City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, May 21, 2019

A regular meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday May 21, 2019; Mayor Sylvester Turner presiding with Council Members Brenda Stardig, 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 Jerry Davis absent on Personal Business. Council Member Dave Martin out of the City on City Business.

At 1:33 p.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting to order and stated they would start with the presentations. Council Members Stardig, Le, Travis, Gallegos, Laster, Knox and Edwards absent. Council Member Christie presented a proclamation to Dr. James Allison to celebrate him winning the Nobel Prize in Physiology and Medicine. Council Members Le, Travis, Cisneros, Laster, Knox and Edwards absent.

Council Member Robinson presented a proclamation to Dr. Ruth Simmons to honor her as the first Woman President of Prairie View A&M University. Council Members Le, Travis and Knox absent.

Council Member Cohen presented a proclamation to Kelsey-Seybold Clinic to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the opening of its first clinic. Council Members Boykins, Le, Travis, Knox and Kubosh absent. Council Member Robinson presiding.

Council Member Gallegos presented a proclamation to Anella Coleman to honor her for founding the Charter School Young Scholars Academy (YSAFE) in 1996. Council Members Le, Travis, Gallegos, Knox and Christie absent.

At 2:23 p.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting into order and recognized Council Member Robinson for the Invocation. Council Member Robinson reintroduce Ms. Vawn Gretta to sing for the Invocation and Council Member Robinson then led the Pledge of Allegiance. Council Member Boykins absent.

The Roll was called. Council Member Jerry Davis absent on Personal Business. Council Member Dave Martin out of the City on City Business. Council Member Boykins absent.

Council Member Cohen moved to delay the balance of the minutes and seconded by Council Member Stardig, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. MOTION ADOPTED Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Christie for a point of Personal Privilege: Council Member Christie stated he wanted to reintroduce their friends from Taiwan, which the City of Houston has a Sister City relationship with.

Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Laster for a Procedural Motion; Council Member Laster moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of moving Miguel Fajardo to the top of the 3 minutes list of speakers and seconded by Council Member Kubosh, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. MOTION 2019-0251 ADOPTED

At 2:28 p.m. Mayor Turner requested the Assistant City Secretary to call the List of Speakers
#1 - SHERRY BROWNING – Post Office Box 301162 – 77230 – 832-287-5909 – Summer Event/Not in our neighborhood or community. Council Member Boykins absent.
#3 - CYNTHIA YOUNG – 11519 Hornbrook Dr. – 77099 – 832-288-5765 – District F. Council Members Boykins and Christie absent.
LAMOND DIXON – 1601 Lakeside Dr. – Seabrook, Tx – 77598 – No Phone – Employment – NOT PRESENT
STEVEN WILLIAMS – No Address – No Phone - Rick Santorum/passed the citizenship/reparations/by designer corporation strategy – NOT PRESENT
DEBORAH ELAINE ALLEN – Post Office Box 263252 – 77207 – 713-264-0127 – Will appear to express personal opinion – NOT PRESENT
MOSES RODRIGUEZ – 500 Louisiana St. – 77002 – 713-224-9494 – Summer Enrichment Program for Music – NOT PRESENT
NIA COLBERT – 9520 Wilcrest Dr., Apt. #2202 – 77099 – 281-886-6197 – Pinnacle on Wilcrest, wrongful eviction, fraudulent use of Housing funds – NOT PRESENT
SHIRLEY THOMAS – 7816 Curry Rd. – 832-343-4587 – Home repair/Housing and Development Department – MEETING WITH DEPARTMENT

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 3:28 p.m. The City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 22, 2019, Council Members Boykins, Le, Laster and Knox absent.

For more information and details from the Speakers List, please click here: https://houstontx.swagit.com/play/05212019-2596

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, May 22, 2019; Mayor Sylvester Turner presiding, with Council Members Brenda Stardig, 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.; Ronald Lewis, City Attorney, Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director and Stella Ortega, Agenda Office present. Council Member Jerry Davis absent on personal business.

At 9:08 a.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting to order and stated that they would to the Mayor's Report.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Turner stated that on Monday they had the State of the City address, wherein they put forth the request for 50 companies to adopt 50 for 50 Parks throughout the City of Houston and they have gotten HEB and 10 other companies that have signed on along with 4 other associations. The number is growing, and people are excited about that. The notion is to drive investments, assistance and volunteers into local neighborhood parks throughout the City of Houston. Mayor Turner is requesting Members of Council to pass on suggestions for Parks that are in their Districts or within the City of Houston. Also, he suggested the commitment be extended for at least 5 years.

Members of Council commented and questioned about the 50 for 50 Parks and other companies to help bring attention and help to parks where needed.

Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Cisneros for a point of Personal Privilege; Council Member Cisneros stated Council has members of Berry Elementary in the Chambers today and requested them to stand to be recognized.

Mayor Turner stated that he wanted to highlight the City of Houston’s unemployment rate. Last year the City and business communities created about 86,200 jobs and the unemployment rate is now 3.2%, which is the lowest unemployment rate in the City of Houston since 1981. He certainly wants to acknowledge the companies, corporations, industries and the Houston Medical Center that have worked collaboratively to make it happen. Mayor Turner then closed the Mayor’s Report by talking about the pension reforms. When they came in January 2016 the unfunded liability for the City of Houston on Pensions were $8.2 billion dollars and as of today the unfunded liability for the City of Houston on Pensions are $4.3 billion dollars and the Credit rating have given the City of Houston a thumbs up.

At 9:21 a.m. Mayor Turner asked Assistant City Secretary to call Items 1 & 2 from the Agenda.
1. **CONFIRMATION** of the appointment of the following individuals to the **HOUSTON CLEAN CITY COMMISSION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for terms ending January 1, 2021:
   - Position E - HERLINDA GONZALEZ
   - Position F - JOE DINNON

   Was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **Motion 2019-0252 ADOPTED**

2. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Houston Public Works for approval of final contract amount of $13,170,199.70 and acceptance of work on contract with **SER CONSTRUCTION PARTNERS, LLC** for Neighborhood Street Reconstruction Project 456 - 3.36% over the original contract amount **DISTRICT A – STARDIG**.

   Was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **Motion 2019-0255 ADOPTED**

**PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS** - NUMBERS 4 through 6

4. **APPROVE** payment to **CEPHEID, INC** for Outstanding Invoices for Diagnostic Controls and Test Kits for the Houston Health Department - $63,744.09 - Grant Fund. Was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **Motion 2019-0253 ADOPTED**

5. **CHRISTOPHER CORTEZ dba SOUTH WESTERN ENVIRONMENTAL EQUIPMENT TECHNICIANS** for Various Pumps and Motors for Houston Public Works - $232,625.00 - Enterprise Fund. **Pulled** - **Not Considered**

6. **SKALAR, INC** for Chemical Analyzers for Houston Public Works - $132,750.00 - Enterprise Fund. Was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **Motion 2019-0254 ADOPTED**

**ORDINANCES** - NUMBERS 19 through 28

19. **ORDINANCE** consenting to the addition of 50.04 acres of land to **HARRIS COUNTY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 14** for inclusion in its district. Was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **Ordinance 2019-0369 ADOPTED**

20. **ORDINANCE** appropriating $872,386.91 out of Contributed Capital Projects Fund, awarding Construction Contract to **TRI-POINT CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, INCORPORATED** for BARC Cattery; setting a deadline for the proposer's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance and other required contract documents to the City; holding the proposer in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering and material testing services and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by Contributed Capital Projects Fund **DISTRICT B – DAVIS**. Was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **Ordinance 2019-0370 ADOPTED**

23. **ORDINANCE** appropriating $44,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Construction Management and Inspection Services Contract between the City of Houston and **UNITED ENGINEERS**,
INC for Various Citywide Water and Wastewater Systems Projects; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **Ordinance 2019-0371 ADOPTED**

24. **ORDINANCE** appropriating $502,401.42 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **TRW ENGINEERS, INC d/b/a TSC ENGINEERING** for Alief Forest North Area Drainage and Paving; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF - **DISTRICT F – LE-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **Ordinance 2019-0372 ADOPTED**

25. **ORDINANCE** appropriating $220,000.00 out of Metro Projects Construction DDSRF and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **TLC ENGINEERING, INC** for City Wide Street and Traffic Rehabilitation 3; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Metro Projects Construction DDSRF- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **Ordinance 2019-0373 ADOPTED**

26. **ORDINANCE** appropriating $440,000.00 out of Metro Projects Construction DDSRF and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **SCIENTECH ENGINEERS, INC** for Citywide Street and Traffic Rehabilitation 7; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Metro Projects Construction DDSRF- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **Ordinance 2019-0374 ADOPTED**

27. **ORDINANCE** appropriating $1,318,730.18 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund as an additional appropriation to Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES, INC** for the Lift Station Renewal and Replacement - Green River Drive, Bretshire No. 2, Bayfield, Highland Meadow, Hempstead No. 1 and Ferguson Way Lift Stations (as Approved by Ordinance No. 2016-0324); providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT B – DAVIS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **Ordinance 2019-0375 ADOPTED**

28. **ORDINANCE** appropriating $15,628,500.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding Contract to **INDUSTRIAL TX CORP.** for Northeast Water Purification Plant (NEWPP) Improvements - Package 2; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering, testing, CIP Cost Recovery, construction management, and contingencies 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 2019-0376 ADOPTED**

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**
3. **CUMMINS SOUTHERN PLAINS, LLC** to purchase two Portable Backup Generators through the Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Purchasing with the Houston-Galveston Area Council for the Houston Health Department - $189,594.00 - Grant Fund - Was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **Motion 2019-0256 ADOPTED**

7. **RESOLUTION** approving and authorizing the nomination of **AMERICAN GENERAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY**, located at 2727-A Allen Parkway, Houston, Texas, to the Texas Economic Development Bank established by the Texas Economic Development and Tourism Office within the Office of the Governor for designation as an Enterprise Project - **DISTRICT C – COHEN** - Council Member Cohen tagged

8. **RESOLUTION** approving and authorizing the nomination of **AMERICAN GENERAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY**, located at 2919 Allen Parkway, Houston, Texas, to the Texas Economic Development Bank established by the Texas Economic Development and Tourism Office within the Office of the Governor for designation as an Enterprise Project - **DISTRICT C – COHEN** - Council Member Cohen tagged

9. **RESOLUTION** approving and authorizing the assignment of enterprise project status from **TH HEALTHCARE, LTD.’S Texas Enterprise Project to HOUSTON - PPH, LLC** - **DISTRICT D – BOYKINS** - Council Member Cohen tagged

10. **ORDINANCE** supplementing the City of Houston, Texas Master Ordinance No. 2004-299, supplementing the City of Houston, Texas Ordinance No. 2004-300, Ordinance No. 2008-252, Ordinance No. 2010-215, Ordinance No. 2013-200 and Ordinance No. 2016-213; authorizing the substitution of a credit facility, the execution and delivery of a Reimbursement Agreement, a Co-Bond Counsel Agreement, and a reoffering circular for the City of Houston, Texas Combined Utility System First Lien Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2004B-4, and declaring an emergency - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **Ordinance 2019-0377 ADOPTED**

11. **ORDINANCE** authorizing the issuance of one or more series of City of Houston, Texas Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes, Series 2019 to provide for the payment of the current expenses of the City for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020; prescribing the terms and form thereof and authorizing the Finance Working Group to determine certain terms and conditions relating thereto; providing for the payment of the principal thereof and interest thereon; approving and authorizing the distribution of a Preliminary Official Statement and Official Notice of sale to be used in connection with the sale of the notes; authorizing the preparation and distribution of an Official Statement; authorizing the execution and delivery of a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement; authorizing a Bond Counsel Agreement and a Special Tax Counsel and Special Disclosure Counsel Agreement; and making other findings and provisions relating to such notes and matters incident thereto; and declaring an emergency- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **Ordinance 2019-0378 ADOPTED**

12. **ORDINANCE** approving supplemental borrowing evidenced by City of Houston, Texas Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes, Series 2019A to provide for payment of current expenses of the City for a portion of the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020; providing for the payment of the principal of and interest on such Notes; authorizing the procedure for determining the terms and conditions of such Notes; authorizing the execution
of a Note Purchase Agreement; approving Bond Counsel and Special Tax and Special Disclosure Counsel; making other findings and provisions related to such notes and matters incident thereto; and declaring an emergency- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **Ordinance 2019-0379 ADOPTED**

13. **ORDINANCE** finding and determining the public convenience and necessity for the acquisition of real property interests in connection with the Public Improvement Project known as the Paving and Drainage for Augusta, Grant Park, and Ballard Gardens Project; authorizing the acquisition of fee simple or easement interest to one parcel of land required for the project and situated in the William P. Harris and Robert Wilson Survey, Abstract No. 32, in Harris County, Texas, said parcel of land being located along Evelia Street at Solo Street in Houston, Harris County, Texas, by gift, dedication, purchase and the use of eminent domain and further authorizing payment of the costs of such purchases and/or eminent domain proceedings and associated costs for relocation assistance, Appraisal Fees, Title Policies/Services, Recording Fees, court costs, and Expert Witness Fees in connection with the acquisition of fee simple or easement interest to one parcel of land required for the project - **DISTRICT B – DAVIS**- was presented, Council Member Edwards voting no, balance voting aye. **Ordinance 2019-0380 ADOPTED**

14. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing the City of Houston to submit the 2019 Annual Action Plan to the **UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD)**, including the following 2019 Grant Applications and Budgets: 1) 45th Program Year Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the amount of $28,090,088.00 (which amount includes $23,936,444.00 in CDBG Funds and $4,153,644.00 in projected program income); 2) Home Investment Partnerships Grant (HOME) in the amount of $9,434,258.00 (which amount includes $9,307,715.00 in HOME Funds and $126,543.00 in projected program income); 3) Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Grant (HOPWA) in the amount of $9,882,076.00; and 4) Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG), Formerly known as the Emergency Shelter Grants, in the amount of $2,031,897.00; to accept funds from the aforementioned grants, if awarded- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **Ordinance 2019-0381 ADOPTED**

15. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing fourth amendment to contract between the City of Houston and **CHILD CARE COUNCIL OF GREATER HOUSTON** to provide additional Community Development Block Grant Funds and extend the contract for the continuing administration and operation of a Child Care Program - $360,000.00 - Grant Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **Ordinance 2019-0382 ADOPTED**

16. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing fourth amendment to contract between the City of Houston and **CHILD CARE COUNCIL OF GREATER HOUSTON** to provide additional Community Development Block Grant Funds and extend the contract for the continuing administration and operation of a Juvenile Delinquency Program - $360,000.00 - Grant Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **Ordinance 2019-0383 ADOPTED**

17. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing fourth amendment to contract between the City of Houston and **CHILD CARE COUNCIL OF GREATER HOUSTON** to extend the term of the contract and provide additional Emergency Solutions Grants Funds, Community Development Block Grant Funds and Homeless Housing and Services Program Funds for the continuing administration and operation of the City’s Homeless Services Program - $1,857,674.00 - Grant Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **Ordinance 2019-0384 ADOPTED**
18. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **GOODWILL INDUSTRIES OF HOUSTON** providing Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Funds for the operation of a Supportive Services Program - $200,000.00 - Grant Fund was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **Ordinance 2019-0385 ADOPTED**

21. **ORDINANCE** appropriating $99,000.00 out of Metro Projects Construction DDSRF to an Advance Funding Agreement between the City of Houston and the **TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION** for Fondren Road Widening; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF **DISTRICT K - CASTEX-TATUM** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Christie absent. **Ordinance 2019-0386 ADOPTED**

**MATTERS HELD** - NUMBERS 29 through 32

29. **MOTION** by Council Member Davis/Seconded by Council Member Robinson to adopt recommendation from Chief Procurement Officer to award to **CHILDREN’S MUSEUM, INC** to purchase Houston Basics Video Production for the Houston Health Department - $60,000.00 - Essential Public Health Services Fund - **TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER STARDIG**

This was Item 8 on Agenda of May 15, 2019- was presented, Council Members Stardig and Kubosh voting not. Council Member Christie absent. **Motion 2019-0257 – Adopt**

30. **MOTION** by Council Member Davis/Seconded by Council Member Robinson to adopt recommendation from Chief Procurement Officer to award to **TOTER, LLC** for Recycling Carts and Cart Lids through the Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Purchasing with the City of Tucson, Arizona for the Solid Waste Management Department - $571,408.45 - General Fund - **TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LASTER**

This was Item 12 on Agenda of May 15, 2019- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **Motion 2019-0258 – Adopt**

31. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing the submission of an electronic application and acceptance for grant assistance to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the FY 2018 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program; declaring the City’s eligibility for such grants; authorizing the Chief of the Houston Fire Department to act as the City’s representative in the application process, to accept and expend the grant funds, if awarded, and to apply for and accept all subsequent awards, if any, pertaining to the program - **TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS STARDIG and CISNEROS**

This was Item 24 on Agenda of May 15, 2019- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **Ordinance 2019-0387 – Adopt**

32. **ORDINANCE** consenting to the creation of **HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 539**, containing 620.6117 acres of land within the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Houston, Texas; authorizing the district to exercise road powers and to issue bonds for road facilities, subject to certain conditions - **DELAYED BY MOTION # 2019-250, 5/15/2019**

This was Item 38 on Agenda of May 15, 2019- was presented, Council Members Stardig, Travis, Knox, Kubosh and Edwards voting no, balance voting aye. **Ordinance 2019-0388 – Adopt**
Assistant City Secretary advised that Item 22 has been received and will vote on the Item next.

22. **ORDINANCE** appropriating $73,700.00 out of Metro Projects Construction DDSRF to an Advance Funding Agreement between the City of Houston and **THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION** for the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program Project Off-System in connection with the widening of Westpark Drive to four lanes from Wilcrest Drive to South Dairy Ashford Road; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Metro Projects Construction DDSRF. - **DISTRICT F – LE-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **Ordinance 2019-0389 ADOPTED**

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**MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS** - Council Member Knox first Members of Council announced events and discussed matters of interest. There being no further business before Council; the City Council adjourned at 10:12 a.m. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Cisneros, Knox and Kubosh absent. **DETAILED INFORMATION ON FILE ON THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY MINUTES READ AND APPROVED**

Pat J. Daniel, Assistant City Secretary