City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, September 18, 2018

A regular meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday September 11, 2018; Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding with Council Members Jerry Davis, Dwight Boykins, Steve Le, Greg Travis, Robert Gallegos, Mike Laster, Martha Castex-Tatum, 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. Mayor Sylvester Turner out of the City on City Business. Council Member Brenda Stardig absent on City Business. Council Members Dave Martin absent due to being ill. Council Members Karla Cisneros out of the City on City Business. Council Member Mike Knox absent on personal business.

At 1:39 p.m. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis called the meeting to order and stated they would start with the presentations. Council Members Boykins, Le, Travis, Gallegos, Laster, Castex-Tatum, Robinson, Kubosh and Edwards absent. NO QUORUM

Mayor Pro Tem Cohen stated that it was her pleasure to present two Proclamations today in honor of the Mayor’s Hispanic Heritage Education Community Award.

Mayor Pro Tem Cohen stated that Rebeca Treviño is the recipient of the 2018 Mayor’s Hispanic Heritage Education in the Community Award and she has dedicated her life to persevering and making contributions for the betterment of the Latino community and born in Mexico and raised in Brownsville, Texas, Rebeca Treviño, attained her degree from the University of Texas at Brownsville and later worked for her alma mater for 10 years and in 1995, she worked for the University of Houston’s (UH) Center for Mexican-American Studies, and soon realized the need to educate and instill in youth a sense of awareness for Hispanic culture and the value of a quality education and in 1999, Rebeca Treviño became Program Coordinator for the SABE Program at Austin High School, an outreach program that encourages students to continue with their high school education and recruits them to the University of Houston. Presently, as the Program Manager of the Academic Achievers Program since 2001, she is committed to retaining and propelling more Hispanic students to become University of Houston graduates and in her role, she provides support services such as mentoring, academic tutoring, leadership skills and scholarships to first generation students and as a certified university studies division academic advisor, Rebeca Treviño’s has served as UH Staff Council representative, advisor for Kappa Delta Chi Sorority, Delta Gamma Sorority, and currently staff advisor for Sigma Lambda Beta since 2012, as an education advocate, she has actively worked with the Coalition for Higher Education to help immigrant students obtain a higher education in Texas, she has served as council member of the Junior Achievement Hispanic Advisory Board, member of the Latin Women’s Initiative since 2003, UNIVISION “Nuestra Vida” Advisory Council member and has served as regional judge for the HEB Excellence in Education Awards. Rebeca Treviño has truly left a lasting impression on the many students and youth she has encountered over the years, and many of them yet recall her impactful, meaningful and nurturing care and concern for their future and the City of Houston commends Rebeca Treviño for her outstanding commitment to education in the community and extends best wishes for continued success in all of her future endeavors and therefore, Mayor Pro Tem Cohen on behalf of Mayor Turner hereby honored Rebeca Treviño with the Mayor’s Hispanic Heritage Education in the Community Award for the City of Houston and proclaim September 18, 2018, as Rebeca Treviño Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Boykins, Le, Travis, Laster, Robinson, Kubosh and Edwards absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Cohen stated that Mario Enrique “Gonzo” Figueroa Jr. is the recipient of the 2018 Mayor’s Hispanic Heritage Art in the Community Award. His passion for art advocacy locally and beyond has promoted the arts in the Latino community, sharing the beauty of Latino culture and serving as an
artistic voice for the cultivation of Latin American art. A proud native of Houston’s East End, Mario Figueroa Jr.’s love for visual arts was inspired by Leopoldo Tanguma’s well-known mural The Rebirth of Our Nationality, and cultivated his dream to become the well-known, aerosol artist he is today and a self-taught and knowledgeable artist, Mario Figueroa Jr. began creating masterpieces in 1985 under the name GONZO247. Since then, he has greatly impacted Houston’s vibrant art scene, having opened the Aerosol Warfare Gallery, founded the Graffiti & Street Art Museum of Texas and established the Houston Wall of Fame, the city’s first largest art production of its kind. An artistic creator on a local, national and international level, he has participated in over 50 exhibitions and art projects worked with major brand campaigns and commercial branding projects, as well as with local organizations such as TEDxYouth Houston, Avenue CDC–Art on the Avenue, The Orange Show Center for Visual Arts and Project Row Houses, among others. His most notable commissioned public artistry includes the large mural in the Houston Public Library’s underground parking garage and the Houston is Inspired mural across from Market Square Park, an early-on pioneer in the graffiti and street art genres in Houston, Mario Figueroa, Jr. was recently selected to restore the massive The Rebirth of Our Nationality mural in the Second Ward, through this restoration, the mural will continue to serve as a symbolic story of Mexican-American struggles, triumphs and heritage and the City of Houston commends Mario Enrique “Gonzo” Figueroa Jr. for his outstanding contributions in preserving Latin American culture and history through the unique visual artistry of graffiti, which truly captures his unwavering commitment to the Latin community locally and beyond and therefore, Mayor Pro Tem Cohen on behalf of Mayor Turner hereby honor Mario Enrique “Gonzo” Figueroa Jr. with the Mayor’s Hispanic Heritage Art in Community Award for the City of Houston and proclaimed September 18, 2018, as Mario Enrique “Gonzo” Figueroa, Jr. Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Le, Travis and Edwards absent.

Council Member Christie stated that Normal To Be Fit is a mantra that was created to shift the mindset of today’s society where obesity, diabetes and heart disease are at their highest health risk and on September 23, 2018, Normal To Be Fit will host its Normal To Be Fit – Movement, it is a day of celebration and service to the community to make available all possible knowledge and expertise from fitness and nutrition professionals to share the education and application so that everyone can learn and enjoy a better quality of life and the founders of this event are Tina Chandler and Carl Ducena. Tina is a 4X-Ms Olympia Bodybuilding competitor, elite trainer, coach and mentor who has spent her lifetime helping others gain control of their bodies and lives through health and fitness and Carl is an actor, producer and a motivational speaker who is also passionate and very proactive in helping to improve the quality of lives in this world through this message, together they motivate, train and empower people from all walks of life including amateur athletes as well as those living with disabilities and their message is a reminder that doctors and therapists help treat health conditions, but it is up to each individual to take care of their own health and the City of Houston commends and appreciates the founders and participants of Normal To Be Fit and extends best wishes on their continuous success and therefore, Mayor Pro Tem Cohen on behalf of Mayor Turner hereby proclaimed September 23, 2018, as Normal To Be Fit Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Le and Laster absent.

Council Member Gallegos stated that the Latino population is well over 40 percent of Houston and the contributions of Chicanas, Chicanos, Hispanics, Latinos and the Latinx community have been a fundamental part in the growth and prosperity of Texas. The contributions of Mexican Americans and Latinos have not just been in the form of labor but also consists of a legacy of art in its many forms including literature, theatre, painting, dance, music in English, Spanish and Spanglish and this year, there have been great strides in acknowledging the Art, History, and Culture of Latinos through such things as unveiling the updated mural The Rebirth of Our Nationality, by Chicano Artist Leo Tenguma. The Houston Independence School District has also voted to recognize Cesar Chavez Day and Dolores Huerta Day, while the Texas State Board of Education voted unanimously to support Mexican American
Studies statewide, Houston is home to some major pillars of art in our communities such as Multicultural Education and Counseling Through the Arts, Arte Público Press, Talento Bilingue de Houston and Nuestra Palabra: Latino Writers Having Their Say which have withstood the test of time serving Houston selflessly for over 20 years and on September 14, 2018, Houston will honor all respective organizations and public sectors for continuing to spread awareness on the legacy of art from the Latino community. The City of Houston commends all participants for their tireless work as their awareness enriches its communities by the presence of its citizens of Latino heritage and therefore, Mayor Pro Tem Cohen on behalf of Mayor Turner hereby proclaimed September 14, 2018, as Latino Art Day in Houston, Texas.

At 2:12 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen recognized Council Member Boykins for the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Roll was Called. Mayor Sylvester Turner out of the City on City Business. Council Member Brenda Stardig absent on City Business. Council Members Dave Martin absent due to being ill. Council Members Karla Cisneros out of the City on City Business. Council Member Mike Knox absent on personal business.

Council Member Davis moved to Adopt the Minutes of May 30, 2018 and delay the balance and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. MOTION ADOPTED

Mayor Pro Tem Cohen recognized Council Member Kubosh for a procedural motion; Council Member Kubosh moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of adding Ruby Reynolds to the List of Speakers and seconded by Council Member Le, all voting aye, nays none. MOTION 2018-0461 ADOPTED

At 2:18 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen requested the City Secretary to call the List of Speakers.

Cynthia Allen, 1106 Tiny Tee, Missouri City, Texas, 77489, (713)204-9554 appeared and presented information and stated that she is here on diversity, Superstar Spirit Day and Normal To Be Fit Health and Wellness Resource Fair, they are going to be at Butler Stadium on October 3rd from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the address is 13755 Main Street and their goal is to education and celebrate diversity, inclusion and equality and to celebrate with Texas National Diversity Council in the school districts and each year, the team that have the most spirit will be awarded the 2018 Inclusion Superstar Spirit Day Trophy,, they will have a lot of activities going on that particular day and one of the highlights of the day is the 100 Yard Dash Challenge and some of the teams are the Wheatley High School, the Houston Police Department, Houston Fire Department, Harris County Sheriff Department and if anyone wants to sign up, they can go to www.diversityspiritday.org .

Vertia Utley, 14351 Ella Blvd., 77014, (832)945-0182 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called.

Tanya Moore, 5002 Ricky St., 77033, (832)966-6431 appeared and stated that she is here to represent those individuals that are not afraid to stand, those who could not be here today, they are looking the other way and she is here to represent the Sunnyside area, she is one of the Associate Ministers at the Rock Christian Center and Byron Jones is her Pastor, the first issue that she would like to stated are the drugs and alcohol that are in the Sunny side community, the second issue would be the shootings are going on in Sunnyside, that Wesley Square one of apartment complex that are happening and at the Crestmont Village, Royal Palms Apartment and on May the 14th her Pastor was gunned down in front of his restaurant and thank God he is back preaching and those are just some of the issues that they are dealing with in Sunnyside, another issues that they are dealing with is that patients are getting released from medical facilities and dropped off in the Sunnyside area, they even have on their hospital gowns
when they are dropped off they are not cognizant and they do not know where they are, another issue that they are dealing with is panhandling or sleeping at the bus stops.

Council Member Boykins allowed her to finish her statement because everything that she is stating is right and he stated to Ms. Moore what they are doing because he is working with Chief Finner and he learned that they have a lot of issues with the gangs around the Scott Street Corridor area and they are trying to come up with programs and her issue with the panhandling, they City of Houston has an Ordinance right now in place that the Federal Judge stopped which it is a lawsuit that is going on right now.

Mary Garza, 6318 Underhill, 77092, (281)802-4083 appeared and stated to please reference to case number 13332-17, she has 3 children who are all grown and responsible adults and she told her kids that they have to work to get where you are going and her son was on his way to work when he was hit and killed on Tanner Road because he was walking on a road that did not have a sidewalk and it was dark and this person that did that to him, did not stop, he left him there like a piece of trash, she received an e-mail from Council Member Stardig’s Office about building a sidewalk and it was not possible due to the engineering which she does not understand that part but she understand that she does not want another mother, father, brother or sister to lose one because they are trying to make it to work and the last thing is that there is a Park there that is called Independence Park off of Tanner Road and there is no other way to get access to that Park and that something she wanted to bring up today.

Mayor Pro Tem Cohen expressed sympathy to Ms. Garza and thanked her for coming down to voice concern and to tell her story.

Robert Senlon, 5934 Belarbor St., 77033, (281)995-8673 appeared and presented information and stated that he received a notice of deficiencies from the Public Workers Code Enforcement in providing information on the back of an occupancy permit for unregulated residential facility required by Ordinance 2018-225 and expressed his personal opinion on the requirements for the need to report to 1002 Washington Ave.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Senlon.

Mayor Pro Tem Cohen stated to Mr. Senlon that Monica with Houston Public Works and she can address his concerns.

Merrill Anderson, 3011 Roe Dr., 77087, (832)398-1646 appeared and stated on behalf of the City of Houston and the employed personal, he desires audience with the Mayor and Council Members privately presenting and explaining an option or retirement plan which can reduce revenue of multiple billions of dollars to help defray numerous financial expenditures for the City of Houston and also accumulate continuous financial gain for each City employee through Human Resources which will be a structure organization platform and this specific request for a scheduled presentation is to provide time for and the use for a visual and audio aids in explaining details and the process for the City of Houston sponsorship and endorsement, this is a life changing opportunity for the City and its employees that have never been offered, Houston can be on the cutting edge and this plan invites the City of Houston to participate into a 1.4 trillion dollar industry and the only industry in the world of that volume of active wealth and he wants the City endorsement to promote the process for collecting revenue and a affordable estate for the employees, he can guarantee success and no risk and finally he proposes this process is a template for future growth for group organizations. Council Member Davis absent.
Mayor Pro Tem Cohen suggested to Mr. Anderson to give him, his to contact number for the Scheduling Office for the Mayor and see what they can do.

Isabel Segarra, no address, (202)745-5219 appeared and presented information and stated that she is an Environmental Attorney that is based in Washington D.C. and she represents clients in the Houston area and she is here to talk to them about Houston Ozone problem specifically about the rule proposed by the TCEQ which she did provide and unfortunately she only has one copy, the rules of the proposal and there will be a public hearing that will be held on October 8th at 2:00 p.m. in a building that requires that you have an ID to get in, later on they would be hearing from one of her clients because she will be speaking about a different environmental matter, the ozone in Houston is an ongoing problem, it not just from facilities, it also transportation sources and the EPA has become more protective ozone standards based on new scientific information and that started in 1979 and that is referred to one hour standard, 1997, 2008 and 2015, currently the Houston area compasses 8 Counties is a nanocontainment in the 2008 and 2015 standards and the rule that she is here to talk about which deals with the first 2 standards, the 1979 and 1997 standards for which the EPA redesignated the Houston area using illegal regulations, earlier this year D.C. Circuit Court vacated a substituted which is a water down version of the Clean Air Act statutory authority to redesignate an area from nonattainment to attainment for a revoked ozone standard and currently there is a pending court case to vacate the rules that the EPA promulgated under that illegal regulation and she wanted to make them aware of the rules. Council Member Davis absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Cohen requested for Ms. Segarra for where this meeting is at and Members of Council questioned her.

Calvin Beal, 715 West Rittenhouse Rd., 77091, (832)724-2112 appeared and stated that he was in a program with the City of Houston to rebuild his house and went through all the steps, all of the procedures and at the end, he was denied because his house is in a flood way but in 2001 when we had Allison, his house could not flood, in 2008, we had Ike, his house did not flood, in 2017 which was Harvey and which they can see all over the City and his house did not flood and the only water he got in his house was the roof which discarded and damaged during Ike, the Inspector came out, they said that his house would not take a roof, so they was going to rebuild his roof and they let him go all through this procedures and he did all the foot work to get this stuff done, Houston Housing and Development say that because his house is in flood way, they cannot build it, there are 2 homes in his neighborhood that received water, his house is built on piers and he does not see any reason why they cannot build and he has been fighting for this since 2014. Council Member Laster absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Cohen stated to Mr. Beal that he has been communicating and working with the City in the Home Repair Program and apparently his home is in the Flood Way and unable to receive repairs and that his has been in touch with HUD and the City has been in touch with HUD and to confirm that he is in the Flood Way and now he is requesting for some documents, they are trying to get those documents together and the City is researching other programs that maybe able to assist him and after being questioned by Members of Council, Mayor Pro Tem Cohen suggested for him to talk to Ms. Lawson and able to assist him as well.

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 Member Laster absent.

Bonnie Jackson, 11931 Fondren Meadow Dr., 77071, (713)408-1680 appeared and stated that she wanted to voice her concerns, thanks to the late Council Member Larry Green and the late Donald Perkins, they were able to achieve the milestone and her area become the first Braes Park Subdivision Civic Association since the inception of their community in 1997 in a long awaited challenge, initially
their Subdivision was surrounded by beautiful, clean and property manicured undeveloped land however, in the last 10 to 15 years the area has become an unsightly dumping ground for trash, place for feral animals and bug infestation and during cleanup they also discovered evidence of unlisted sexual activity and drug use near our families and this unsightliness, the property values and also the extreme embarrassment of the place that they call home, most of them are so ashamed to have their friends and families visit them and this should not be happening as tax payers in the heart of the City of Houston and when the District K team headed by Council Member Larry Green and Donald Perkins met with the homeowners in 2017 and they are deeply saddened that those who assisted them in their fight to return their community to a standard that they could be proud of or now missed, she thanked Mr. Rene Ruiz for contacting her yesterday and his follow up today for notifying the inspection and Public Service Department of their concerns and she was told that the Department will be in contact with her in the near future and he has provided her also with a contact and today they are requesting District K continued support and guidance to realize their dream of a clean, safer for a gated community with 46 homes and now the owners of this unsightly property has been identified, how do they proceed and they probably have to wait on the results of their inspection but after that she does not want their efforts to fail, secondly is the approved plan of City street lights from the previous Council can be address. Council Member Davis absent.

Council Member Castex-Tatum thanked Ms. Jackson for coming down and she has spoken with Barbara Hide from her Office and she is getting two different stories and she went back through Donald Perkins e-mails and she saw that he was trying to help them form a Civic Association and now that they do have a Civic Association and according to the information that she had in the Office and it said that her neighborhood was a private neighborhood, there was not trash pickup until Mayor Lee Brown asked the City to pick up the trash and because they are a private neighborhood they were not receiving City services and when she spoke to Rene, they did send the Department of Neighborhoods out with the area of the brush and everything and what she understand, the residents will be responsible for cleaning that property, they were supposed to go today and once they get the word back they went to visit those homeowners and they have given that information and I will ask her office to follow up to make sure that those residents maintain that property and if not then they will follow that procedure to have that property abated.

Synethia Hall, 1515 Sydnor, 77020, (832)886-7771 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Member Davis absent.

Patricia Alexander, 4711 Conward Dr., 77066, (713)885-4839 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Member Davis absent.

Mario Hicks, no address, (832)570-0499 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Member Davis absent.

Ingrid Robinson, 3 Riverway, Ste. 555, 77056, (713)271-7805 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Member Davis absent.

Ruby Reynolds, no address, no phone, appeared and stated that she is here on behalf of the Houston Minority Supplier Development Council and they are celebrating their 45th year in existence and they will have their expo this week on September 19th and 20th at the George R. Brown Convention Center and for those who do not know that the Houston Minority Supplier Development Council Trade Fair is the largest Trade Fair of its kind in the State of Texas and they are also 3rd in the Nation they have over 135 exhibitors which include major corporation, Government agencies, educational institute, middle market companies and resource organization and they have some very significant things this year in celebrating
their 45th year, they will have the Corporate Chair who is the first African American Deputy Director for the Johnson Space Center and they will have their very first Prime Supplier Corporate Chair from Raytheon and they will also doing a Business talk that is going to be hosted by the Houston Business Journal and definitely last but not least they will be having Senator Borris Miles will be conducting his first Spot Bid Conference at their event and they do know that Members of Council schedules are very tight they personal what to extend an invitation to Council to come support for this event and again it is taken place this Wednesday and Thursday at the George R. Brown Convention Center and they do have more information on their website at hmsdc.org/expo2018 and she would like to mention that they do have a Regal Award luncheon where they set aside a space for Council to participate that luncheon will take place on Thursday at 11:30 a.m. and she wanted to thank them for their continue support and they ask their blessing as they go forward for this event. Council Members Davis and Robinson absent.

Members of Council thanked and question Ms. Reynolds.

Thelma Scott, 15331 Kuyendahl Rd., Apt. #1201, 77090, (832)654-2737 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Davis and Robinson absent.

Likum Tang, 4908 S. Shepherd Dr., 77098, (720)925-8776 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis and Robinson absent.

Adan Medrano, no address, (713)524-1628 appeared and presented information and stated that he is on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Latinos Arts and Cultures, he does leave in Houston in District C and his topic is about the state of Latinos Arts funding in Houston, this research was released last Friday at a Press Conference at City Hall hosted by local Art Leaders the President of the National Association of Latinos Arts and Cultures Ms. Maria Lopez De Leon traveled to this City to announce the findings and the study looked at the Arts portion of their Hotel Occupancy Tax and found continued and dramatic in equity and before he shares the 4 findings, he was going to quote Ms. Dee Leon’s statement at the Press Conference, “we thank Mayor Sylvester Turner for his leadership and support”, that statement may be brief but during his 3 minutes he wanted to emphasize that Mayor Turner support of Houston Arts in general and Latino Arts specifically has been instrumental and motivational for them to undertake this study, the Mayor’s inspiring vision for as a one City, a richly multicultural City is really what motivated them as he said to do this study, as they read about funding and equity they will also read about hope based on the conviction that Houston is a can do City, they solve problems, the researchers studied the 4 contractors who received the Arts portion of their Hotel Occupancy Tax, that they are 44% Latinos in Houston and this study period is from 2010-2015, the the study does find the Houston Arts Alliance distributed 7% of their funding to the Houston Latinos Arts and Cultures organization, 77% to white mainstream organizations, the Houston Museum District distributed 96% of their funds to white mainstream organization and to 0 to Latino Arts Organizations, the Theater District distributed 0% to Latino Arts Organization and 100% of their funds to white mainstream organizations, the Miller Theater Advisory Board distributed 11% of their Latino Arts Organization and 83% to white mainstream organizations and the report takes not that all major U.S. Cities share the same problem, the Houston Arts Leaders believe that Houston can be the National Leader in finding solutions to this problem and this study is called “ A Call to Collaborate”. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Laster and Christie absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Cohen stated that she wanted to point out on this report itself covers from 2010-2015 and that is before our present Mayor was in Office.

Members of Council question Mr. Medrano at length.
Philp Temple, 1607 Cohn St., 77007, (832)474-6839 appeared and presented information and stated that he is resident of the Woodcrest Community that is in District C and he is requesting to Members of Council the following few minutes and he will explain as he described the problem flooding 3 times in the past 4 years, just over 4 years ago he and his family made the most important financial decision of their lives, they purchased the home that they live in today, they were excited about the decision until they flooded for the first time which was Memorial Day 2015, 4 months later their house was repaired and they thought the Flood was wore off, in the decade prior to the flood, none of his neighbors could not recollect a similar event, even Hurricane Ike had flooded homes previously, then they flooded during Hurricane Harvey like many other Houstonians and while the repairs was being made they spent some of their saving to rent an apartment in addition to their ongoing mortgage payments and 5 months later their house were repaired and they moved back, Harvey was supposed to be a once in a 1,000 year event but most recently on July 4th instead of celebrating our Nations Independence, they spent moving furniture and dealing with water that was entering their house for the third time, 3 months have gone by since that day and still to this day their repairs are not done at their house and now that is where that number 25 comes in, all the months of repair adds up to one year, he and his neighbors do not live in the 100 year flood plain or the 500 year flood plain but they do live in the area of inadequate storm drainage designed for the original houses that were built in the 50s and his neighbors have been trying to get the issue addressed by 311 reports, contacting their Council Members and Council Members at large, attending CIP meetings, attending Council Members Meetings like today and going on the local news and sadly with all their efforts nothing has been done to help improve the drainage, he is here to call for action, action to address this drainage water issue, action to add Woodcrest Community to the CIP list. Council Members Davis, Boykins and Christie absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Cohen advised to Mr. Temple the he has contacted her office and she knows that he has been in touch with a number of her staff and she knows that there is no ready answers to his problem, he is not on the CIP list right now and she knows that Public Works is looking and trying to do something and she does wish that they can do something in more expedites manner, they cannot based on what the regulations are in the moment and she can only imagine his frustration and she suggest that he speak to Monica Vasquez, she is with Houston Public Works Department and she knows that he been involved in this in depth and she does not know if she can provide him with additional information but she thinks it is worth it to speak to her.

John Dryden, 11610 Spring Grove Dr., 77099, (281)685-3003 appeared and presented information and stated that the most common source in affordable housing is family and when a person needs to have a place to stay, they go to their family until they can get it together for a place of their own, the second most common source of Affordable Housing is friends so two to three people that cannot own a place of their own, get together and become roommates and that is how they can afford housing, the real problem is the way that property taxes work, that is the State but it effects the City for instance and since they have all of these vacant lands that the only way they are developable is building 5 story building with multiple units, as they drive around the City larger plots of land that are sitting here and no one is paying taxes on, so the City has to spread its budget on the remaining people and in particular he was talking about his fourplex, the GI Bill allows Veterans to buy up to 4 units and the reason that they do that because when a Veteran gets out of service and gets a job, there are 2 problems, they cannot afford the payments on a house or does not have enough for a down payment. Council Members Boykins, Laster and Christie absent.

John Kilsdonk (Minor) 130 Lago Circle, Santa Fe, TX, 77517, (713)715-8054 appeared and stated that he goes to Saint Francis Episcopal School in Houston and he is here to present his thoughts on the Bullet Train proposal, he is speaking to them regarding the proposal to connect Houston and Dallas by bullet train and he think this is a good idea, he think that this Country but especially Texas needs more
rail systems and he thinks the proposal may convince Texans to take trains more often; in the Bullet Train proposal, the proposed Houston terminal station is at the former Northwest Mall location which is about 7 miles from Center of Houston and in the UK as well as in many major U.S. Cities, the major train stations are in or near the center of the City, with smaller stations near the center of smaller towns; even though most people in Houston do not live in the center of the city, many people work there, in most major cities many people who work in the city commute on trains from surrounding towns and it is easy to take a train into the city and transfer to an underground system or a light rail system and travel anywhere in the city and the central locations of the stations in many cities make train transport both useful and popular and a similarly Central Houston station could link to our lights rail and be useful and popular, it would be convenient for travelers if the bullet station were built next to the light rail station and people could connect from the bullet train to the light rail and vice versa , this way both the light rail system and the bullet trains would get more use from more people, the new Houston station could be right next to the red Metro system at Burnett Street, it would connect people the Houston light rail system which would make it convenient for many people.

Mayor Pro Tem Cohen stated to Mr. Kilsdonk that they have his letter with them and she asked him what grade he was in and he answered that he is a freshman in high school and she wanted to also compliment him on his presentation.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Kilsdonk and complimented him on his presentation.

Afhrafi Kapasi, 3800 Canfield St. Apt. #801, 77004, (832)970-8319 appeared and stated that she decided to come and talk to City Council because she is a single mom with 2 kids in the 3rd Ward, they moved to this area a couple of years back, she uses most of the City facilities such as the park to ride bikes and walk, what she has noticed in these situations where she just come across the entry level personnel at City parks and City facilities are very committed to following the rule of law and when Emancipation Park opened she started using it with her kids and she wanted to talk to someone in the Department of Park and Recreation to give suggestions and maybe make it more conducive for them to be able to use the facilities. Council Members Boykins, Laster and Christie absent.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Kapasi.

Marion Scott, no address, no phone, had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Boykins, Laster and Christie absent.

Yvette Arellano, 2111 Beaver Bend, 77088, (281)919-5762 appeared and presented information and stated that she is a policy researcher and Grassroots Advocate for Texas Environmental Justice Advocacy Services found out in the East End in Council Member Gallegos District and they advocate on behalf of the East End specifically the neighborhood of Manchester and she requested for them to write this date down this Thursday is a Permit Hearing, so Thursday September 20, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. the meeting will be held at Hartman Park Community Center at 9311 E. Avenue P, Houston, TX 77012, this specific meeting is in order to address what Valero is asking for which is an increase of hydrogen cyanide levels of emission to 512 tons per year, the TCEQ wants to let them emit over 10X that amount and Valero also wants to stop tracking its benzene emissions reductions and she happy to hear all the enthusiasm over the East End and its historic significance to the City of Houston and also she would like to acknowledge that the East End neighborhoods like Manchester carry the unjust burden about the environmental contamination and degradation which leads them to advocate against environmental racism and this neighborhood is specifically is a home to population that is 98% minorities and Valero itself was fined over 190,000 barrels per calendar day in a City that lacks zoning and that means parks like Manchester actually face the gates of Valero and all of this is being exposed to children. Mayor Pro
Tem Cohen, Council Members Boykins, Travis, Laster and Christie absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis thanked Ms. Arellano for coming down to our City and appreciates her for telling them what is going on and the key to this was TCEQ which is a Governmental State level and questioned Ms. Arellano on what steps she has taken to her State Senator and her State Representative about her issue and she advised him that her organization has testified in front the Committee on Energy and Commerce and before Senator Green and then he asked if it has been a symbiotic relationship which she said no.

Jessica Hernandez, 1129 Vista Rd., Pasadena, TX, 77504, (832)359-9667 appeared and stated that she is a Youth Outreach Coordinator and she would like to comment against the Valero Houston refinery, the permit that was submitted to TCEQ asking to increase 512 ton per year of hydrogen cyanide, ten times more that is already being emitted which according to them would only effect a 3 mile radius that is started from the facility and they also mention that there is only one church near there which is incorrect because there are several within the 3 mile radius, hydrogen cyanide is colorless, odorless and extremely flammable and extremely poisonous gas, breathing hydrogen cyanide may cause headache and nausea and in large amounts may cause seizures and even rapid deaths, she works with youths and families in Manchester specifically Hartman Park which Valero is across the street in walking distance and many times their kids do not want to be outside because the smell is too strong that is coming from the toxic gases, they are demanding TCEQ to put a stop to this permit and with Council Members help have representatives to stop poisoning the already vulnerable communities, TCEQ does not release information other than English which does not allow everyone in the Community to be informed, during Hurricane Harvey on chemicals were released and the community was not informed and children were running in the water and playing and were exposed to these chemicals. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen, Council Members Boykins, Travis, Laster and Christie absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis thanked Ms. Hernandez for coming today and again like he asked the same similar things previous speaker that they are focus on TCEQ and they need to make sure they are speaking to their State Representatives, Senators, the Governor because even today they received that TCEQ was making awards to San Antonio, El Paso, Houston from the Volkswagen settlement and they do not have any bearing over how much we can receive and they too struggle with TCEQ.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Hernandez.

Charles Goforth, 5039 Grape St., 77096, (713)667-6234 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen, Council Members Boykins, Travis, Laster and Christie absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Deborah Elaine Allen, Post Office Box 263252, 77027, (713)264-0127 appeared and expressed her personal opinion about freeing the people and police brutality. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen, Council Members Boykins, Travis, Laster and Christie absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding. **NO QUORUM**

**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 4:26 p.m. The City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, September 19, 2018, Mayor Pro Tem Cohen, Council Members Boykins, Travis, Laster and Christie absent.
At 8:37 a.m. Ms. Anna Russell, City Secretary, read the description or captions of the Items on the Agenda.

The Houston City Council reconvened at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, September 19, 2018 Mayor Sylvester Turner presiding, with Council Members Jerry Davis, Dwight Boykins, Dave Martin, Steve Le, Greg Travis, Robert Gallegos, Mike Laster, Marta Castex-Tatum, David Robinson, Michael Kubosh, Amanda Edwards and Jack Christie D.C.; Ronald Lewis, City Attorney, Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director, Agenda Office present. Council Members Ellen Cohen and Mike Knox absent on personal business. Council Members Brenda Stardig absent on City Business. Council Member Karla Cisneros out of the City on City Business.

At 9:07 a.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting to order and that Council will go to the Mayor’s Report. Council Members Le, Laster and Edwards absent.

**MAYOR’S REPORT**

Mayor Turner stated that it is exciting in the Houston sports and an exciting moment in Houston sports which is here, they are excited to have the U.S. Open Cup Trophy which is right in front of the horseshoe, it is the Lamar High School U.S. Open Cup Trophy which is a single elimination tournament to determine the champion of American Soccer and it is the oldest National Soccer Competition in the United States and the 2nd oldest championship in American Sports and the Houston Dynamo will host the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup final at BBVA next Wednesday, September 26, 2018 marking the team’s first trip to the U.S. Open Cup Championship game and the Dynamo will now have played in 5 Championship games but this will be the first that they have played in Houston and he wants to encourage all Houstonians to cheer the Dynamo and today they have Chris Canetti the Dynamo President and along with him there is John and Zack and he wanted to thanked Chris and the Dynamo has been a tremendous sport team for the Houston area.

Mayor Turner invited Chris Canetti to the podium to make comments and the Mayor and Members of Council took a photo with the trophy.

Mayor Turner further stated that over the weekend he was in Barcelona for the Gas Tech Conference and 30,000 people from the industry and the main reason what he went there because he had to speak to also welcome them to Houston because the Gas Tech Conference for the first time in a long time are coming to Houston and they are expecting more than 30,000 and the delegates were indicating they were eager to come to Houston and may be part of their rotation when the Gas Tech Conference comes to Houston every 4 or 5 years.

Mayor Turner further stated that our neighbors on the East Coast, our hearts and minds as they begin the long recovery from Hurricane Florence and his Office spoke with the Mayor Benjamin from Columbia, the North and South Carolina, they need help with supplies like cleaning supplies, clean clothes, hygiene products, bottle water, food and anyone who would like to donate items can go to the one SC fund which is managed by the Central Carolina Community and he also has asked Janice Weaver and Bill Ballwin will be representing them and collecting items and they can also go to the site to donate columbiarelief.org.

Mayor Turner stated to bear in mind tonight Town Hall meeting which this is going to be the 3rd meeting and it is to discuss about Prop A and Prop B of the November 6 Election Ballet and tonight meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. and they will be at the Sharpstown Community Center in District J in Council Member Mike Laster District and then on Thursday meeting will be at the 5th Ward Multi-Service Center in Council Member Jerry Davis District in District B and they will
continue these public presentation until every Council Member District as well as attending other Neighborhood Meetings and also attending Churches as well because this is very important, Rebuild Houston Propose A again is only talking about putting a lock box which does not increase a fee, eliminate any fee, it just make it a dedicated source of funding for flooding and drainage streets and Propose B is the Firefighters Union Petition and in the first year demanding a minimum of a 25% pay raise and at a minimum costing the City $98 million dollars and 2 of the 3 employee groups have been negotiating with this Administration this entire year, the Municipal Workers, their agreement came to an 6% pay raise within 3 years and they have been talking to the Police through their bargaining unit HPOU and they have reached an agreement with them which is a 2 year deal which is 7% total and again he cannot say this enough that this Administration have offered the Fire Union which is a 9.5% pay raise for over 3 years and that has been offered and it remains on the table and apparently there is some kind of confusion and if any one walks through the door and tells him that they accept, its done and as he has said does that catch them up to where they need to be like other Fire Association, employees within the State or the Country which is no but they will work with them through an extended period of time because they cannot do it all at one time, they just cannot afford it.

Members of Council commented and questioned Mayor Turner about the Proposition B.

At 9:46 a.m. Mayor Turner requested the City Secretary to call the Consent Agenda.

**CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 2 through 41**

**MISCELLANEOUS** - NUMBERS 2 and 3

2. **ORDINANCE** appropriating $368,805.08 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund as an additional appropriation to contract between the City of Houston and **INDUSTRIAL TX CORP.** for the East Water Purification Plant - Chemical Feed Systems Improvements Bid Package 2 for Change Order No. 7 (Approved by Ordinance No. 2016-0395); providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT E – MARTIN** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0733 ADOPTED**

3. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Houston Public Works for approval of Change Order No. 7 in the amount of $320,700.07, awarded to **INDUSTRIAL TX CORP.** for East Water Purification Plant - Chemical Feed Systems Improvements Bid Package 2 - Plant Nos. 1 and 2 - 3.35% above the original contract amount - **DISTRICT E - MARTIN**

This item should only be considered after passage of item 2 above- was presented, moved by Council Member Davis and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2018-0462 ADOPTED**
7. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director General Services Department for approval of final contract amount of $218,478.83 and acceptance of work on contract with **DNB ENTERPRISES, INC** for Hermann Park - 4.32% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICT D – BOYKINS** - was presented, moved by Council Member Davis and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **MOTION 2018-0463 ADOPTED**

8. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Houston Public Works for approval of final contract amount of $4,241,291.19 and acceptance of work on contract with **LEM CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC** for Metro Central, Upper Braes, White Oak and Kingwood West Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements - 3.47% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICTS A - STARDIG; E - MARTIN and F – LE**- was presented, moved by Council Member Davis and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **MOTION 2018-0464 ADOPTED**

9. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Houston Public Works for approval of final contract amount of $283,774.56 and acceptance of work on contract with **HUFF & MITCHELL, INC** for Clear Brook City MUD Pressure Reducing Valve Station on Scarsdale Boulevard East of Beamer Road 4.47% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICT D – BOYKINS**- was presented, moved by Council Member Davis and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **MOTION 2018-0465 ADOPTED**

10. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Houston Public Works for approval of final contract amount of $11,568,795.42 and acceptance of work on contract with **BOYER, INC** for Plants 1 & 2 High Service Pump Station Switchgear Improvements at the East Water Purification Plant - 4.78% over the original contract amount and under the 5% contingency amount - **DISTRICT E – MARTIN**- was presented, moved by Council Member Davis and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **MOTION 2018-0466 ADOPTED**

**PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS** – NUMBER 13

13. **CONTRACT RESOURCE GROUP L.L.C.** for Purchase and Installation of Modular Furnishings and Furniture for the lease space at 2100 Travis Street through the Texas Cooperative Purchasing Network Contract for Housing and Community Development Department $1,215,359.03 - Grant Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Davis and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **MOTION 2018-0467 ADOPTED**
16. ORDINANCE authorizing submission of an electronic application for grant assistance to the UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION, FY2018 INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN TASK FORCE; 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 the grant and expend the grant funds as awarded, to extend the budget period and to apply for and accept all subsequent awards, if any, pertaining to the Program- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. ORDINANCE 2018-0734 ADOPTED

17. ORDINANCE authorizing the Director of the Mayor’s Office of Public Safety and Homeland Security to electronically submit applications for subrecipient grant assistance and execute and accept subrecipient grant agreements with the STATE OF TEXAS OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR relating to the FY2018 Homeland Security Grant Program funding from the Urban Area Security Initiative and the State Homeland Security Program; declaring the City’s eligibility for such grants; authorizing the Director to act as the City’s representative in the application process, to request and/or accept the grants and manage and expend the grant funds as awarded, and to apply for and accept all subsequent awards, if any, pertaining to the program including amendments or modifications to these agreements or any subsequent documents necessary to secure the City’s grant funding through the life of these grant awards- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. ORDINANCE 2018-0735 ADOPTED

18. ORDINANCE authorizing submission of an electronic application for grant assistance to the UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY for the FY2018 Port Security Grant in accordance with the FY2018 Port Security Grant Program; declaring the City’s eligibility for such grant; authorizing the Director of the Mayor’s Office of Public Safety and Homeland Security to act as the City’s representative in the application process, to accept the grant and expend the grant funds as awarded, and to apply for and accept all subsequent awards, if any, pertaining to the program- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. ORDINANCE 2018-0736 ADOPTED

19. ORDINANCE approving Lease Agreement for Parking Area and Greenbelt between the City of Houston, Texas, Landlord, and 1859-HISTORIC HOTELS, LTD, Tenant, for certain premises at William P. Hobby Airport - DISTRICT I – GALLEGOS- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. ORDINANCE 2018-0737 ADOPTED

20. ORDINANCE approving Lease Agreement for Driveway Access between the City of Houston, Texas, Landlord, and MANNING FAMILY PARTNERSHIP, LP, Tenant, for certain premises at William P. Hobby Airport - DISTRICT I – GALLEGOS- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. ORDINANCE 2018-0738 ADOPTED

21. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for the Urban Outdoor Recreation Grant for improvements
at Edgewood Park; declaring the City’s eligibility for such grant; authorizing the Director of the Parks and Recreation Department to act as the City’s representative in the application process, with the authority to accept and expend such grant funds, as awarded, and to apply for and accept all subsequent awards, if any, pertaining to the Grant. **DISTRICT D – BOYKINS** - the City Secretary advised that Item 21 has not been received but if received, it would be considered at the end of the Agenda.

22. **ORDINANCE** appropriating $405,000.00 out of Park and Recreation Dedication Fund; approving and authorizing Interlocal Agreement between the City of Houston, Texas, and the **MEMORIAL HEIGHTS REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY** for erosion control at Little Thicket Park. **DISTRICT C – COHEN** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2018-0739 ADOPTED**

27. **ORDINANCE** amending Ordinance No. 2012-0897, as amended, to increase the maximum contract amount for an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Houston, Texas and **HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS**, for the cost of operation and maintenance of the joint radio maintenance facility for Houston Information Technology Services - $300,000.00 - General Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2018-0740 ADOPTED**

28. **ORDINANCE** awarding contract to **HAHN EQUIPMENT COMPANY, INC** for Small Submersible Pump Repair Services for Houston Public Works; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options - $5,357,170.56 - Enterprise Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2018-0741 ADOPTED**

29. **ORDINANCE** approving contract award to **SMITH PUMP COMPANY, INC** for Small Submersible Pump Repair Services for Houston Public Works; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options - $7,339,154.60 - Enterprise Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2018-0742 ADOPTED**

31. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **AIS INTERNATIONAL, LTD**, for Maintenance and Support Services for a Laboratory Information Management System for various City Departments; providing a maximum contract amount 3 Years with two one-year renewal options - $297,850.00 - Enterprise and Other Funds- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2018-0743 ADOPTED**

32. **ORDINANCE** appropriating $3,530,800.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **WEISINGER INCORPORATED** for new/replacement of Water Well and Well Collection Line - District 203; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the city; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for testing, CIP Cost Recovery, construction management, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water and Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund. **DISTRICT B – DAVIS** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2018-0744 ADOPTED**
37. **ORDINANCE** appropriating $315,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Operating Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services contract between the City of Houston and **BLACK & VEATCH CORPORATION** for the South East Water Purification Plant Third Party Plant Operator Procurement Support Services; providing a maximum contract amount; providing funding for construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Operating Fund - **DISTRICT E – MARTIN**. The City Secretary advised that Item 37 had been pulled by the Administration and will not be considered.

38. **ORDINANCE** authorizing the transfer of $1,211,927.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund into the HPW-SETL Construction Fund, appropriating $1,211,927.00 out of HPW-SETL Construction Fund, appropriating $181,873.00 out of the Water and Sewer system Consolidated Construction Fund; approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **GUNDA CORPORATION, LLC** for Highway 3 Distribution Water Line from Fuqua Street to Dixie Farm Road; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the HPW-SETL Construction Fund - **DISTRICT E – MARTIN**. The City Secretary advised that Item 38 had been pulled by the Administration and will not be considered.

39. **ORDINANCE** appropriating $203,481.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund as an additional appropriation to Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **ARCADIS U.S., INC** for Pump and Lift Station Renewal and Replacement - Howard Drive, Easthaven, Gulfway and Gulf Freeway #2 (as approved by Ordinance No. 2011-0717); providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS E - MARTIN** and **I - GALLEGOS** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2018-0745 ADOPTED**

41. **ORDINANCE** appropriating $230,923.00 out of Metro Projects Construction DDSRF as an additional appropriation; approving and authorizing first amendment to Professional Engineering Services contract between the City of Houston and **CIVILTECH ENGINEERING, INC** for the Memorial Drive Paving and Drainage Improvements; North Kirkwood Road to North Eldridge Parkway (Approved by Ordinance No. 2009-1332); providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by Metro Projects Construction DDSRF - **DISTRICT G - TRAVIS** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2018-0746 ADOPTED**

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

1. **CONFORMATION** of the appointment and reappointment of the following individuals to the **HOUSTON LAND BANK** for terms to expire two years from appointment date:
Position 6 - **DR. STEVE W. HALL**, reappointment
Position 7 - **JOHN D. VASQUEZ**, appointment-
Was presented, moved by Council Member Davis and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **MOTION 2018-0468 ADOPTED**

4. **ORDINANCE** appropriating $967,636.35 out of Metro Projects Construction DDSRF; $112,425.75 out of Street & Traffic Control & Storm Drainage DDSRF; $260,909.49 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund as an additional appropriation to contract between the City of Houston and **OSCAR RENDA CONTRACTING, INC** for the Memorial Drive Paving and Drainage Improvements from North Kirkwood Road to North Eldridge Parkway for Change Order No. 6 (Approved by Ordinance No. 2015-1254); providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Metro Projects Construction DDSRF, Street & Traffic Control & Storm Drainage DDSRF and the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT G – TRAVIS**-

was presented,

After discussion a vote was called, Council Members Martin, Travis and Kubosh voting no, balance voting aye. **ORDINANCE 2018-0747 ADOPTED**

5. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Houston Public Works for approval of Change Order No. 6 in the amount of $1,277,115.80, awarded to **OSCAR RENDA CONTRACTING, INC** for Memorial Drive Paving and Drainage Improvements from North Kirkwood Road to North Eldridge Parkway 3.90% above the original contract amount - **DISTRICT G - TRAVIS**

**This item should only be considered after passage of Item 4 above**- was presented, moved by Council Member Davis and seconded by Council Member Robinson, Council Members Martin, Travis and Kubosh voting no, balance voting aye. **MOTION 2018-0469 ADOPTED**

6. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director General Services Department for approval of final contract amount of $1,047,900.00 and acceptance of work on contract with **HOUSING AND LAND DEVELOPMENT CORP. dba IKLO CONSTRUCTION** for Lansdale Park and Crain (E.L.) Park Improvements - 5% over the original contract amount and within the approved 5% contingency amount - **DISTRICT J – LASTER**- was presented, moved by Council Member Davis and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Travis absent. **MOTION 2018-0470 ADOPTED**

11. **ORDINANCE** appropriating $514,915.00 out of Miscellaneous Capital Projects/Acquisitions CP Series E Fund and authorizing the expenditure of the appropriated funds for the purpose of issuing payments to various contractors for expenses associated with Hurricane Harvey Disaster Relief for the City of Houston; declaring the City’s intent to seek reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and other eligible sources for such expenditures- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Travis absent. **ORDINANCE 2018-0748 ADOPTED**

12. **TD INDUSTRIES, INC** for approval of payment to address Emergency Disaster Recovery Activities as a result of Hurricane Harvey to purchase Chiller/Boiler Units for the General
This item should only be considered after passage of Item 11 above- was presented, moved by Council Member Davis and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Travis absent. MOTION 2018-0471 ADOPTED

14. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and HOUSTON SRO HOUSING CORPORATION to provide up to $700,000.00 in Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS ("HOPWA") Funds to complete a roof replacement and repair of a HOPWA community residence that provides housing and supportive services for low income persons affected by HIV/AIDS – was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Travis absent. ORDINANCE 2018-0749 ADOPTED

15. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and TELO MARKET #8, INC, to provide $835,000.00 in Community Development Block Grant Funds ($200,000.00 loan and $635,000.00 grant) for the purchase and installation of fixtures and equipment for use in a proposed grocery store to be constructed and leased at 5602 Lyons Avenue, Houston, Texas to carry out a CDBG Economic Development Activity that will make fresh affordable food and job opportunities available to low and moderate income residents of the Fifth Ward community - DISTRICT B - DAVIS - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Travis absent. ORDINANCE 2018-0750 ADOPTED

23. ORDINANCE relating to the Fiscal Affairs of the MAIN STREET/MARKET SQUARE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY d/b/a DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY on behalf of REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER THREE, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS (MAIN STREET/MARKET SQUARE ZONE); approving the Fiscal Year 2019 Operating Budget for the Authority and the Fiscal Years 2019-2023 Capital Improvements Projects Budget for the Zone DISTRICTS C - COHEN; H - CISNEROS and I - GALLEGOS - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. ORDINANCE 2018-0751 ADOPTED

24. ORDINANCE relating to the Fiscal Affairs of the GULFGATE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY on behalf of REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER EIGHT, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS (GULFGATE ZONE); approving the Fiscal Year 2019 Operating Budget for the Authority and the Fiscal Years 2019-2023 Capital Improvement Plan Budget for the Zone DISTRICTS D - BOYKINS and I - GALLEGOS - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. ORDINANCE 2018-0752 ADOPTED

25. ORDINANCE relating to the Fiscal Affairs of the FIFTH WARD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY on behalf of REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER EIGHTEEN, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS (FIFTH WARD ZONE); approving the Fiscal Year 2019 Operating Budget for the Authority and the Fiscal Years 2019-2023 Capital Improvement Plan Budget for the Zone DISTRICT B - DAVIS - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. ORDINANCE 2018-0753 ADOPTED

26. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2012-836 as amended by Ordinance No. 2017-724, approving and authorizing second amendment to extend the contract term to Contract No. 460011794 between the City of Houston and PROPERTYROOM.COM for the Disposal of Abandoned Personal Property for the Houston Police Department- was
presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. ORDINANCE 2018-0754 ADOPTED

30. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2013-1055 to increase the maximum contract amount to the contract between the City of Houston and McLemore Building Maintenance, Inc for Janitorial Cleaning and associated services for Various Departments managed by the General Services Department - $1,666,288.17 - General and Other Funds- was presented and tagged by Council Members Gallegos and Laster. Council Member Davis absent.

33. ORDINANCE consenting to the addition of 489.21 acres of land to Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 449, for inclusion in its district- was presented and tagged by Council Member Kubosh. Council Member Davis absent.

34. ORDINANCE consenting to the addition of 34.44 acres of land to Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 551, for inclusion in its district- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. ORDINANCE 2018-0755 ADOPTED

35. ORDINANCE consenting to the addition of 29.9813 acres of land to Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 157, for inclusion in its district- was presented and tagged by Council Members Kubosh and Edwards. Council Member Davis absent.

36. ORDINANCE consenting to the addition of 47.08 acres of land to Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 159, for inclusion in its district- was presented and tagged Council Member Kubosh. Council Member Davis absent.

40. ORDINANCE appropriating $20,000,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; approving and authorizing the purchase of easements and other interests in real property and payment of the costs of such purchases and/or condemnations, with associated costs for appraisal fees, title policies and services, expenses associated with removing improvements from the purchased interest, relocation expenses, recording fees and other services, in connection with negotiations to settle purchases, court costs and expert witness fees for and in connection with construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund- was presented, Council Member Edwards voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Davis absent. ORDINANCE 2018-0756 ADOPTED

NON CONSENT AGENDA - NUMBER 42

MISCELLANEOUS

42. RECEIVE nominations for Positions One, Two and Three on the Houston Area Library Automated Network (H.A.L.A.N.) Advisory Board for two-year
terms was presented, Council Member Boykins moved to Delay Item 42 for 2 weeks and seconded by Council Member Gallegos, all voting aye, nays none. 2018-0472 ADOPTED

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE FOR AGENDA OF SEPTEMBER 18 & 19, 2018

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Houston at its regular meeting of Tuesday, September 18, 2018, at 1:30 p.m. and Wednesday, September 19, 2018, which will convene at 9:00 a.m. in the City Council Chamber, Second Floor, City Hall, 901 Bagby, Houston, Texas, will consider the following item:

43. RECOMMENDATION from Director of Finance to place the proposed tax rate of $0.588310/$100 of value on the 10th day of October 2018 Council Agenda, or such other date that meets the requirements of the Texas Property Tax Code, and provide for the publication of the notice of related information- was presented, moved by Council Member Davis and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Travis and Kubosh absent. MOTION 2018-0473 ADOPTED

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

Members of Council announced events and discussed matters of interest.

There being no further business before Council; the City Council adjourned at 11:04 a.m. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis and Kubosh absent.

DETAILED INFORMATION ON FILE ON THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

Pat J. Daniel, Assistant City Secretary