

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, January 15, 2019

A regular meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday January 15, 2019; 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, Martha Castex-Tatum, 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. Council Member Karla Cisneros out of the City on City Business.

At 1:41 p.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting to order and stated they would start with the presentations. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Le, Travis, Gallegos, Laster, Castex-Tatum, Knox and Kubosh absent.

Mayor Turner stated that on December 9, 2009, Judge Marc Carter voluntarily presided over the first Veterans Treatment Court Program in Texas. The program was created for veterans in need of mental health and drug treatment by diverting veterans with felony and misdemeanor offenses directly into treatment courts, reducing jail time costs and recidivism. Judge Carter recognized that many veterans who go to court with substance abuse problems, mental health disorders and other issues need rehabilitative services. As a veteran himself, who is committed to helping veterans charged with criminal offenses, Judge Carter offers them a second chance. Judge Carter has been a tremendous leader in the promulgation of veterans' courts, and he has been instrumental in training judges and court leaders from across the country. His example and leadership have led to the establishment of 37 veterans' treatment courts in Texas. During his tenure, 87 percent of the men and women who successfully complete probation under the guidance of the Veterans' Court have not re-offended; and, on January 15, 2019, Judge Carter will be honored for the success of the Veterans Treatment Court Program and his continuing commitment to serving veterans and his advocacy for justice. The City of Houston commends and congratulates Judge Marc Carter on this momentous occasion and extends best wishes on his continued success and therefore, Mayor Turner hereby proclaimed January 15, 2019, as Judge Marc Carter Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Le, Travis and Knox absent.

Council Member Boykins stated that he would like to recognize the Organization, the Greater of Houston Frontiers Club, for all the great work that they do. They get excited at the MLK Breakfast which the breakfast will take place next week. The Greater of Houston Frontiers Club is a Non-Profit and Service Organization that are comprise of African American volunteers with the mission to provide educational and charitable assistances to minority students in the Greater Houston area. The Greater Houston Frontiers is just one of several Chapters of the Frontier International; originally called Frontiers of America and on November 10th 1936, the Club was founded in Columbus, Ohio by Nimrod Booker Allen and the primary purpose of the organization was to find an outlet and opportunities for African Americans males to collectively provide service to their communities through a Civic Service Organization that didn't discriminate against them and therefore on January 15, 2019 the Greater Houston Frontiers Club will be honored for their dedicated services and outstanding contribution to the youth; the City of Houston commends the Greater Houston Frontiers for providing opportunities to help advance, the education of minority students within the communities and to extend best wishes for a rememberable event and therefore. Mayor Turner hereby proclaimed January 15, 2019 has the Greater of Houston Frontiers Club Day in Houston, Texas. Council Member Knox absent.

At 2:12 p.m. Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Robinson for the Invocation and Pledge and he invited Reverend Jimmy Abbott; (Holy Rector of Holy Comforter Episcopal Church in Spring, TX) for the Invocation and Council Member Robinson led the Pledge of Allegiance. Council Members Davis and Castex-Tatum absent.

The Roll was Called. Council Member Davis absent. Council Member Karla Cisneros out of the City on City Business.

Council Member Kubosh moved to delay the Adoption of the minutes and seconded by Council Member Cohen, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **MOTION ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner requested the Assistant City Secretary to call the List of Speakers:

Sonia Torres, 1961 Dryden Rd., 77005, (281)900-1865 appeared and stated that she is a Native Houstonian, a Senior at Rice University, a resident in District C for the last 4 years. She is also the Founder of Civic Duty Rice, a Nonpartisan Youth Civic Engagement Organization which mobilizes the youth to register to vote, to participate in early voting and to increase volunteering and become more involved in policy discussion as well as lead discussions with Elected Leaders. She is here today to ask the City Council and the Mayor's Office to increase and expand the Civic Collaboration with 18 to 24 years old who work and do not attend college. She presented written copies to Members of Council of their brief organization which has made multiply recommendations including the creation of Voter Centers, the funding and promotions of internships in the Public Sector and the expansion of texting and social media initiatives that promotes the services of the City of Houston. The Mayor's Office has shown initiative in the area of youth civic engagement through things like Harris County Civic initiative but; however, they think it's time these projects are promoted. Council Members Davis, Boykins and Martin absent.

Mayor Turner stated to Ms. Torres that they certainly support that and soon would be announcing their Summer Programs including internships, the ages are from 16 to 24 years old. They are looking forward in working and partnering with them.

Carolyn Daly, 1605 Rice Blvd., 77005, no phone, appeared and stated that she is a Sophomore at Rice University and an Officer on Civic Duty Rice, a Nonpartisan Club that is focused on youth engagement. They are appreciative of the work that the City Council has done to engage youth civic especially through the Mayor's Youth Council. They are here today to request if City Council would be willing to create new initiatives to target the engagement of High Schoolers, which they believe will improve the communities and these suggestions are outlined in their detailed letter that was presented to them. She would like to highlight their suggestion that the City create a Civic Youth Engagement Council similar to the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council. She also suggests that the City of Houston and HISD partner with each other to register new voters from High Schools and she would also like to hear City Council's initiative the topic of youth engagement. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Travis and Gallegos absent.

Mayor Turner stated to Ms. Daly in addition to the Youth Council, they have also included several high school students on the Mayor's Task Force Against Gun Violence. They have High School students on that, and they included them also in number of other Task Forces and Commissions. They are always open to new ideas on ways they can partner with youth from high school and all the way through.

Members of Council commented and questioned Ms. Daly at length.

Frankie Cade, 3727 Winthrop St., 77047, (713)386-9479 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Travis and Gallegos absent.

Luis Adame, 6320 Main St., 77005, (214)245-8723 appeared and stated that he is the Precinct Chair of Precinct 361 from Rice University and he is aware that he is the youngest on the Precinct Chair in Senatorial District 13 and that makes him a bit nervous. He got involved in Politics just over 5 years ago as a Sophomore in Dallas, when he got involved in the Lulac, he got involved through Voter Drives and teaching classes for Citizenship. The last time he came here he spoke about low income affordable housing tax credits, but he noticed that 2 other people that came and spoke, were High School students and they were in Ap Governmental class. When he left, he was a little worried that in order for someone to be engaged in their local government they either had to be in advance classes or attend a really great high School. He spoke to his friends. They realized that there is power in numbers and he is here to ask for a couple of things. One, is to support what his friends have already spoken about at this conference they united the 5 Universities that are from Houston and they got people from all over the Houston area and they have worked with High Schools from the East End and they recognized there are schools that lack equity and They are also asking for support for a different conference; the HTX Conference that was held this summer and they were able to organize a 170 youth members in the last 2 years. they have found out organizing the youth is very important. He knows that he has heard that they have tried to do stuff, but they are asking for a little more transparency. They are hoping that Members of Council would come to them instead of they asking Council to come to them. Council Members Cohen, Boykins, Laster and Kubosh absent.

Members of Council questioned and commented to Mr. Adame.

Serra Sozen, 2608 Nantucket Dr., Unit C, 77057, (516)263-3515 appeared and stated that she is Ungraduated at Rice University and she also volunteers for work with United against Human Trafficking, the lead Agency of the Houston Rescue and Restore Coalition. She would like to comment on the City of Houston Anti-Trafficking Strategic Plan and its exemplary work in transforming Houston. She recognized that she is very lucky to live in a stable home environment with higher level of schooling and she can afford other luxury. On the other hand, many other individuals her age are exploited for the commercial benefit or pleasures of others. She may have access to many opportunities and there are people who must fight for survival at the hands of those who see no value in human life. There are many different players in Human Trafficking and will not be resolved overnight, but it can be improved especially through prioritization of the victims' rights through better outreach efforts and more leniency in the criminal justice system. Houston needs to mandate a Human Trafficking curriculum and training of school administration and businesses to identify and report potential human trafficking. Currently for School Board Trustees, they have Houston Bill 1272 and the Houston Human Trafficking Prevention Task Force but there are very few school districts that have adopted this training even though about 35,000 children in the State of Texas attend school within a 1,000 feet of an illegal massage parlor and 259 of which are in Harris County. More often than not these prostitutes are victims of Human Trafficking. Victims should be able to request a nondisclosure criminal history and have access to social services. Council Members Boykins, Laster and Kubosh absent.

Council Member Stardig stated to Ms. Sozen that she completely agrees with everything she had said and as the Chair of Public Safety and Homeland Security she would love for Ms. Sozen to stay engaged and when they have these updates from the Mayor's Office which they do a great job in a strategic plan and requested her to come and speak, she would truly appreciate it. They

need to hear more from the Public and making sure that they are making contact because they want to feel the gaps.

Jafmine Lee, 13026 Mossy Ridge Cove, 77041, (832)618-7525 appeared and stated that she is an Anthropologist and Historian. She has lived most of her life in Houston, but she has lived aboard as well. Seeing as how other cultures, other Cities aboard and locally we have valued our historic places they've always struck a chord with her and it led her to her field. She is here on behalf of the many people who care about Freedman's Town and in her studies of that diaspora not only in Houston but other places, have given her the opportunity to work with her community and to learn more about her community. they now plan to remove the bricks of Freedman's Town to demolish houses where in the mid-80s there were more than 500 houses in Freedman's Town and now there are less than 100 is heart breaking because the removal of that history not only stops scholarships but it really gives people the feeling that they don't belong, the feeling of being erased and to remove that history is heart breaking. The plans that have been proposed really remove that historic weight in Freedman's Town. Post Emancipation these groups came together to find who they were to the broader public and preserving those pockets and where they find them is not only valuable to her and African Americans but to America and even the global history. Council Members Boykins, Laster, Castex-Tatum and Kubosh absent.

Mayor Turner stated to Ms. Lee that he agrees with her and they are working to preserve all of the remaining bricks that are out there. They don't want it to be destroyed. He does agree with her in terms of the buildings and it is important to preserve as much and many of those historical buildings. Also, to breathe life back into Freeman's Town.

Catherine Roberts, 63 West Terrace Dr., 77007, (713)294-3338 appeared and stated that she is with the Rutherford Yates Museum, a Co-Founder and Board of Director and has been a property owner in Freedmen's Town for over 25 years. She is here today because no one realizes in this City how important Freedman's Town is. It is located close to the Yates Museum. They are located in the National Register District of Freedman's Town that was designated in 1985. As mentioned previously 500 structures have been demolished, families displaced, 7 Churches that were demolished, 2 miles of the 100-year-old brick street damaged, and they are still in jeopardy. She wanted to thank Mayor Turner for recognizing the educational and the economic benefit of Freedman's Town becoming an International African American Heritage tourism and for including Freedman's Town his UNESCO project in his first 100 days in office. In June of 2016 Yates Museum submitted that nomination to UNESCO to the tentative list proposal recommendation of this 19th and 20th century historical site and they were invited for the Slave Route Project. They have been preparing and continually submitting documents to projects and committees, but they still have some grave concerns; they're still worried about the reputation of some of the old plans in the new proposed ones. They really want plans to preserve the integrity of the remaining cultural resources. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Laster, Castex-Tatum, Kubosh and Edwards absent.

Mayor Turner allowed Ms. Roberts to finish her comments and then stated to her that he does look forward with working with her and others in the preservation of Freedman's Town.

Lorenza Butler, 4542 North Ripple Ridge Rd., 77053, (832)880-3733 appeared and stated that in November of 1983, this Publisher was at the White House when President Ronald Reagan signed in the MLK Day Holiday. This Publisher indorses, requests, advises and does all of the running for re-election for \$5,000.00 for the Greater Houston Frontiers because a child is destined in this world to be a Third Good Marshall or a Brooker T. Without assistants from schools and Frontiers men all hope is lost, and a mind is a terrible thing to waste. He knows that they will be at the

Mayor's VIP reception with him to help set that child place and this Publisher will see them on the 12th for the trail. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Laster, Castex-Tatum, Kubosh and Edwards absent.

Mayor Turner stated that this Tuesday, the Martin Luther King celebration would not be the same without Mr. Butler and he looks forward to seeing him at the George R. Brown at 8:00 a.m...

Nia Colbert, 9520 Wilcrest Dr., 77099, (281)886-6197 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Laster, Castex-Tatum, Kubosh and Edwards absent.

Charnelle Thompson, no address, (832)468-3160 appeared and stated that she is here to discuss traffic incident that took place last Monday and that her civic rights were violated. This took place when she was stopped on Alabama Street coming home, she lives like 3 minutes away from home and a few feet away from the Cunei homes which is a Government Funded Apartment, so it is a poverty area. Police Officers began to follow her and by the time the Police Officer put on his lights, there was no traffic signs. She wasn't in violation of a traffic code or any kind of laws. She stopped and pulled over underneath the light post and the Police car stopped right behind her. His lights were shining into her car and she couldn't see into the review mirror, so, she turns off her radio and at least cracked her window to hear from him. What she was met with was Police Officers saying, "that you are going to make this hard" in which she responded, "I can't hear you". He moved closer and asked for her to roll down her windows which she did. He responded by saying that the is going to bust out her window. She immediately requested a Supervisor and she was met with him for calling back up. What seemed like second later another Police Officer was at her window telling her the same thing, "low the window" which was already lowered. He asked for her ID at this point she was on the phone with 911 and a family member. The 911 Dispatcher is trying to calm her down to comply with what they are asking for. She reach in to get her ID and her console to get her insurance card and sked her if she was talking to the Police or 911, she doesn't need to talk to them because they are the Police, put down her phone and she held up her hand showing that she was just holding her insurance card. There is a 3rd Officer by her window by this time and they began to ask her to get out of the car, she responded by saying "I gave you my ID and insurance and she has her seatbelt one," Than, the police requested to search through her car and she started to response. That she doesn't mind and that led her to say, "I don't consent to a search" and eventually she got out of the car so that they can search the car. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Laster, Kubosh and Edwards absent.

Mayor Turner stated to Ms. Thompson that someone from HPD did follow up with her and she said a Sergeant called her today, but she didn't have too much to say. She gave her main number to the Commissioner Office. Mayor Turner stated that they forwarded him this assessment and he thinks they are trying to collaborate also with Precinct 7 and they are working to follow up as well.

Robert Campbell, 5022 Kelso St., 77021, (713)737-5326 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Laster, Kubosh and Edwards absent.

Charlie Jones, 4307 S. Acres Dr., 77047, (832)474-1178 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Laster, Kubosh and Edwards absent.

Robert Martinez, 1323 Ridge Dr., 77073, (832)988-7737 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Laster, Kubosh and Edwards absent.

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

Council Member Robinson moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of allowing more than one person at the podium and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Laster, Kubosh and Edwards absent. **MOTION 2019-0022 ADOPTED**

Johnny Gibbs, 1304 Romero Dr., Pearland, TX, 77581, (713)530-0833 appeared and stated that he is here today pleading for help because of the decision made at the City of Houston Electrical Board. He is a Master Electrician and an Electrical Contractor, a quick back story he moved to Houston in 1989 and he was homeless, for a couple of years. Someone told him about an opportunity at Houston Job Training Partnership Council. This program helped him get off the streets, get his GED, went back to school, it helped him to get a place to live and helped him get his foot in the door for electrical trained. He worked his way up to be a journeyman electrician and he did that for about 3 years and then he started to study to be a Master Electrician. They can say that he is a success story. He has his own business called Lighthouse Electric for 20 years. He is successful and requested them to look at his reviews and he never had a violation with the City of Houston because he has always done the right thing. He got involved with an out of State contractor that was from Louisiana and got him involved with a job that turned into a disaster but long story short the City of Houston charged him with 2 violations that he was going to read to them really quick. One, was to secure a permit for Electrical work not preformed by the Master Electrician, he had his Journeyman and his apprentice with him over there working while he was out of town because his mother had health issues and was in the hospital. She passed away in September. A Master Electrician doesn't always have to be onsite and he does have proof that he was on the site. The second one, for securing a permit under a pretext for an installation and saying he was performing electrical work without a valid permit and he does have copies to present to Members of Council. He was shocked when he walked out of the Electrical Board because they wanted to suspend his licenses and registration for 6 months and he is a Master for another company, that have 30 employees. No one was able to work for a week and he is hoping that City Council can help him get this overturned. He found out that there was an option to pay a fine, but they never presented that option to him. Council Members Stardig, Boykins and Edwards absent.

Mayor Turner stated to Mr. Gibbs that he is looking at a memo that was provided to him, that there was a hearing that was scheduled in December and then the hearing was rescheduled to January 8th before the Board. The Board determined that securing a permit for electrical work not actually performed by a Master Electrician or Line Master Electrician or by a licensed employee under the master's control. The Board also determined that he secured a permit for a under the pretext for an installation for which he did not have a contract for and both of are violations of the Electrical Code and effective January 8, 2019 his licenses was suspended for 6 months but he can appeal and the proper procedure for appealing the Boards decision is in Section 203.7 for the Electrical Code, can appeal to City Council by delivering a written notice of appeal to the City Secretary Office within 10 business days from the date from the decision from the Board. So, he still has time to appeal.

Patricia Headen, 14001 Fondren, 77048, (713)383-8739 appeared and stated that she is the CEO and Member of the Outlaw Trail Riders, they ride underneath the banner off the Southwestern trail Riders Association Houston, they were established in 1979 and their mission to embrace the facts that there is a need to help youth with alternative outlets force recreation, al youth and young adults do not play sports all the time. Horseback riding, learning how to take care of horses and working with animals offers an outlet to many youths. Like most large trail riders, they made up of different riding clubs, drawn from all around the region and we come out to the Houston Livestock and Rodeo as well. As part of the big trail ride, they end up in the Houston City streets that is with traffic. There are times when they do use the County, the City and State Law Enforcement for the safety of the trail riders. She is here because they were told that they couldn't have their Martin Luther King Trial Ride on the City streets on Martin Luther King which they started the parade back in 1985 and this tradition has been going along for almost 30 plus years. They had a meeting on Thursday that their Mayor and Council Members doesn't want them to no longer have their traditional Martin Luther King Trial Ride and this is tradition and they do offer many aspects in the western world. Even Mayor Turner has rode with them and he knows the many aspects that they contribute to the western world. She listed the aspects that they contribute to the community. She wants to find out why they can no longer do the trail ride down the streets of Martin Luther King and celebrate his birthday and honor him. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Le and Edwards absent.

Mayor Turner stated to Ms. Headen that he thinks that there have been several discussions on this subject over the last several years. Several concerns have been raised but one rumor was that it was moving outside of the City of Houston and moving out into the County. He asked her is that not true? Ms. Headen stated that it was true, but she told him that it was the Mayor's suggestion. Mayor Turner told her no that is not true, that is what he was told that the people affiliated with that was moving the event out of the City of Houston and into Harris County and he heard that last year. He hasn't had any conversations this year and during the several years he does know it has required significant numbers of Law Enforcements and there have been some issues which he knows that Ms. Headen is familiar with because of the issue for safety the decision was made by someone to have it little further outside of the City of Houston.

Ariana Engles, 1715 Bolsover St., 77005, appeared and stated that she is a Member of Civic Duty Rice and she is also the President of the Rice Union Student Association, she represents the 4,001 students at Rice University. She came here today to speak on mobility and bike safety, and this is a topic that both the Union President and their Graduated Association Students have reached out to the Mayor and Council Members. She wanted to bring it up on an undergraduate level just to emphasize how much their care about students safety and how bikeable and walkable the entire City of Houston is since this is a place that they all call home. She wanted to go into a story at first then explain the specifically what she came to ask with. In the summer of 2017 one of her closest friends at Rice Aerial Feldman was hit by a driver at Main Street and University, the driver got out of a car and looked at her saw that she was visibly bleeding and left without a word. She walked to Main and University side on the Rice side and then across the street to Bio Research side and upon reaching and entering her lab, her primary investigator looked at her and told her that she needed to go to the ER. She spent several hours at the ER to eventually find out that she had a concussion greatly impacted her life in negative way. Today she came to ask specifically for assistance for few things; one, at the corner of Main and University, she really ask for some type of movement or emphasize a "no turn on red" sign at the intersection. They are requesting a "Stop Light" on the corner Kent and Rice Blvd but she is requesting safer ways to for crossing in that intersection. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Laster, Knox and Edwards absent.

Council Member Robinson stated that the intersection at Rice and Kent is one that he has crossed hundreds of times and he had spoken to some of the graduate students who came prior to the holiday but he doesn't know what happen to the date to go out there again and he is having his office checking right now. They have made Houston Public Works well aware and look into the design. They are eager to collaborate especially the intersection at Sunset and Fannin and others round campus who are ones that there were really trying to study.

Council Member Cohen stated that she is the Council Member for this District and she has met with several students from Rice particularly the ones that are involved with bicycle issue and the issue of Kent and University which came up the first year she was a Council Member and they thought that it was solved then it just died. They meet monthly with the group that is involved in that triangle where the Church, the Synagogue and Rice for ongoing conversations. She will have to check but she thinks that Houston Public Works have been working on a traffic program for Sunset and Main. It's in the works and it's terrible what happened it's and very dangerous.

Carly Frieders, 6301 Almeda Rd., 77021, (520)437-3038 appeared and stated that she is Member of Civic Duty Rice and also a Member of Rice Undocumented Students Support Services Task Force and she is here today like her friends, she is passionate about youth civic engagement, particularly around immigration issues and she would like to ask the City of Houston City Council to take more formal steps to include college age youth and it decision making process. Rice University alone is home to over 450 undergraduate International Students and in addition Rice is also home to undocumented students and for students that have benefited from DACA. Immigrate students that are new to the U.S. may not be familiar with the political system or Municipal Governments. Undocumented Students lacking work authorization are ineligible to learn more local politic by applying for opportunities because they do not have work authorization. Of course, the undocumented students are unable to have the right to vote. As Mayor Turner has often have stated "Diversity is what makes Houston Strong" and they are impressed with the City's efforts to reach out to immigrants through initiatives, but they do believe more can be done to reach out more. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins and Laster absent.

Mayor Turner stated that he was going to look into that too and he appreciates her being here.

Dorris Robinson, 1520 Isabella, 77004, (713)443-9774 appeared and presented information to Members of Council and stated that the First Amendment is what she represents. She is the publisher and editor to for the Houston Suns Newspaper and has been working for 35 years. They are getting ready for their 4th Annual African American History Parade on February 16th and she invites everyone to come and join them at Minute Maid Park. She wants to discuss the association, the studies for the life of African Americans which has set a theme for African American History month 2019 as black migration. In 2007 they formed the Friends of Emancipation Park to protect and preserve a black migration site and the friends nurtured it for 10 years. She come again to remind and introduce to some the need to protect the most precious black migration site in Houston, the State of Texas, and the United States of America and that is Freedman's Town. A model of self-help, as the City weighs Freedman's Town options, she wants to remind them that this year and recognize black migration to embrace the iconic brick streets in Freedman's Town along with other cultural and traditional properties like homes and businesses that made Freedman's Town a thriving center for the black migrates who came to Harris County at the end of enslavement. So, her fellow Elected Officials on behalf of the Freedman's Town Preservation and Coalition, she is inviting for them to use their representative powers to join them in preserving and protecting this black migration site. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins and Laster absent.

Mayor Turner asked Ms. Robinson to finish her comments.

Emmanuel Thomas, no address, (832)931-1469 appeared and stated that he has spoke with the Mayor on Sunday morning live and gave a lot of credit to the City on how the handled the Jazmine Barnes situation and he asked him about the jurisdiction there and he gave all of the credit to the Harris County Sheriff's Department and they were very active like a lot of the Houston Citizens. He did attend the funeral service and he was glad to see Mayor Turner and many other of our Council Members and authorities present. He does have one issue when he came to the Mayor last time and 4 times before and he asked for assistance on his son's case which they still have not found the killer. He asked the Mayor to request help from the U.S. Marshall because possibly it has gone pass our City. He is getting reports outside of this State because the lack of anyone doing anything. Crime Stoppers still haven't given him a bulletin for his son, and he feels like he is doing everything on his own, basically gave the Mayor a mind frame to see how deeply wounded his family is in Houston. It hurt his family to see him honor Jazmine with a day for this City and his son after completing all the great things he did, he didn't get any honor for that because the Mayor told about the jurisdiction. He is trying to figure out how the jurisdiction for Harris County, but he can honor this young lady with a day but not the rest of our children. He has come to them so may times and there has been nothing done and maybe he is being over looked because of the lack of cameras in his. Council Members Davis, Boykins and Laster absent.

Mayor Turner stated to Mr. Thomas that number one, he wanted to say that they are looking for the killers of his child. The Law Enforcement and the Harris County Office is working on trying to convict the person who took away his child and they will find a way to honor his son.

Council Member Knox stated to Mr. Thomas that he wasn't familiar with his son's case, but he does know some people at Crime Stoppers, and he is going to get with him, and he is going to make some phones calls for Mr. Thomas to see what is going on and at least get him a poster on Crime Stoppers. He does want to caution him a little bit about knowing that someone did something and being able to prove that someone did something are two different things and he knows it is tough. Council Member Knox will give him a call and they will work on this together.

Deborah Elaine Allen, Post Office Box 263252, 77027, (713)264-0127 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins and Laster absent.

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

At 3:40 p.m. The City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 16, 2019, Council Members Davis, Boykins and Laster absent.

Pat J. Daniel, Assistant City Secretary read the description or captions of the Items on the Agenda.

The Houston City Council reconvened at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 16, 2019 Mayor Sylvester Turner presiding, with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jerry Davis, Ellen Cohen, Steve Le, Greg Travis, Karla Cisneros, Robert Gallegos, Mike Laster, Marta Castex-Tatum, 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. Council Member Dwight Boykins out of the City on City business.

At 9:10 a.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting to order and moved to the Mayor's Report. Council Members Davis, Travis, Gallegos and Edwards absent.

CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 2 through 15

ACCEPT WORK - NUMBER 2

2. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Houston Public Works for approval of final contract amount of \$2,485,549.49 and acceptance of work on contract with **MCKINNEY CONSTRUCTION, INC** for Water Line Replacement in Fairlawn Area - 5.32% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICT I – GALLEGOS**- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2019-0023 ADOPTED**

RESOLUTION - NUMBER 3

3. **RESOLUTION** designating the house located at 2520 Rosedale Street and within the City of Houston, Texas as a Protected Landmark with a name **LEWIS-WHITE HOUSE - DISTRICT D – BOYKINS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **RESOLUTION 2019-0001 ADOPTED**

ORDINANCES - NUMBERS 6 through 15

6. **ORDINANCE** authorizing submission of an electronic grant application and acceptance of funding from the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, FY2019 Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force: Houston Metropolitan, TX - Legislative Funding - Personnel Program; declaring the City's eligibility for such grants; authorizing the Chief of the Houston Police Department to act as the City's representative in the application process, to sign the original award, accept 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. **ORDINANCE 2019-0026 ADOPTED**
11. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$440,000.00 out of Airport Renewal & Replacement Fund and \$1,034,897.00 out of Airports Improvements Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **JACOBS ENGINEERING GROUP, INC** for the Redesign of Non-Standard Runway/Taxiway Areas at William P. Hobby Airport (Project No. 770); providing funding for design contingency - **DISTRICT I – GALLEGOS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2019-0027 ADOPTED**

14. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing sole source contract between the City of Houston and **NOVASYS TECHNOLOGIES, INC** for the Development, Implementation, Maintenance, and Support of the Electronic Client-Level Integrated Prevention System (ECLIPS) for the Houston Health Department; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$750,000.00 - Grant Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2019-0028 ADOPTED**
15. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$3,655,487.53 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF and \$406,688.75 out of Contribution for Capital Projects Fund awarding contract to **FUSED INDUSTRIES, LLC** for 15 Windermere Lane Outfall Repair; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the city; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for testing services, CIP Cost Recovery, construction management and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street and Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF and Contribution for Capital Projects Fund - **DISTRICT G – TRAVIS**- Assistant City Secretary advised that Item 15 has not been received and if received during the course of the meeting, it will be considered at the end of the Agenda.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

1. **REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment of **MICHELE LEAL FARAH** to Position Three of the **HOUSTON ARTS ALLIANCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for a term to expire June 30, 2020- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2019-0024 ADOPTED**
4. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing First Amendment to contract between the City of Houston and **HOUSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY** to extend the term of the contract and provide Homeless Housing and Services Program Funds and Home Investment Partnerships Program Funds for the continuing Administration and Operation of the Rapid Rehousing Financial Assistance Intermediary Program \$1,444,374.59 - Grant Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2019-0029 ADOPTED**
5. **ORDINANCE** amending Ordinance Number 2017-771 to include the acquisition of redesigned and new additional parcels for the Hirsch Road Paving and Drainage Project: Laura Koppe to Crosstimbers Street and further finding and determining public convenience and necessity for the acquisition of such parcels by gift, dedication, purchase and if necessary, the use of eminent domain - **DISTRICTS B - DAVIS and H – CISNEROS**- was presented, Council Member Edwards voting no, balance voting aye. **ORDINANCE 2019-0030 ADOPTED**
7. **ORDINANCE** amending Ordinance No. 2015-0610 (passed on June 17, 2015) to increase the maximum contract amount of Job Order Contract between the City of Houston and **JAMAIL & SMITH CONSTRUCTION, LP** to Complete Work Orders and Facility Condition

Assessment Projects- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2019-0031 ADOPTED**

8. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$373,000.00 out of Fire Consolidated Construction Fund; \$785,000.00 out of Parks Consolidated Construction Fund; \$206,000.00 out of Solid Waste Consolidated Construction Fund; \$941,000.00 out of Police Consolidated Construction Fund; \$246,000.00 out of Public Library Consolidated Construction Fund; \$395,000.00 out of Public Health Consolidated Construction Fund; and \$655,000.00 out of General Improvement Consolidated Construction Fund for Reimbursement Project Management Costs for FY19 Capital Improvement Plan Projects for City Departments- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2019-0032 ADOPTED**
9. **ORDINANCE** establishing a certain area known as **Belt Junction City Subdivision**, within the City of Houston, as a special minimum lot size area pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT H – CISNEROS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2019-0033 ADOPTED**
10. **ORDINANCE** amending Ordinance No. 2014-0056, approving and authorizing first amendment to an agreement between the City of Houston and **VIRTUO GROUP CORPORATION** to extend the contract term for Professional Information Technology Cyber Security Consulting Services for Various Departments; to increase the maximum contract amount - \$1,411,500.00 - Central Service Revolving Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2019-0034 ADOPTED**
12. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Concession Contract between the City of Houston and **SUPERSHUTTLE HOUSTON, LLC**, for Shared Ride Passenger Van Services for the Houston Airport System - 5 Years with two one-year options- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2019-0035 ADOPTED**
13. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **AIR CLEANING TECHNOLOGIES, INC**, for Exhaust Removal Services for the Houston Fire Department; providing a maximum contract amount - 1 year with a one-year option - \$774,305.00 - General and Grant Funds- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2019-0036 ADOPTED**

MATTERS HELD - NUMBERS 16 and 17

16. **ORDINANCE** awarding Professional Services Contract to **HAGERTY CONSULTING, INC** for the Coordinate Complex Terrorist Attack Program for the Mayor's Office; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$509,710.23 - Grant Fund **TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER KUBOSH**
This was Item 11 on Agenda of January 9, 2019- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2019-0037 ADOPTED**
17. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing contract for Legal Services with **BICKERSTAFF HEATH DELGADO ACOSTA LLP** for Legal Representation of the City of Houston;

establishing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$500,000.00
- Enterprise Fund

TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER KUBOSH

This was Item 12 on Agenda of January 9, 2019- was presented, all voting aye, nays none.
ORDINANCE 2019-0038 ADOPTED

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE FOR AGENDA OF JANUARY 16, 2019

18. TEXAS PRIDE DISPOSAL SOLUTIONS, LLC for Emergency Purchase of Recycling Collection Services to service Northwest Service Center routes for the Solid Waste Management Department- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson. After a lengthy discussion, a vote was called, Council Member Gallegos voting no, balance voting aye. **MOTION 2019-0025 ADOPTED.**

19. BIG TRUCK RENTALS, LLC for Emergency Purchase for the Rental of Solid Waste Trucks to supplement the City's fleet for the Solid Waste Management Department- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, Council Members Le, Travis, Gallegos, Laster and Kubosh voting no, balance voting aye. **MOTION 2019-0026 ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner wanted to thank them, and he also wanted to say another issue so everybody can be aware that we also need more Police Officers. So, he wanted to put that out now, so that everyone will know but there is a cost associated with Police and he wants everyone to understand about Proposition B. The lawyers are asking to start paying on the Proposition today. There are number of needs that exist in our City and he is trying to balance.

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

Members of Council announced events and discussed matters of interest.

There being no further business before Council; the City Council adjourned at 10:39 a.m. Council Members Davis, Le, Travis, Knox and Kubosh absent.

DETAILED INFORMATION ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

Pat J. Daniel, Assistant City Secretary

