

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, April 17, 2018

A regular meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 17, 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, Mike Knox, David Robinson, Michael Kubosh, Amanda Edwards and Jack Christie D.C.; Randy Zamora, Legal Department, Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director and Stella Ortega, Agenda Office present.

At 1:37 p.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting to order and stated they would start with the presentations. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Cisneros, Laster, Knox, Robinson and Kubosh absent.

Council Member Gallegos stated that Tejanos have been present in the Lone Star State since the 16<sup>th</sup> century and participated in every major event leading to the formation of this great state and nation. The rich and vibrant history and contributions of Tejanos to the making of the state of Texas and the United States of America remain largely untold, Tejanos have engaged in numerous efforts to fight for freedom and social justice. Tejano leaders include Juan Seguin, Lorenzo de Zavala, Juan Cortina, Gregorio Cortez, Jose T. Canales, WWI Medal of Honor Recipient David Barkley Cantu, WWII Medal of Honor Recipient Macario Garcia, Dr. Hector P. Garcia, Henry B. Gonzalez, Jose Angel Gutierrez, Willie Velasquez, Leonel Castillo and Raul C. Martinez and the role and contribution of Tejanos is largely under-recognized: Francisca Alvarez of the Texas Revolution, Paula Losoya, Alicia Montemayor, Emma Tenayuca, Lydia Mendoza, Gloria Anzaldúa; Irma Rangel, the first Tejana Texas state representative; Judith Zaffarini, the first Tejana senator, and many others and Tejanos have been instrumental in the Civil Rights Movement and have established numerous clubs and organizations that fight for and promote equality and social justice, some of these organizations include LULAC, American G.I. Forum, Chicana Rights Project, AAMA, Tejano Center for Community Concerns, Talento Bilingue de Houston, Tejano Veterans Association, educators and advocates from across the state have looked to HISD as a model for creating an innovative course on Tejano History and Mexican-American studies, the only ethnic studies course approved by the Texas Education Agency. Through HISD's dedicated educators and administrators, like Douglas Stewart Torres-Edwards who authored the district's studies course, the state has now adopted a set of curriculum standards that will engage and educate students from across the state on the important contributions of Tejanos and the City of Houston recognizes, embraces and celebrates the selfless contributions of countless Tejanos, and all who have continued to tell their stories, during Tejano History Month, April 15, 2018, through May 15, 2018 and therefore, Mayor Turner hereby proclaimed April 15, 2018, through May 15, 2018, as Tejano History Month in Houston, Texas. Council Members Davis, Martin, Le, Travis and Knox absent.

Council Member Christie stated that San José Clinic was founded in 1922 to combat the growing health needs of Houston's low-income communities, with the leadership of Monsignor George T. Walsh and the support of philanthropic Catholic women and the mission and work of San José Clinic has grown and evolved with Houston and provides quality, affordable healthcare for the uninsured and uninsurable in more than 20 counties across southeast Texas, nearly 5,000 low-income Texans received comprehensive healthcare at San José Clinic in 2017, including more than 1,500 individuals impacted by Hurricane Harvey and the work of San José Clinic is philanthropically funded, including hundreds of local donors and volunteers, reflecting the generous spirit and open hearts of the community, while healthcare continues to change, San

José Clinic will continue to adapt and pivot to address community needs, including any changes to the Affordable Care Act, an increased demand for safety-net services, and changing realities for its patient population and on April 17, 2018, the San José Clinic will be recognized for its tireless commitment to the greater Houston area and beyond, including its annual Art with Heart event, a worthwhile endeavor that benefits the clinic and its patients. The City of Houston commends the staff, volunteers and supporters of San José Clinic on their decades of service to the community and extends best wishes for the clinic's upcoming 11<sup>th</sup> Art With Heart event and therefore, Mayor Turner hereby proclaimed April 17, 2018, as San José Clinic Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Le, Travis and Knox absent.

Council Member Boykins stated that on behalf of Council Member Davis, he was going to present this proclamation because he was held up in a meeting.

Council Member Boykins stated that the Houston Black Real Estate Association (HBREA) is a local chapter of the National Association of Real Estate Brokers (NAREB), a trade association in America that unites real estate professionals to promote sustainable homeownership for all Americans, as well as to identify and secure business opportunities for its members who are called Realtist; and HBREA supports various agencies in Houston while maintaining an active role in the community by offering scholarships, training, home ownership assistance and counseling to low-to-moderate income individuals. Since 1949, it has played a major role in improving the quality of life for those in the Houston community, HBREA has a special charge to make sure that predominantly African-American and other minority communities are treated fairly as land use and urban planning policies are developed. More often than not, HBREA's Realtist live in the communities they serve; and Realtist service the home buying needs of African-Americans and others by networking with appraisers, developers, financial services professionals, asset managers, housing counselors, mortgage brokers, real estate agents and brokers all working together to make homeownership affordable, sustainable and attainable for our nation's homebuyers and every year in April, NAREB celebrates Realtist Week throughout fair housing month and this year in Houston, Realtist Week will be celebrated through an advocacy day, youth financial literacy activities and a community wealth building expo and The City of Houston commends Houston Black Real Estate Association and extends best wishes for continued success and therefore, Mayor Turner hereby proclaimed April 14-21, 2018, as Realtist Week Houston Black Real Estate Association in Houston, Texas. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Travis and Knox absent.

At 2:30 p.m. Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Edwards for the Invocation and the Pledge and Council Member Edwards invited Reverend Davis Punch to offer the Invocation and Council Member Edwards led the Pledge of Allegiance. Council Members Davis, Cohen and Boykins absent.

The Roll was Called. Council Members Davis and Cohen absent.

Council Member Cohen moved to adopt the minutes of February 6-7, 2018 and delay the balance and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis and Boykins absent. **MOTION ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Travis for a point of personal privilege, Council Member Travis recognized some people that he had lunch with today and Tammy Bettencourt and her group of the Building Owners and Managers Association and he requested them to stand to be recognized.

At 2:34 p.m. Mayor Turner requested the City Secretary to call the List of Speakers.

Ms. Barbara Lange, 1128 Louise St., 77009, (713)202-9059 appeared and presented information and stated that she is here to support Council Member Cisneros and Item 14 which is the purchase of the old Heights Metro Station for City Park Land and she is a Member of the East Sunset Heights Association and they petition the City to purchase the former Heights Metro Station to be converted into a park for the children in East Sunset Heights and their goal is for their children in the neighborhood to enjoy normal amenities that are available in other communities, they outlined a goal for a safely accessible Park years ago, they conducted a survey in 2016 and 98% of the response was that they would support a development of a Park and 82% the people that responded said that they have children that would use the Park and when they were asked what they most desired in the Park for their children, the top 3 were safety, accessibility and environmentally friendly area and they have working on this for quite a while. Council Members Davis, Travis and Edwards absent.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Lange at length.

Ms. Marian Wright, 709 Dayland Ave, 77009, (713)899-7439 appeared and presented information and stated that she was here to speak about a Traffic Calming Project that is going on in the Woodland Heights Subdivision, they are having issues with the next step in the process, they are supposed to have a Public Meeting to discuss the bumps that they put in to see if that is what the neighborhood wants and then they are supposed to comment on it and after that it either goes forward or it does not, they did not send out the notification for the meeting that was supposed to happen on January 30<sup>th</sup> and when they found out they postponed the meeting but they did send out the notification and the problem is with the notification and they also placed a Heights Traffic Count and at the meeting also passed out another map with different numbers and they do not correspond, there were 36 numbers that are not corresponding and she just spoke with Mr. Gary Norman. Council Members Travis, Gallegos, Edwards and Christie absent.

Mayor Turner stated that there is another Community Meeting that is scheduled for Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> and Members of Council questioned Ms. Wright at length.

Ms. Carol Burrus, 3615 Sun Valley, 77025, (713)818-4470 appeared and stated that she is here as part of Interfaith Environmental Network of Houston, they care very deeply about oceans, animals, trees and all people, in the early 1970s she was a little girl and there was a campaign to clean the City and for this campaign several classes of 6<sup>th</sup> Graders went to Miller Outdoor Theater and she was one of the kids and they were singing a song about cleaning up the City of Houston but they need a campaign for a clean City today to communicate this vision, green, clean, City and visions little this inspire people to shift their vision for the greater good, they want to make ordinances require that everyone to stand up, they want to ban plastic straws, plastic bags and this is where the City has power to help and she suggested an inspirational campaign. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Laster, Gallegos and Kubosh absent.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Burrus.

Ms. Marcella Wilson, 2037 Branard, 77098, (281)451-9908 appeared and stated that she lives in District C and she is also part of the Interfaith Environmental Network of Houston and today she is going to speak about trees in Houston, she moved to Houston in 1982 and as a walker and bicyclist, she quickly realized how important tree lined streets are here, she would chose her routes based on tree shade that was along the way, she wants to urge Council for support for planting trees in Houston especially in low income neighborhoods, trees can reduce toxic chemicals that are in the air and they are good at removing particulate matter from car exhaust, brake pads dust, trees also decreases the incidents of asthma and other respiratory problems and trees can also ameliorate the effect of flooding, trees decrease energy usage from the shade

and healthy canopy of trees all over Houston would help the environment by increasing oxygen and with trees shading people while they are walking help increase good health and trees are important in ways that they are still discovering. Council Members Davis, Cohen and Boykins absent.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Wilson.

Ms. Ann May, 11846 Castle Ridge Dr., 77048, (713)502-7528 appeared and stated that she lives in District G near Buffalo Bayou for 27 years and they moved there because of the wooded trail however her home did flood for the first time during Hurricane Harvey and she is here today as part of the Interfaith Environmental Network Association of Houston because all faiths care about creation and she wanted to thank the Council for making changes to ordinances to better protect Houstonians but her concern is that storm water improvements are made in a way that does not degrade the resiliency of the Earth itself and she is requesting that they protect the green space and use green infrastructure when planning upgrades for the flood management system and preparing unusually weather events in the future, they need to improve storm water infrastructure but the citizens want a river of green, not a sea of concrete. Council Members Davis, Cohen and Boykins absent.

Mr. Matthew Battles, 5611 Elm Springs Dr., 77048, (713)226-9387 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Cohen and Boykins absent.

Mr. Martyron Miller, 4226 Tavenor, 77047, no phone, appeared and stated that he is a former worker for Yellow Cab and before he became a Yellow Cab driver he work with Up Stage and he assisted Mayor Turner on the Blue Tarp Program in September and the reason he is present today is due to his son and passed a picture around for Council to see and the issues that he is having, he have reported the neglect of his child previous times to CPS and CPS has done nothing about it, he reported the neglect to the doctor and nothing was done about it, his son has Water Epilepsy seizures and he had knowledge that the mother of his child has not been giving him his medicine in a year and his seizures have increased and when he took his son to the doctor they found out his levels were low due to the mothers neglect and they had to pump the medicine back into him to get his levels right and while he was at the hospital he bathed his son, he did not have any seizures because the doctors did their job and during this time he had CPS Workers that came to visit, neurology team and others, the family came up disappointed and kind of jumped him at the hospital in which that caused another big problem because now the CPS was about to turn over rights to him and because of the incident his son was taken away from both of them and today is his son's birthday and he is 4 today and he has been trying to everything to take care of his son and be a good father. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Martin and Travis absent.

Mayor Turner asked Mr. Miller where is his son and Mr. Miller advised them that he does not know and been calling CPS and Mayor Turner advised him to continue to work though with CPS and other families members and to also request to speak with a CPS Supervisors.

Ms. Dorothy Wolfe, 7703 Meadowglen Ln., 77063, (802)272-2328 appeared and stated that she is from District F and she is wearing many hats today as a person of faith, a business person, developing community solar, a volunteer in trying to make more solar roof tops throughout Houston with a program call Solarize Houston and a volunteer lobbying to drawdown Carbon pollution to make the City of Houston cleaner, so how they can help even though the City has been a leader near renewable energy with its own municipal operations and how much it is the purchase green energy outside of Houston and renewable energy is not only valuable now it is the future and in order to keep the City the energy capital they need to embrace job creation in

renewable infrastructure and would be a better quality of life for its citizens and she has specific recommendations that the Council can help with, one is to work with utility to create incentive for rooftop solar energy, to work with the Fire Department to revise the fire codes to eliminate requirements to keep solar panels 3 feet from all roof edges and to work with the Public Works Permitting Center to create a scheduling tool that shows reasonable windows of time for when an Inspector to come inspect and she wanted to end it with this note they were able to put solar on their roof this past year and it is now powering their 2 electric vehicles. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Travis and Kubosh absent.

Ms. Gladys Thomas, 12500 Dunlap, 77035, (346)244-1843 appeared and stated that she is here today with concerns of her car, her son was driving it at the time and it was night time, he was stopped and she is not sure for the reason he was stopped but the thing is that when he was stopped he was taken to jail, he did not do anything but he did have a warrant, the Officer that called her to tell her that her son is going to jail but at the same time the Officer could have also told her to come pick her car up, so her car was taken to a storage lot and in her opinion that some of these storages lot look like they want to steal peoples cars, she found out where it was at and it was too much money to get her car out and she was told to call Monday to see if they can make payment arrangements and then when she did call Monday, no one answered the phone and they went looking for the place and could not find it. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Travis and Kubosh absent.

Mayor Turner asked Ms. Thomas if she got her car back which she advised him, she did not and Mayor requested that the Mayor's Citizens Assistant Office look into it and see what are her options and the status.

Mr. David Smolensky, 8110 Wateka Dr., 77074, (832)282-9262 appeared and stated that the City is being Fleeced to a point, Mayor you hired a new Police Chief, you know what is going on in this City, you know that we are short with Officers and at the JCC he tried to tell people that the City is 600 Officers short, he knows that the Mayor knows that they are 4,000 Police Officers short, he had lived here his whole life and they are 5300 Officers for 630 miles, math just does not work, he looked at many different things that can be done, number one, Officers writing tickets, he do not see them writing tickets because there are not enough Officers to write tickets, look at how many chases that we have had in this City just in the past couple of months and now they have kids being shot and killed, what is everyone doing, the Cadet Classes are just a band aid on the wound, he needs to hire other agencies, he needs to come up with the money, he needs to make this City safe because it is not safe and he already bought another house out of the City because he is moving because of the crime, he does not think that they are doing enough. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Travis and Kubosh absent.

Mayor Turner stated to Mr. Smolensky that he appreciates his comments and he had been here for 63 years and this City is safer than its been, the murder rate has been down for the last 3 years but we do need more Police Officers and he asked him on how to pay for more Police Officers.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Smolensky.

Mr. Robert Gamble, 5022 Kelso, 77021, (713)737-5326 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Travis and Kubosh absent.

Ms. Michelle Harden, 2600 S. Loop West, 77054, (281)330-9985 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Travis and Kubosh absent.

Ms. Mary Schultz, 11 Peddie St., 77009, (281)226-2617 appeared and stated that the topic is back on the environment with more of a focus on Hurricane Harvey and a few things that they can do to try to prevent that same kind of disaster if we should have another flood and she is also with the Interfaith Environmental Network and Texas Campaign for the Environment, she lives in the Historical Houston Heights and her home suffered no damages from Hurricane Harvey, however she spent many days helping a good friend get the muck out her home on the White Oak Bayou and the Inwood Forest twice in 18 months and she watched the interiors from the houses put on the side of the sidewalk she wondered what actually happened to them, so she did a little research about how Houston was managing it and she learned after pick up, the trash and debris was dumped at 21 local landfills which Officials said that it had plenty of room but because of the unexpected and unplanned magnitude of the Harvey destruction, hundreds of tons of debris could have been properly salvaged and recycled and she wanted to recommend that might be done, should be done or beginning to be done to reduce the damages in the future, one of them is to educate the public, to have a public education campaign on recycling to explain the importance of separation of debris after a disaster. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis and Kubosh absent.

Mr. Jim Tucker, 507 Welch, 77006, (301)807-9255 appeared and stated that he is speaking on Solid Waste Management Planning particularly after large events like Harvey, this extraordinary event roughly quadrupled the debris sent to the landfills compared to recent non-storm years, they should announce program to segregate the various types of into carpet and padding to construction material demolished, what is wall board or landscaping waste, this was called the 5 pile of strategy and unfortunately awareness of this strategy came after many folks had necessarily begun removing spoiled household materials and he suggest that they do a little planning now so that everyone serviced by the City Solid Waste services has in mind the optimal debris piling approach and segregation into certain piles will allow disposal of real trash and residents need to be assured that the City would move heaven and earth to have the regular weekly pickup as usual so that these wastes are not included in the five piles and if they need to suspend the green bin recyclable for a time and there be drop off locations and from his experience that works really well and he suggest that the City mail the message on refrigerator magnets to households served by Solid Waste and these magnets would be a reminder of how the system works and how to remove the debris as quickly as possible. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis and Kubosh absent.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Tucker.

Mr. Kevin Douglass, 10907 Rampart St., 77096, (713)927-6997 appeared and stated that he with the Interfaith Environment Network to speak on environmental issues and specifically electric vehicles, he is a Member of the Houston Electric Auto Association, he is here to encourage each and everyone of them to continue to think how electric vehicles could be part of this City and part of their own lives and in support actions by this Council to encourage the employment of the usage of electric vehicles and on a personal note he had the opportunity to take Council Member Green for a ride in one of their electric vehicles and left him with what they call is an electrical grin, electric vehicles are here and part of the future and with destruction of the City Fleets it is in their hopes that the City would be purchasing new electric vehicles to replace those that were lost and they encourage this City Council to give direction to the City Fleet Management to continue to update the City Fleet Program so that it is up to date with the latest information about electric

vehicles and to continue to modernize the fleet so it can be economical greener. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Le and Travis absent.

Mr. Richard Franco, 5105 Airline Dr., 77022, (346)719-2206 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Le and Travis absent.

Mr. R.J. Bobby Taylor, Post Office Box 202021, 77220, (832)870-7673 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Le and Travis absent.

Mr. Marion Scott, 1500 Louisiana, 77002, (713)987-3324 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Le and Travis absent.

Mr. Elias Sanchez-Perez, 1922 Market St., 77048, (832)618-3472 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Le and Travis absent.

Mr. Jesse Rodriguez, 7546 Magnolia St., 77023, (832)289-8311 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Le and Travis absent.

Mr. Javier Perez, 333 S. Jensen Dr., 77003, (713)628-2454 appeared and presented information and stated that he is the Executive Director of Talento Bilingue De Houston and he is here to give couple of updates and the most notably, the Tejano History Month which they initiated last month and he wanted to give a little update on it, it has been taking off and other Cities around the State have contacted him about doing this about keeping it going, Tejano history is U.S. history, they are going to be approaching a State Designation of Acknowledgement from the State of Texas at the next Legislative Session and he wanted to thank the Mayor and the Council Members for helping them initiate it this year and the second thing he wanted to update them on is the TBH Folk Program, it is amazing, they had State Championship last weekend and the Championship was held in San Antonio and when they go to San Antonio they have this swagger that they can just show up and that they are going to get first place, while he is here to tell them that they took 12 out of 14 first places. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Le and Travis absent.

Mr. Steven Williams, no address, no phone, had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Le and Travis absent.

Mr. Frederick Metoyer, 2574 Marilee Ln., 77057, (713)256-0757 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Le and Travis absent.

Ms. Melina Bellomo, 5202 Cornish, 77077, (832)439-3687 appeared and presented information and stated that she is present representing the residents of Cottage Grove who are protesting the renewal of liquor license that is Down the Street, she is representing a 15 month old child, who nursery faces the bar and does not get enough sleep to be a happy and healthy child, she is representing the 70 year old woman who is suffering from a chronic illness that whose bedroom is zero feet from the bar and she is here representing all families in Cottage Grove and recently these residents self represented in the Court defeating a new license for the same owner with Council Member Cohen support and that is what we are asking for that same support again and to please give a letter of support in their endeavor to block the renewal of the liquor license and

to be noted that the owner of the bar residing in the City of Bellaire. Mayor Turner, Council Members Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Le and Travis absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding. Mayor Turner, Council Members Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Le and Travis absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Bellomo.

Mr. James Partsch-Galvan, 2705 Terry, 77009, (832)269-0807 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Le and Travis absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding.

Mr. Bijan Merrikkh, 7832 Stanlock, 77012, (281)838-2602 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Le and Travis absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding.

The City Secretary advised that there was a couple of people that stated they called in but were not on the List of Speakers and she would call them next.

Ms. Lisa Kelly, no address, no phone, appeared and stated that she is also with the Interfaith Environment Network of Houston and she is actually one of the Founders of this Organization and it was formed around the understanding of all faith groups that believe it is a priority for them to care for the environment and she is here to congratulate the Council on the launch of PASE, Property Assessed Clean Energy Financing for Houston, she is so pleased with this and she does have a suggestion, to consider expanding PACE to residential people. Mayor Turner, Council Members Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis and Knox absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding.

Ms. Jean Gilruth, no address, no phone, appeared and stated that she was also a Member of the Interfaith Environment Network of Houston and her faith appreciates and preserves nature web of life which they are all a part of, she lives near Buffalo Bayou and they been enjoying Buffalo Bayou and many other ones as well and recently with Harvey, this was a big change and transformation because there were a lot of flooding in their area, a lot of homes that were destroyed and they are really concerned now because they appreciate the Bayous, they want a good future for this City and for this area, they feel that there is a window of action that exists to do something significant to have regional flood management with the City and County together. Mayor Turner, Council Members Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis and Knox absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding.

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. Mayor Turner, Council Members Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis and Knox absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding.

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

At 4:13 p.m. The City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 18, 2018, Mayor Turner, Council Members Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis and Knox absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding.

At 8:33 a.m. Ms. Anna Russell, City Secretary, read the description or captions of the Items on the Agenda.



The Houston City Council reconvened at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 18, 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, Mike Knox, David Robinson, Michael Kubosh, Amanda Edwards and Jack Christie D.C.; Ronald Lewis, City Attorney, Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director and Stella Ortega, Agenda Office present.

At 9:13 a.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting to order and stated he would move to the Mayor's Report. Council Members Davis, Le, Travis, Gallegos, Laster and Kubosh absent.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Turner stated he wanted to make couple of comments about Barbara Bush the matriarch of her family and also like the matriarch to Houston and also to the State of Texas itself, the world knew Barbara Bush as a wonderful role model that she was but they also knew her as someone who gave much more to Houston than she received and City Hall will be bathed in light blue lights that will be starting tonight, the flags are flying at half-mast in her memory that the blue matches her eyes and the color that she often wore and then tomorrow they will hold a public celebration of her life at City Hall starting at 6:00 p.m. and everyone is invited to come, there will be a public viewing of Mrs. Bush from noon to midnight on Friday and members of the public can to go to Second Baptist Church on Woodway then be shuttled to Saint Martin's Church on Sage and the funeral will be Saturday in Houston and that will be by invitation only.

Mayor Turner further stated that this afternoon, he is speaking at a luncheon honoring those who gave \$108.8 million dollars to the Hurricane Harvey fund and reviewed an update on the Hurricane Harvey recovery plan and before Hurricane Harvey it was their plan procurement plan to have 4 new pumpers delivered to the Fire Department and this is part of their commitment to make sure first responders have quality equipment when the funds became available to replace the old equipment and the pumpers are on display today on Bagby Street and he hopes that Council Member would take the time take a look at these new vehicles.

Mayor Turner further stated that Houston has a new championship team, the National Wheel-Chair Basketball tournament was this weekend in Louisville Kentucky and the Men's Championship was won by the TIRR Memorial Hermann Hot Wheels and to give them a hand to congratulate them.

Mayor Turner requested that everyone pause for a moment of silence in memory of Barbara Bush, she will be missed but not forgotten.

Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Boykins for a point of personal privilege; Council Member Boykins stated that he had some special guest that were in the audience today, they have the National Panhellenic Council and Members of the African American Police Association and requested them to stand to be recognized.

Members of Council discussed the 4 new Pumpers and their personal experiences with Mrs. Barbara Bush.

At 9:29 a.m. Mayor Turner requested the City Secretary to call the Agenda.

### **CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 3 through 33**

**ACCEPT WORK** – NUMBER 3

3. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Houston Public Works for approval of final contract amount of \$1,552,331.42 and acceptance of work on contract with **GRAVA, LLC** for Work Order Contract for Small Diameter Water Lines - 13.76% under the total contract amount - **DISTRICTS A - STARDIG; B - DAVIS; C - COHEN; E - MARTIN; G - TRAVIS and K – VACANT**- was presented, moved by Council Member Laster and seconded by Council Member Cohen, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Boykins and Kubosh absent. **MOTION 2018-0192 ADOPTED**

**PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS** – NUMBER 6

6. **BOAT RIGHT MARINE, INC** for Three Boats, Motors and Trailers for the Houston Police Department - \$213,150.00 - Equipment Acquisition Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **MOTION 2018-0193 ADOPTED**

**ORDINANCES** - NUMBERS 15 through 33

15. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$5,000,000.00 out of General Fund and approving and authorizing second amendment to Lease and Services Agreement between the City of Houston, Texas, as Landlord, and **HOUSTON ZOO DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**, as Tenant, relating to the Houston Zoo located at Hermann Park - **DISTRICT D – BOYKINS**- The City Secretary advised that Item 15 has not been received and if received during the meeting, it would be considered at the end of the Agenda.
16. **ORDINANCE** establishing the north and south sides of the **1700-1800 blocks of Maryland 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 2018-0317 ADOPTED**
24. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$343,200.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund as an additional appropriation to Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **IDS ENGINEERS GROUP, INC** for Lift Station Renewal and Replacement Project (as approved by Ordinance No. 2014-0385); providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS F - LE and J – LASTER**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0318 ADOPTED**
25. **ORDINANCE** authorizing the transfer of \$5,052,646.32 from the NEWPP Expansion–Swift Fund into the PWE-NEWPP Construction Fund, appropriating \$5,052,646.32 from the PWE-NEWPP Construction Fund, and approving the expenditure of said sum from the PWE-

NEWPP Construction Fund for services associated with the Northeast Water Purification Plant ("NEWPP") Expansion Project; appropriating \$40,463,127.68 from the Water Authorities Capital Contrib-NEWPP Fund and approving the expenditure of said sum from the Water Authorities Capital Contrib-NEWPP Fund for the Northeast Water Purification Plant Expansion Project; approving and authorizing a sixth amendment to the Design-Build Agreement between the City of Houston and **HOUSTON WATERWORKS TEAM**, a joint venture between **CH2M HILL ENGINEERS, INC** and **CDM CONSTRUCTORS INC** (Approved by Ordinance No. 2015-1260) for the Project; amending Ordinance No. 2015-1260 to increase the maximum project amount- the City Secretary advised that Item 25 has not been received and if received during the meeting it will be considered at the end of the Agenda.

**26. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$1,969,354.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding contract to **REDZONE ROBOTICS INC** for Large Diameter Sanitary Sewer Inspection Using Robotic Technology; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund- the City Secretary advised that Item 26 has been pulled by the Administration and will not be considered.

**27. ORDINANCE No. 2018-0303, passed first reading April 11, 2018**

ORDINANCE granting to **CENTER SERVICES, INC, a Texas Corporation**, the right, privilege, and franchise to collect, haul, and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions; and making certain findings related thereto - **SECOND READING-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **PASSED SECOND READING IN FULL**

**28. ORDINANCE No. 2018-0304, passed first reading April 11, 2018**

ORDINANCE granting to **FLEETWASH, INC, a New Jersey Corporation**, the right, privilege, and franchise to collect, haul, and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions; and making certain findings related thereto - **SECOND READING-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **PASSED SECOND READING IN FULL**

**29. ORDINANCE No. 2018-0305, passed first reading April 11, 2018**

ORDINANCE granting to **SAM WASH, LLC, a Georgia 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; and making certain findings related thereto - **SECOND READING-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **PASSED SECOND READING IN FULL**

**30. ORDINANCE No. 2018-0306, passed first reading April 11, 2018**

ORDINANCE granting to **WILLIAM HINOJOSA dba H2O POWERWASH, a Texas Sole Proprietorship**, the right, privilege, and franchise to collect, haul, and transport solid waste

and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions; and making certain findings related thereto - **SECOND READING**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **PASSED SECOND READING IN FULL**

**31. ORDINANCE No. 2018-0265, passed second reading April 11, 2018**

ORDINANCE granting to **GTE SOLUTIONS, INC, dba GREEN TEAM SERVICES, a Texas Corporation**, the right, privilege, and franchise to collect, haul, and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions, and making certain findings related thereto - **THIRD AND FINAL READING**

**32. ORDINANCE No. 2018-0266, passed second reading April 11, 2018**

ORDINANCE granting to **KRAMERCO, 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, and making certain findings related thereto - **THIRD AND FINAL READING**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ADOPTED THIRD AND FINAL READING IN FULL**

**33. ORDINANCE No. 2018-0267, passed second reading April 11, 2018**

ORDINANCE granting to **STripES & STOPS 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, and making certain findings related thereto - **THIRD AND FINAL READING**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ADOPTED THIRD AND FINAL READING IN FULL**

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- 1. RECOMMENDATION** from Director Houston Public Works for approval of final contract amount of \$9,106,698.06 and acceptance of work on contract with **OSCAR RENDA CONTRACTING, INC** for Northside Sewer Relief Runnel Rehabilitation Area No. 5 - 7.78% under the original contract amount and under 5% contingency amount - **DISTRICTS B - DAVIS and H – CISNEROS**- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis and tagged by Council Member Edwards.
- 2. RECOMMENDATION** from Director Houston Public Works for approval of final contract amount of \$2,350,800.83 and acceptance of work on contract with **DCE CONSTRUCTION, INC** for Water Line Replacement in Sharpstown Country Club Estates Area - 4.84% under the original contract amount and under 5% contingency amount - **DISTRICT J – LASTER**- was

presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2018-0194 ADOPTED**

4. **DON MCGILL OF WEST HOUSTON, LTD** for Toyota OEM Replacement Parts and Repair Services for the Fleet Management Department - 3 Years with two one-year options \$1,440,773.42 - Fleet Management Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis and tagged by Council Member Edwards.
5. **AGGREKO, LLC** for approval of payment in the amount of \$22,150.00 for Temporary Cooling Systems for General Services Department - Maintenance Renewal and Replacement Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2018-0195 ADOPTED**
7. **RESOLUTION** of the City Council adopting the Fiscal Year 2019 (July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019) Budget Schedule for the City budgets- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **RESOLUTION 2018-0021 ADOPTED**
8. **RESOLUTION** authorizing submission of a loan application to the Texas Water Development Board's State Water Implementation Fund Program- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **RESOLUTION 2018-0022 ADOPTED**
9. **ORDINANCE** finding and determining that public convenience and necessity no longer require the continued use of a 10-foot-wide utility easement and a 10-foot-wide prescriptive sanitary sewer easement, both located within Block 48, of the Houston Heights Addition, situated in the John Austin Survey, Abstract No. 1, Houston, Harris County, Texas; abandoning the easements to 2ML Real Estate Interests, Inc, f/k/a The Grocers Supply Co., Inc, abutting owner, in consideration of its payment to the City of \$300.00 and conveyance to the City of a 10-foot-wide sanitary sewer easement, located within Block 48 of Houston Heights Addition, situated in the John Austin Survey, Abstract No. 1, and other consideration - **DISTRICT C – COHEN**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0319 ADOPTED**
10. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Amendment No. 2 to the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Houston and **THE TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE (“GLO”)** to allow the GLO to advance \$5,000,000.00 in FEMA Funds previously approved for use by the City on December 13, 2017, pursuant to Ordinance No. 2017-961, to cover Permanent Housing Construction Program management costs related to Hurricane Harvey- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0320 ADOPTED**
11. **ORDINANCE** amending City of Houston Ordinance Nos. 2013-353 passed April 24, 2013, as amended; 2015-338 passed April 15, 2015, as amended; 2016-340 passed April 27, 2016, as amended; and 2017-516 passed July 19, 2017, which authorized the submission of the 2013, 2015, 2016 and 2017 Annual Action Plans to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, including the applications and budgets for the Community Development Block Grant Program, among others- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0321 ADOPTED**

12. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing second amendment to contract between the City of Houston and **THE MONTROSE CENTER**, to extend the term of the contract and add up to \$1,198,000.00 in Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDs ("HOPWA") Funds for the continuing administration and operation of a HOPWA Project which provides (1) Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA); (2) Short-Term Rent, Mortgage, and Utilities Assistance; and Supportive Services for persons living with HIV/AIDs - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0322 ADOPTED**
  
13. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing second amendment to contract between the City of Houston and **ACCESS CARE OF COASTAL TEXAS, INC**, to extend the term of the contract and add up to \$629,500.00 in Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS ("HOPWA") Funds for the continuing administration and operation of a HOPWA Project which provides (1) Tenant-Based Rental Assistance; (2) Short-Term Rent, Mortgage, and Utilities Assistance; and (3) Supportive Services for persons living with HIV/AIDs- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0323 ADOPTED**
  
14. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$1,445,775.00 out of Parks and Recreation Dedication Fund; approving Purchase and Sale Agreement between **METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS, Seller**, and City of Houston, Texas, Purchaser, for acquisition of approximately 0.8819 acres of land located at 6000 North Main Street, Houston, Harris County, Texas [WBS No. F-000513-0033-2] for use by the Houston Parks and Recreation Department **DISTRICT H – CISNEROS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0324 ADOPTED**
  
17. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Compromise and Settlement Agreement between the City of Houston and **MICHELE HEDDERMAN**; to settle a lawsuit - \$220,000.00 - Property and Casualty Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0325 ADOPTED**
  
18. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing first amendment to agreement between the City of Houston and **HR GREEN, INC** (Approved by Ordinance No. 2013-0392) for Application Hosting Services and Maintenance for the Administration and Regulatory Affairs Department- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0326 ADOPTED**
  
19. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **GILBREATH COMMUNICATIONS, INC for Social Marketing Services for the Houston Health Department**; providing a maximum contract amount - \$1,500,000.00 - Grant Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0327 ADOPTED**
  
20. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Sole Source Agreement between the City of Houston and **AWC, INC** for purchase of Siemens related Process Control, Data Acquisition Equipment, Replacement Parts, Professional Services, Training and Technical Services for Houston Public Works; providing a maximum contract amount - 5 Years - \$3,500,000.00 - Enterprise Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0328 ADOPTED**
  
21. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$333,170.00 out of Contributed Capital Project Fund and \$1,058,000.00 out of Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund; approving and authorizing

contract between the City of Houston and **AMCS GROUP, INC**, for an Automated Vehicle Tracking, Routing and Performance Management System for the Solid Waste Management Department; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options \$4,327,170.00 - General and Other Funds- was presented and tagged by Council Members Stardig and Laster.

- 22. ORDINANCE** consenting to the addition of 22.461 acres of lan- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0329 ADOPTED**
- 23. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$489,105.38 out of Metro Projects Construction DDSRF for the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Houston and **HARRIS COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT** for the Brays Bayou Flood Damage Reduction Plan for Replacement of the Greenbriar Drive Bridge (Approved by Ordinance No. 2003-1282); providing funding for contingencies and CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Metro Projects Construction DDSRF - **DISTRICT K – VACANT-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0330 ADOPTED**

**MATTERS HELD** - NUMBERS 34 through 36

- 34. ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing second amendment to contract between the City of Houston and **COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS OF HOUSTON/HARRIS COUNTY**, providing up to \$80,000.00 in Emergency Solutions Grant Funds for the continuing operation and maintenance of the Homeless Management Information System  
**TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER EDWARDS**  
This was Item 12 on Agenda of April 11, 2018- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **ORDINANCE 2018-0331 ADOPTED**
- 35. ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Professional Services Contract between the City of Houston and **BQR ADVERTISING AND PUBLIC RELATIONS, INC d/b/a BISHOP QUINTANA ROY ADVERTISING & PUBLIC RELATIONS** for On-Demand Marketing Services for the Houston Airport System; providing a maximum contract amount - 5 Years with one two-year renewal option - \$3,486,000.00 - Enterprise Fund - **DISTRICTS B - DAVIS; E - MARTIN and I - GALLEGOS** - **TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER EDWARDS**  
This was Item 25 on Agenda of April 11, 2018- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **ORDINANCE 2018-0332 ADOPTED**
- 36. ORDINANCE** awarding contract to **RANGER SPECIALIZED GLASS, INC** for Glass Replacement and Repair Services for Various Departments; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$1,568,515.15 - General, Enterprise and Other Funds  
**TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER EDWARDS**  
This was Item 26 on Agenda of April 11, 2018 -was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0333 ADOPTED**

The City Secretary advised that Items 15 and 25 previously listed as not in, had been received.

**15. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$5,000,000.00 out of General Fund and approving and authorizing second amendment to Lease and Services Agreement between the City of Houston, Texas, as Landlord, and **HOUSTON ZOO DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**, as Tenant, relating to the Houston Zoo located at Hermann Park - **DISTRICT D – BOYKINS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0334 ADOPTED**

**25. ORDINANCE** authorizing the transfer of \$5,052,646.32 from the NEWPP Expansion– Swift Fund into the PWE-NEWPP Construction Fund, appropriating \$5,052,646.32 from the PWE-NEWPP Construction Fund, and approving the expenditure of said sum from the PWE-NEWPP Construction Fund for services associated with the Northeast Water Purification Plant (“NEWPP”) Expansion Project; appropriating \$40,463,127.68 from the Water Authorities Capital Contrib-NEWPP Fund and approving the expenditure of said sum from the Water Authorities Capital Contrib-NEWPP Fund for the Northeast Water Purification Plant Expansion Project; approving and authorizing a sixth amendment to the Design-Build Agreement between the City of Houston and **HOUSTON WATERWORKS TEAM**, a joint venture between **CH2M HILL ENGINEERS, INC** and **CDM CONSTRUCTORS INC** (Approved by Ordinance No. 2015-1260) for the Project; amending Ordinance No. 2015-1260 to increase the maximum project amount- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0335 ADOPTED**

#### **MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Members of Council announced events and discussed matters of interest.

There being no further business before Council; the City Council adjourned at 10:48 a.m. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Le, Travis, Laster, Knox and Kubosh absent.

Mayor Turner wanted to remind everyone that tomorrow night is the celebration of life the Barbara Bush on the steps at City Hall at 6:00 p.m. and everyone is welcome to wear light blue which was one of her favorite colors and starting tonight the City will be bathed in light blue.

#### **DETAILED INFORMATION ON FILE ON THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY**

#### **MINUTES READ AND APPROVED**

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Anna Russell, City Secretary



