small portion and Lakewood is in need of help with the elementary school and the Spark Park. Council Members Stardig, Boykins and Le absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Davis Mr. Luna stated that he had reached out to HISD and they told him that the Principle no longer wants that park and he does not want to call anyone out but he, himself wants to take that responsibility.

The City Secretary advised that a speaker that was not present when his name was call but he is present and will be next to speak.

Mr. Robert Horton, 3714 Bain St., 77026, (832)748-4010 appeared and stated that he is the President of the United States, earth king and he impeached Obama and them and he shut the Government down and he believes that they are going to start it up in 3 weeks and expressed how they did not come to him the correct way or even gave him a payment plan with him and he has a briefcase with him and he wanted them to fill it up with money and that they own him \$75 trillion dollars. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin and Le absent.

Mr. Carlos Calbillo, 207 Cordell, 77009, (832)758-8640 appeared and stated that they do not want that homeless encampment, North of McKey Street Bridge and they believe that it is not a fit for their community and they have come here and suggested other places, that would possible work and they will continue to work on that and he does appreciate that Mayor Turner is also looking to find other options and they will continue to come here until they resolve this and he does think that there is a resolution and hopefully they will get there. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin and Le absent.

Mr. Joseph Ballard, 6302 Rocky Nook Dr., Humble, TX, 77396, (281)850-0388 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin and Le absent.

Ms. Michelle McWhorter, 88 Cherry Hills Dr., 77064, (281)655-0655 appeared and stated that she came here to talk to them last December about the Non-Profit Origination and she wanted to start out by letting them know that Council Member Christie made a comment last time and she is providing the Council Members with a pin that says Cancer Recovery Center and she tied on a little candy on there too and she also wanted to say that she was very impressed with Mayor Turner. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Cisneros and Green absent.

Mayor Turner allowed her to finish her thoughts and Members of Council questioned Ms. McWhorther advised that she is trying to get a Grant for a Non-Profit to assist in a recovery process after the cancer treatment and was questioned by Members of Council.

Ms. Deborah Wilkerson, no address, (713)499-9671 appeared and stated that her title is the inalienable rights and is being stalked and she has had enough. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Cisneros and Green absent.

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

At 3:34 p.m. The City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 24, 2018, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Cisneros and Green absent.

At 8:30 a.m. Ms. Anna Russell, City Secretary, read the description or captions of the Items on the Agenda.

The Houston City Council reconvened at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 24, 2018 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.; Ronald Lewis, City Attorney Deidra Penny, Legal Department, Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director and Stella Ortega of the Agenda Office present.

At 9:05 a.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting to order and recognized Council Member Cohen for a procedural Motion. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Le and Knox absent.

Council Member Cohen moved that the rules be suspended for the purposed to consider Item 1 out of order and seconded Council Member Green, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin and Le absent. **MOTION 2018-0039 ADOPTED**

**1. REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following individuals to the **HOUSTON COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES**:

Position One- **MICHAEL MCCULLOCH**, appointment, for a term to expire 07/26/2019

Position Three- **MARIA R. PALACIOS**, reappointment, for a term to expire 07/26/2019

Position Five- **GEORGE POWERS**, appointment, for a term to expire 07/26/2019

Position Seven- **TINA X. WILLIAMS**, reappointment, for a term to expire 07/26/2019

Position Nine-**SARAH FREEMAN SMITH**, appointment, for a term to expire 07/26/2019

Position Ten- **BENIGNO ACEVES. JR.**, appointment, for an unexpired term ending  
07/26/2018

Position Eleven- **EILEEN EDMONDS**, appointment, for a term to expire 07/26/2019

Alternate Position One - **ASHA DHUKA**, appointment, for a term to expire 07/26/2019

Alternate Position Two - **ERICA FLETCHER**, appointment, for an unexpired term ending  
07/26/2018

Alternate Position Three - **MARK POTTS**, appointment, for a term to expire 07/26/2019

Alternate Position Four - **KHAFILAT OYINDAMOLA ADESOKAN**, appointment, for an unexpired  
term ending 07/26/2018-

Was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Robinson, all voting  
aye, nays none. Council Members Stardig, Davis and Martin absent. **MOTION 2018-0044  
ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner invited the Members to the podium and thanked them for their willingness to serve.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Turner stated that he said many times that we will do things differently in the post-Harvey world and today I have some important details about how we will build homes in the city of Houston from now on and we will require that residential structures be built higher to avoid being flooded, We will no longer use as our guide the so-called "100-year flood plain," which meant land where there's a 1 percent chance of flooding in a given year – a storm that brings 13 to 14 inches of rain in 24 hours and instead we will go by the "500-year flood plain," which meant land where there's a one-fifth of 1 percent chance of flooding in a given year – a storm that brings 16 to 17

inches of rain in 24 hours and future homes will have to be build 2 feet above that flood level and not by raising the ground beneath new dwellings, but by having the dwelling itself sit higher, in some cases the changes will affect the largest additions and expansions of existing homes, as you all know, we have had floods in each of the last three years, with Harvey being the worst and there will be other epic rainstorms and they will probably arrive a lot sooner than 100 years or 500 years from now, as we build back from the damage to existing homes, we have to build forward to prevent future homes from flooding and so my staff and I will present to council an ordinance that makes this crucial shift and we hope to submit it for a vote by mid-February, First, Chief Resilience officer Steve Costello will meet tonight with our Redevelopment and Drainage Task Force to make their recommendations final and this is a group made up of city and county officials, environmental groups, engineers, architects, real estate developers and contractors, what unites them and is the idea that the old ways are unacceptable and we will also gather feedback from the public as this process moves along and I am also proposing the end of “grandfathering” when it comes to rainwater detention on partly developed land and currently the developer of land that has already has some buildings or other “improvements” only has to create rainwater detention for any *new* development on the property, now we want to require that developers create water retention for the entire property when there is re-development or new development and together, these changes are not the entire answer to flooding in Houston, to protect ourselves, our children and our children’s children from future floods, we must also widen our bayous, build a third Army Corps reservoir and take other sweeping measures that only the federal and state government can fund, but for now I am proposing that the city does what it can – right here, right now, with the authority we’ve got and I want another change to help people who are victims of Harvey, currently, residents of Houston can live in mobile homes and similar units only when they are located in what most of us call “mobile home parks.”, but with FEMA offering to make residential trailers available to flood victims, we should allow displaced people to live in them, or ones they already own, or in “container” homes, on their own property for up to six months and if they can show they are making progress on repairs to their home, we will extend it up to an additional 6 months and I’ll be listening to all Houstonians for more of the best ideas we can use to make our city ready for tomorrow, after our big freeze, some people are asking whether our pothole problem has returned in full force because of weather damage and I’m glad to report it has not and since January 1 the public has reported 72 potholes in the city potholes reported to 311 were repaired by the next business day (or sooner) 98 percent of the time and pro-actively, the 80 workers in our Public Works crews repaired another 1,350, we are also working over the next 30 days on holes that are bigger and take longer to fix and we will still want Houstonians to call 311 with pothole reports, but the number of calls from the public are at 10 to 20 a day compared to nearly 200 a day one year ago.

Mayor Turner stated that the last item that he would like to discuss and it happen to have to deal with Amazon, I regret that they did not make the cut off on Amazon but I understand that they need to do a deep dive and to put forth a road map to make sure that the City is in the competitive in attracting more businesses to come to the City of Houston and he hates missing out on but there will be other opportunities and he wants to make sure that we are doing everything that we can do to make that happen and in that since I am going to do, is to pull together a little summit, in bringing in some of the businesses in the community like the CEOs, Houston First, Members of City Council and others so that we can drill down and decided on the best why to proceed but we do have to be progressive, we do need to visionary and we cannot rest on our previous accomplishments and being the Energy Capital in the World is great or having the World’s largest Medical Center is great but people are not to just resting on that and we do need to address as we move forward when we are submitting proposals and how they are being submitted and by whom because the City of Houston should be at the forefront.



Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Boykins for a point of personal privilege; Council Member Boykins stated that he wanted to welcome students from the University of Texas Nursing School and requested the students to stand to be recognized.

Mayor Turner requested the City Secretary to call the Agenda.

### **CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 2 through 24**

#### **MISCELLANEOUS** - NUMBER 2

2. **REQUEST** from Mayor on recommendation from the Houston Bar Association to confirm the reappointment of **AMY DUNN TAYLOR** to Position One of the **HOUSTON ETHICS COMMISSION**, for a term to expire December 31, 2019- the City Secretary advised that Item 2 has been pulled by the Administration and will not be considered.

#### **ACCEPT WORK** - NUMBERS 6 and 7

6. **RECOMMENDATION** from Acting Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$4,761,574.20 and acceptance of work on contract with **D. L. ELLIOTT ENTERPRISES, INC** for Water Line Replacement in Inner Loop North Area - 0.96% over the original contract amount - **DISTRICTS C - COHEN and H – CISNEROS**- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis and Boykins absent. **MOTION 2018-0041 ADOPTED**
7. **RECOMMENDATION** from Acting Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$2,387,957.74 and acceptance of work on contract with **SCOHILL CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, LLC** for Water Line Replacement in Innsdale Area - 3.59% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICT H – CISNEROS**- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis and Boykins absent. **MOTION 2018-0042 ADOPTED**

#### **PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS** - NUMBER 9

9. **PUMPS OF HOUSTON, INC** for Myers Submersible Pumps for Department of Public Works & Engineering - \$359,590.00 - Enterprise Fund-- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **MOTION 2018-0043 ADOPTED**

#### **ORDINANCES** - NUMBERS 10 through 24

- 10. ORDINANCE** authorizing, approving, confirming and ratifying certain matters relating to the City of Houston, Texas General Obligation Commercial Paper Notes, Series G-1, In an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$75,000,000 for the purpose of financing certain authorized purposes; approving and authorizing certain authorized officers and employees to act on behalf of the City in the selling and delivery of such notes, within the limitations and procedures specified herein; making certain covenants and agreements in connection therewith; resolving other matters incident and related to the issuance, sale, delivery and security of the Series G-1 Notes, including the approval of an issuing and paying agency agreement, a credit agreement, and an offering memorandum and the ratification of a commercial paper dealer agreement; and declaring an emergency- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0047 ADOPTED**
  
- 13. ORDINANCE** authorizing participation with other Entergy service area cities in matters concerning **ENTERGY TEXAS, INC** before the Public Utility Commission of Texas and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission during 2018 - **DISTRICT E – MARTIN-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0048 ADOPTED**
  
- 15. ORDINANCE** establishing the north and south sides of the 2100 block of Addison Road, within the City of Houston, Texas, as a special minimum lot size block pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT C – COHEN-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0049 ADOPTED**
  
- 16. ORDINANCE** establishing the north and south sides of the 2000 block of Goldsmith Street, within the City of Houston, Texas, as a special minimum lot size block pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT C – COHEN-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0050 ADOPTED**
  
- 17. ORDINANCE** establishing the east side of the 800 block of Northwood Street, within the City of Houston, Texas, as a special minimum lot size block pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT H – CISNEROS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0051 ADOPTED**
  
- 18. ORDINANCE** establishing the north and south sides of the 2100 block of Watts Street, within the City of Houston, Texas, as a special minimum lot size block pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT C – COHEN-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0052 ADOPTED**
  
- 19. ORDINANCE** amending Ordinance No. 2014-007, as amended, to increase the maximum contract amount and to extend the contract term for contract between the City of Houston and **AT&T CORP** for Central Office Based Business Communications System Services (Plexar) for Various Departments; providing a maximum contract amount - \$1,500,000.00 - Central Services Revolving Fund- the City Secretary advised that Item 19 have been pulled by the Administration and will not be considered.

- 20. ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Advance Funding Agreement between the City of Houston and the **TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION** for the Replacement of the Southbound Bridge on Hillcroft Avenue at Willow Waterhole Bayou - **DISTRICT K – GREEN**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0053 ADOPTED**
- 21. ORDINANCE** No. 2018-15, passed second reading January 17, 2018  
ORDINANCE granting to **A-Z PRESSURE WASH COMPANY, 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 - **THIRD AND FINAL READING**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0015 ADOPTED THIRD AND FINAL READING IN FULL**
- 22. ORDINANCE** No. 2018-16, passed second reading January 17, 2018  
ORDINANCE granting to **HERITAGE SANITATION, 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 - **THIRD AND FINAL READING**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0016 ADOPTED THIRD AND FINAL READING IN FULL**
- 23. ORDINANCE** No. 2018-17, passed second reading January 17, 2018  
ORDINANCE granting to **MILLSAP WATERPROOFING, INC, a Texas Limited Corporation**, the right, privilege, and franchise to collect, haul, and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions - **THIRD AND FINAL READING**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0017 ADOPTED THIRD AND FINAL READING IN FULL**
- 24. ORDINANCE** No. 2018-18, passed second reading January 17, 2018  
ORDINANCE granting to **SEP PROS WASTE RECOVERY, LLC, a Texas Limited Liability Company**, the right, privilege, and franchise to collect, haul, and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions **THIRD AND FINAL READING**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0018 ADOPTED THIRD AND FINAL READING IN FULL**

Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Martin for a point of personal privilege; Council Member Martin stated he would like to welcome a group of 5<sup>th</sup> Graders from Pine Forest Elementary and requested them to stand to be recognized and then to their right they have a group of Doctoral from the University of Texas Medical Center.

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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

3. **RECOMMENDATION** from Acting Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of the 2018 Operations and Maintenance Budget for the **LUCE BAYOU PROJECT** operated by the Coastal Water Authority - \$1,171,500.00 - Enterprise Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **MOTION 2018-0044 ADOPTED**
4. **RECOMMENDATION** from Acting Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of the 2018 Operations and Maintenance Budget for the **TRINITY RIVER AUTHORITY** \$3,889,432.00 - Enterprise Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **MOTION 2018-0045 ADOPTED**
5. **RECOMMENDATION** from Acting Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$2,653,583.24 and acceptance of work on contract with **JERDON ENTERPRISE, L.P.**, for Citywide Intersection Redesign and Safety Improvements #5 - 1.41% over the original contract amount - **DISTRICTS A - STARDIG; D - BOYKINS; F - LE; G - TRAVIS; J - LASTER and K – GREEN**- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **MOTION 2018-0046 ADOPTED**
8. **LUXFER MAGTECH, INC** for approval of payment to address Emergency Disaster Recovery Activities as a result of Hurricane Harvey for Meals Ready to Eat for the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management - \$641,215.20 - Disaster Recovery Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2018-0047 ADOPTED**
11. **ORDINANCE** reapproving, passing, confirming, validating, approving, and adopting certain ordinances, motions, and resolutions (if any) including without limitation motions and ordinances involving the recommendation to accept work for various contracts, appropriation and expenditure of City funds, the making of contracts or the granting of rights, and other agenda items approved by the City Council on Wednesday, January 17, 2018, more specifically denoted on Exhibit A hereto- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2018-0054 ADOPTED**
12. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing the submission of an application for and acceptance of grant funds through the **US DEPARTMENT of JUSTICE** for the FY2017 Community Oriented Policing Services Hiring Grant; declaring the City's eligibility for such grant; authorizing the chief of the Houston Police department to act as the City's representative in the application process, to accept such grant funds, if awarded, and to apply for and accept all subsequent awards, if any, pertaining to the program- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2018-0055 ADOPTED**
14. **ORDINANCE** to de-appropriate \$10,000,000 from the HAS Airports Improvement Fund and appropriate \$10,000,000 from the HAS Airports Renewal and Replacement Fund, for the Special Facilities Lease Agreement with **UNITED AIRLINES, INC**, for their Technical Operations Center to expand its Aircraft Maintenance Hangar Complex at George Bush Intercontinental Airport/Houston - **DISTRICT B – DAVIS**- was presented and tagged by Council Member Green.

**NON- CONSENT AGENDA** - NUMBERS 25 and 26

**MISCELLANEOUS**

- 25. RECEIVE** nominations for Positions 4, 5, 6, and 7 on the **HOUSTON ETHICS COMMISSION**, for two-year staggered terms- was presented,

Council Member Boykins moved to delay Item 25 for one week and seconded by Council Member Stardig, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2018-0048 ADOPTED**

- 26. MOTION** to set a date not less than seven days from January 24, 2018, to receive nominations for Position Two on the **PORT OF HOUSTON AUTHORITY OF HARRIS COUNTY**, for a two-year term- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and stated Stardig, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2018-0049 ADOPTED**

**MATTERS HELD** - NUMBER 27

- 27. ORDINANCE** authorizing and approving form of Master Contractor Agreement (“Master Contractor Agreement”) for the City of Houston Home Repair Program to be executed by the City of Houston, Texas (“City”), and each of the following contractors (a “Contractor”): **SLSCO, LTD.; PMG CONSTRUCTION, INC; THE BAPTISTE GROUP LLC; DSW HOMES, LLC; HOUSTON HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, INC; CROWN RIDGE BUILDERS, LLC; THOMPSON CONSTRUCTION GROUP, INC; BURGHLI INVESTMENTS INC dba BURGHLI HOMES; MAYBERRY HOMES, INC; REBUILDING TOGETHER - HOUSTON; JAMES W. TURNER CONSTRUCTION, LTD.; and BYRDSON SERVICES LLC dba EXCELLO HOMES**; authorizing and approving a form of Home Repair Program Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Tri-Party Agreement (a “Tri-Party Agreement”) to be executed by the City, a contractor, and the owner or occupant of a single-family structure who qualifies for participation in the Home Repair Program; authorizing the Mayor to execute a Master Contractor Agreement with each contractor and Tri-Party Agreements with a contractor and an owner or occupant of a single-family structure who qualifies for participation in the Home Repair Program; allocating the sum of \$10,000,000 out of the TIRZ Affordable Housing Funds to the aforementioned agreements - **TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GALLEGOS**

This was Item 6 on Agenda of January 17, 2018- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0056 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 10:34 a.m. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Green, Knox, Kubosh and Edwards absent.  
**DETAILED INFORMATION ON FILE ON THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY**

**MINUTES READ AND APPROVED**

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Anna Russell, City Secretary