

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, March 3, 2020

A regular meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 3, 2020 Mayor Sylvester Turner presiding with Council Members Amy Peck, Jerry Davis, Abbie Kamin, Carolyn Evans-Shabazz, Dave Martin, Tiffany D. Thomas, Greg Travis, Karla Cisneros, Robert Gallegos, Edward Pollard, Martha Castex-Tatum, Mike Knox, David Robinson, Michael Kubosh, Letitia Plummer and Sallie Alcorn; Randy Zamora, Legal Department, Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director and Stella Ortega, Agenda Office present. Council Members Jerry Davis and Tiffany D. Thomas absent on Personal Business.

At 1:32 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Martin called the meeting to order and stated they would start with the presentations. Council Members Peck, Kamin, Evans-Shabazz, Travis, Cisneros, Pollard, Castex-Tatum, Knox and Plummer absent.

Council Member Robinson presented a proclamation to Xandelyn Breanne Wright for being awarded teacher of the Year for Alief Early College High School. Council Members Evans-Shabazz, Travis, Cisneros, Castex-Tatum, Knox and Plummer absent.

Mayor Turner recognized the University of Houston Bauer School of Business to recognize their #1 ranking in the nation. Council Member Travis absent.

Council Member Peck presented a proclamation to Dress for Success to recognize their work in equipping women with the resources needed to attain long-term employment and success. Council Members Travis and Knox absent.

Council Member Alcorn presented a proclamation to the River Oaks Garden Club Azalea Trail to honor their 85th Anniversary. Council Members Travis, Knox and Kubosh absent.

At 2:21 p.m. Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Martin for the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Council Members Knox and Kubosh absent.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Jerry Davis and Tiffany D. Thomas absent on Personal Business. Council Members Knox and Kubosh absent.

Council Member Robinson moved to delay the Adoption of the Minutes and seconded by Council Member Castex-Tatum, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Knox absent.

MOTION ADOPTED

Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Gallegos for a Procedural Motion; Council Member Gallegos moved to suspend the rules to move Graciela Saenz to the top of the one-minute Agenda List and move Leticia Ablaza to the bottom of the three-minute Agenda List and seconded by Council Members Travis, Knox and Kubosh absent. **MOTION 2020-0098 ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Evans-Shabazz for a Procedural Motion; Council Member Evans-Shabazz moved to suspend the rules to move Rev. James Nash to the top of the

three-minute Non-Agenda List and seconded by Council Member Travis, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Travis, Knox and Kubosh absent. **MOTION 2020-0099 ADOPTED**

At 2:28 p.m. Mayor Turner requested the Assistant City Secretary to call the List of Speakers.

#1 - GRACIELA SAENZ – 1108 Hackney St. – 77023 – 281-888-4409 - Item No. 27 – Port Commission of the Port of Houston Authority. Council Member Knox absent.

#2 - ALPHONSE CASTILLO – 1108 Hackney St. – 77023 – 832-455-1867 – Item No. 27 – Port Commission of the Port of Houston Authority. Council Member Knox absent.

#3 - BRIDGETTE MURRAY – 1403 Laurentide St. – 77029 – 713-553-1907 - Item No. 27 – Port Commission of the Port of Houston Authority. Council Member Knox absent.

#4 - ALPA SRIDHARAN – No Address – 832-998-1885 - Item No. 27 – Port Commission of the Port of Houston Authority. Council Members Martin and Knox absent.

#5 - ALLYN WEST – 2613 Crocker St., Apt. #5 – 77006 – 713-724-1810 – Item No. 27 - Port Commission of the Port of Houston Authority. Council Members Martin and Knox absent.

#6 - CATHERINE FLOWERS – 2906 Southmore Blvd. – 77004 – 713-319-5708 - Item No. 27 – Port Commission of the Port of Houston Authority/Bridgette Murray. Council Members Martin and Knox absent.

#7 - CARMEN CAVEZZA – 10226 Wylde Point Ln. – Missouri City, TX – 77459 – 209-403-7505 - Item No. 27 – Port Commission of the Port of Houston Authority/Bridgette Murray. Council Members Martin and Knox absent.

#8 - JUAN PARRAS – 4622 Rusk St. – 77023 – 281-513-7799 - Item No. 27 – Port Commission of the Port of Houston Authority/Bridgette Murray. Council Members Martin and Knox absent.

#9 - KRISTINE SINGLETON – 5226 Yorkwood St. – 77016 – 713-504-3908 - Item No. 27 – Port Commission of the Port of Houston Authority/Bridgette Murray. Council Members Kamin, Martin and Knox absent.

#10 - DON READY - 7316 Satsuma St. – 77023 – 713-516-4799 - Item No. 27 – Port Commission of the Port of Houston Authority. Council Members Kamin, Martin and Knox absent.

#11 - ADRIAN SHELLEY – 15601 Laona Cove – Austin, TX – 78717 – 713-702-8063 - Item No. 27 – Port Commission of the Port of Houston Authority. Council Members Kamin, Martin and Knox absent.

#12 - REV. JAMES CALDWELL – 2424 Sakowitz, Apt. B203 – 77020 – 832-231-9176 - Item No. 27 – Port Commission of the Port of Houston Authority. Council Members Kamin, Martin and Knox absent.

#13 - STEPHANIE THOMAS – 720 Rusk St. – 77002 – 832-840-6464 - Item No. 27 – Port Commission of the Port of Houston Authority. Council Members Kamin and Plummer absent.

#14 - LETICIA ABLAZA – 2520 Caroline St. – 77004 – 713-320-4340 – Item No. 27 - Port Commission of the Port of Houston Authority. Council Member Plummer absent.

#15 - REV. JAMES NASH – 8418 Colonial Ln. – 77051 – 713-725-1664 – Shootings in the community. Council Members Cisneros and Plummer absent.

#16 - GENEVIEVE FLORES – No Address – 830-741-8319 – City of Hondo. Council Members Martin, Cisneros and Kubosh absent.

#17 - DAPHNE ALEXANDER – 7602 Antoine Dr. – 77088 – 346-217-1438 – Homebuyers down payment assistance program. Council Members Martin, Kubosh and Plummer absent.

#18 - JOHN MARSDEN – 9915 Village Bend Ln. – 77075 – 832-960-0074 – Gun violence. Council Members Kubosh and Plummer absent.

#19 - TED WEISGAL - 12137 Stone West Dr. – 77035 – 281-846-6793 – Robert's Rules of Order and Lunar Solar Power. Council Members Pollard, Kubosh and Plummer absent.

#20 - MELONYE BALLARD – 13607 Piney Oaks Dr. – 77065 – 832-689-8370 – Homelessness and save the beans. Council Members Gallegos, Pollard, Knox and Kubosh absent.

#21 - JOANNA PEREZ – 1801 Sibley St. – 77023 – 832-434-6857 – Need cages for colony of cats. Council Members Travis, Gallegos, Knox, Kubosh, Plummer and Alcorn absent.

#22 - R MICHAEL LEE – 5504 Ardmore St. – 77021 – 713-748-6973 – Devaluation of Homestead property value. Council Members Travis, Gallegos, Knox, Kubosh, Plummer and Alcorn absent.

#23 - LOVELY WASHINGTON – 4135 W. Belfort St. – 77025 – 713-904-0334 – Community safety requires a community effort. Council Members Travis, Gallegos, Knox, Kubosh, Plummer and Alcorn absent.

BILL HILL – 3215 Lyons Ave. – 77076 – 281-964-5388 – Public affairs. **NOT PRESENT**

#24 - JOSEPH REED – 5307 Dumore Dr. – 77048 – 832-775-3056 – Equal protection violation (14th Amendment). Council Members Travis, Knox, Kubosh, Plummer and Alcorn absent.

#25 - KIRANDCEP KAUR – 13531 Sundowner Dr. – 77041 – 281-451-1781 – Resolution for Indian Government Program. Council Members Martin, Travis, Gallegos, Knox, Kubosh, Plummer and Alcorn absent.

KATHY GUNTER – 8719 Bertwood – 77016 – 832-882-9775 – Lack of Inspector Services. **NOT PRESENT**

#26 - ANDREW PATTERSON – 6207 Fondren Rd. – 77036 – 832-276-1712 - General issues involving the City of Houston. Council Members Kamin, Martin, Travis, Gallegos, Knox, Kubosh, Plummer and Alcorn absent.

DERRICK MOTEN – No Address – 346-760-6909 - Police misconduct. **NOT PRESENT**

MICHELLE HARRIS – 12731 Braewood Glen Ln. – 77072 – 832-876-0339 – Department of Neighborhood or Police Boot illegally parked cars. **NOT PRESENT**

#27 - DERRICK BROZE – No Address – No Phone – Public or Private Partnership. Council Members Kamin, Travis, Gallegos, Knox, Kubosh, Plummer and Alcorn absent.

#28 - YASH UPADHAYA – 1250 Glenwood Canyon Ln. – 77077 – 281-785-9042 – Height adjustable changing table for the disabled. Council Members Travis, Gallegos, Knox, Kubosh and Plummer absent.

#29 - VATSAL SHARDA - 1250 Glenwood Canyon Ln. – 77077 – 281-785-9042 – Height adjustable changing table for the disabled. Council Members Travis, Gallegos, Knox, Kubosh and Plummer absent.

#30 - VHRITTI KOYYLA - 1250 Glenwood Canyon Ln. – 77077 – 281-785-9042 – Height adjustable changing table for the disabled. Council Members Travis, Gallegos, Knox, Kubosh and Plummer absent.

#31 - SIYA GUPTA - 1250 Glenwood Canyon Ln. – 77077 – 281-785-9042 – Height adjustable changing table for the disabled. Council Members Travis, Castex-Tatum, Knox, Kubosh and Plummer absent.

SEBASTIAN PORTILLO - 1250 Glenwood Canyon Ln. – 77077 – 281-785-9042 – Height adjustable changing table for the disabled. **NOT PRESENT**

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 4:30 p.m. The City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 4, 2020.

For more information and details from the Speakers List, please click here:
<https://houstontx.swagit.com/play/03032020-1954>

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, March 4, 2020 Mayor Sylvester Turner presiding, with Council Members Amy Peck, Jerry Davis, Abbie Kamin, Carolyn Evans-Shabazz, Dave Martin, Tiffany D. Thomas, Greg Travis, Karla Cisneros, Robert Gallegos, Edward Pollard, Martha Castex-Tatum, Mike Knox, David W. Robinson, Michael Kubosh, Letitia Plummer and Sallie Alcorn; Ronald Lewis, City Attorney, Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director and Stella Ortega, Agenda Office present.

At 9:08 a.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting to order and would start off with the Financial Report. Council Members Kamin, Pollard, Travis, Thomas and Knox absent.

REPORT FROM CITY CONTROLLER AND THE CITY ADMINISTRATION REGARDING THE CURRENT FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE CITY including but not limited to, a revenue, expenditure and encumbrance report for the General Fund, all special revenue funds and all enterprise funds, and a report on the status of bond funds was presented, City Controller Chris Brown and Director of Finance Department Tantri Emo, reviewed the Monthly Operation and Financial Report; copies of which are on file in the City Secretary's Office for review.

Council Member Martin moved to accept the Monthly Financial Report and seconded by Council Member Castex-Tatum, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Kamin, Pollard and Travis absent. **MOTION 2020-0100 ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner requested the Assistant City Secretary to call Items 1-3

1. **REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following individuals to the **REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER THIRTEEN, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS (OLD SIXTH WARD AREA) BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for a term to expire December 31, 2021:

- Position Six - **ANN GUERCIO**, reappointment
- Position Seven - **GRACE ZUÑIGA**, appointment
- Position Nine - **ALISON N. MAILLET**, reappointment

Was presented, moved by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Pollard and Travis absent. **MOTION 2020-0101 ADOPTED**

2. **REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following individuals to the **OLD SIXTH WARD AREA REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**, for a term to expire December 31, 2021:

- Position Six - **ANN GUERCIO**, reappointment
- Position Seven - **GRACE ZUÑIGA**, appointment
- Position Nine - **ALISON N. MAILLET**, reappointment

Was presented, moved by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Pollard and Travis absent. **MOTION 2020-0102 ADOPTED**

3. **REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the reappointment of **REGINALD E. MCKAMIE** to Position Two of the **BOARD OF PILOT COMMISSIONERS FOR HARRIS COUNTY PORTS**, for a term to expire February 1, 2022 - Was presented, moved by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Travis absent. **MOTION 2020-0103 ADOPTED**

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Turner stated that Tuesday he wanted to thank the voters who were in the long lines and just a reminder this coming November, he thinks there needs to be plenty of voting machines. Early voting is important. He wanted to congratulate the candidates who won for both the Republican and Democratic party primaries. Our Country and City are stronger because people vote.

Tonight, they will start back with the District Community Meetings and they will be in District I at 6:30 p.m. with Council Member Gallegos at the HCC South East Campus and Thursday March 5, 2020 they will be in Clear Lake which is District E with Council Member Martin at Space Center Houston. The schedule can be found online, and the meetings are a great opportunity for citizens to find out about projects that have been completed or being scheduled in their neighborhoods and in every meeting, they talk about the 2020 Census.

Mayor Turner stated that Spring Break is around the corner and this week the City of Houston will join with Rodeo Houston with the Museum District of Texas Medical Center. Metro will inform people how best to avoid traffic and find parking because more than 350,000 people travel every day into that area. A lot of things are taking place.

With concerns of the Coronavirus in other Cities and some people are reluctant to travel outside of the United States. They were bringing representatives from over 80 Countries and had to cancel to minimize the risk for people, but they rebooked for 2021. March is going to be an amazing time for people to exercise staycations, right here in the City of Houston and he does know that hotels will be giving special discounts for people. There are currently 0 confirmed Coronavirus cases in Houston, and he is encouraging people to get prepared. Wash hands use sanitizers and he said don't leave home without it.

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo officially started yesterday from now to March 22, 2020, there will be nightly concerts, rides, games and focus on agriculture and he encourages for everyone to go out and support the rodeo. The Mayor along with his Executive Staff will be in Asia Town tomorrow for lunch and they are excited in coming to Asia Town. Tonight, will be saluted to Armed Forces night at the Rodeo. He wanted to congratulate the Arlington Mayor, Mayor Williams because the Houston Roughnecks beat his team up, they won the Texas throwdown. Mayor Williams issued that challenge about wearing the jerseys and he saw him yesterday wearing a Roughneck jersey all day and at all of his meetings which he looked pretty good in the Roughneck jersey. The Roughnecks are still undefeated, and they wish them the very best.

Mayor Turner stated that he was going to end his report today with a presentation from Stephen Costello because he asked for him to come and talk about the infrastructure post Hurricane Harvey.

Chief Recovery Officer Costello presented a presentation on Hurricane Harvey, 2- year report and update to Members of Council. A copy of the presentation is located at the Office of the City Secretary.

Members of Council commented and questioned Chief Recovery Officer Costello about the presentation.

CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 4 through 26

MISCELLANEOUS - NUMBERS 4 through 8

4. **RECOMMENDATION** from Police Chief for Extension of Injury on Duty Leave (Salary Continuation) for **Officer MICHAEL MORENO**, for the period February 8, 2020 to May 8, 2020 – was presented, moved by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Castex-Tatum, all voting aye, nays none. Mayor Pro Tem Martin absent. **MOTION 2020-0104 ADOPTED**
5. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Houston Public Works for approval of the 2020 Operations and Maintenance Budget for the **LAKE HOUSTON FACILITIES PROJECT** operated by the Coastal Water Authority - \$5,196,900.00 - Enterprise Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Castex-Tatum, all voting aye, nays none. Mayor Pro Tem Martin absent. **MOTION 2020-0105 ADOPTED**
6. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Houston Public Works for approval of the 2020 Operations and Maintenance Budget for the **LUCE BAYOU SYSTEM PROJECT** operated by the Coastal Water Authority \$2,479,000.00 - Enterprise Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Castex-Tatum, all voting aye, nays none. Mayor Pro Tem Martin absent. **MOTION 2020-0106 ADOPTED**
7. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Houston Public Works for approval of the 2020 Operations and Maintenance Budget for the **TRINITY RIVER WATER CONVEYANCE PROJECT** - \$21,594,600.00 - Enterprise Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Castex-Tatum, all voting aye, nays none. Mayor Por Tem Martin absent. **MOTION 2020-0107 ADOPTED**
8. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Houston Public Works for approval of the 2020 Operations and Maintenance Budget for the **LAKE LIVINGSTON PROJECT** operated by the **Trinity River Authority** - \$4,763,498.00 - Enterprise Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Castex-Tatum, all voting aye, nays none. Mayor Pro Tem Martin absent. **MOTION 2020-0108 ADOPTED**

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS - NUMBERS 9 and 10

9. **BUBBLE TECHNOLOGY INDUSTRIES, INC** for Mobile Radiation Detector System for the Public Safety and Homeland Security - 3 years with two one-year options - \$5,500,000.00 - Grant Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Mayor Pro Tem Martin absent. **MOTION 2020-0109 ADOPTED**
10. **TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION RESOURCES, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE PROCUREMENT OFFICIALS VALUE POINT, NATIONAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL PURCHASING ALLIANCE and GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION** for Technology related products and services through the Cooperative Purchasing Agreements for Various Departments - \$20,240,000.00 General, Enterprise and Other Funds - was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Mayor Pro Tem Martin absent. **MOTION 2020-0110 ADOPTED**

ORDINANCES - NUMBERS 12 through 26

12. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing submission of a grant application to the **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION**, for grant titled "Integrated HIV Programs for Health Departments to Support Ending the HIV Epidemic in the United States" for the City of Houston Health Department's HIV/STD and Viral Hepatitis Prevention Program (the "Grant"); declaring the City's eligibility for such grant; authorizing the Director of the Houston Health Department to act as the City's representative in the application process; authorizing the Director of the Houston Health Department to accept the grant and expend the grant funds, if awarded, and to apply for and accept all subsequent awards, if any, pertaining to the grant. The Assistant City Secretary advised that Item 12 has not been received, if received during the meeting. Item 12 would be considered at the end of the Agenda.
13. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing settlement and release agreement between City of Houston, Civil Service Commission for Municipal Employees of the City of Houston and **RICHARD GALVAN** (Cause No. 2015-44368) in the District Court of Harris County, Texas, 133rd Judicial District - \$65,000.00 Property & Casualty Fund – was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Mayor Pro Tem Martin absent. **ORDINANCE 2020-0169 ADOPTED**
16. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing an agreement between City of Houston and **ORRICK HERRINGTON & SUTCLIFFE LLP** for Bond Counsel Services for Various City Departments; providing a maximum contract amount
Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 2254.1036, the following written notice is given to the public: The City desires to sell bonds for public purposes as authorized by State law and as further set forth in the ordinance to finance or refinance various public projects. The proposed bond counsel, Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP ("Orrick"), is a full service firm that includes a national public finance practice and has the necessary competence, qualification and experience to serve as bond counsel for the City. Orrick has previously represented the City in connection with the issuance of various bonds and other obligations since 2018, and prior to such time the same attorneys represented the City in connection with the issuance of

bonds at a prior firm. The engagement of Orrick is in the best interest of the City, since the legal services requested require specialized experience in municipal finance, federal tax, and state securities law and therefore cannot be adequately performed by the attorneys and supporting personnel of the City. Furthermore, such legal services cannot be reasonably obtained from attorneys in private practice for the payment of hourly fees without contingency because the City will not be obligated to pay any legal fees unless the transaction successfully closes. - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Mayor Pro Tem Martin absent.
ORDINANCE 2020-0169 ADOPTED

17. ORDINANCE appropriating \$60,000.00 out of Public Library Consolidated Construction Fund for FY2020 Environmental Program for the new Westbury Neighborhood Library - **DISTRICT K - CASTEX-TATUM** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Mayor Pro Tem Martin absent. **ORDINANCE 2020-0170 ADOPTED**

19. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between City of Houston and **McCONNELL & JONES LLP / BANKS, FINLEY, WHITE & CO, a JOINT VENTURE PARTNERSHIP known as M&J/BFW TEAM**, for Professional Auditing Services for the Finance Department; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$7,846,778.50 - General Fund - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Mayor Pro Tem Martin absent.
ORDINANCE 2020-0171 ADOPTED

22. ORDINANCE renewing the establishment of the south side of the 1600 block of Cherryhurst Street within the City of Houston, Texas as a special minimum building line requirement block pursuant to the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT C – PECK** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Mayor Pro Tem Martin absent.
ORDINANCE 2020-0172 ADOPTED

23. ORDINANCE consenting to the addition of 26.1628 acres of land within the corporate limits of the City of Houston, Texas, to **HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 404**, for inclusion into the district - **DISTRICT D - EVANS-SHABAZZ** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Mayor Pro Tem Martin absent. **ORDINANCE 2020-0173 ADOPTED**

24. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Utility Functions and Services Allocation Agreement between City of Houston and **HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 518** for construction of Water, Wastewater and Drainage Utility Facilities to serve the inside City district - **DISTRICT E – MARTIN** – The Assistant City Secretary advised that Item 24 as been pulled by the Administration and will not be considered.

25. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing an Untreated Water Reservation Contract between City of Houston and **GULF COAST WATER AUTHORITY** to set out terms and conditions under which the City of Houston is willing to reserve and deliver to the authority additional untreated water for the benefit of the City of League City - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Mayor Pro Tem Martin absent. **ORDINANCE 2020-0174 ADOPTED**

26. ORDINANCE finding and determining public convenience and necessity for acquisition of real property interests in connection with the public improvement project known as the Facilities Improvements at Various Well Sites and Re-Pump Stations - Package III Project; authorizing the acquisition of fee simple or easement interest to two parcels of land required for the project and situated in the Joel Wheaton League Survey, Abstract No. 80, in Harris County, Texas,

said parcels of land being located along or near North Eldridge Parkway 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 the two parcels of land required for the project - **DISTRICT A – PECK** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Mayor Pro Tem Martin absent.

ORDINANCE 2020-0175 ADOPTED

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

11. ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 18 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS, related to Elected City Officials' Disclosure of Interest in Property – was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2020-0176 ADOPTED**

14. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing an agreement between City of Houston and **BRACEWELL LLP** for Bond Counsel Services for Various City Departments; providing a maximum contract amount

*Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 2254.1036, the following written notice is given to the public: The City desires to sell bonds for public purposes as authorized by State law and as further set forth in the ordinance to finance or refinance various public projects. The proposed bond counsel, Bracewell LLP ("Bracewell"), is a full service firm that includes a national public finance practice and has the necessary competence, qualification and experience to serve as bond counsel for the City. Bracewell has previously represented the City in connection with the issuance of various bonds and other obligations since 2012, and prior to such time the same attorneys represented the City in connection with the issuance of bonds at a prior firm. The engagement of Bracewell is in the best interest of the City, since the legal services requested require specialized experience in municipal finance, federal tax, and state securities law and therefore cannot be adequately performed by the attorneys and supporting personnel of the City. Furthermore, such legal services cannot be reasonably obtained from attorneys in private practice for the payment of hourly fees without contingency because the City will not be obligated to pay any legal fees unless the transaction successfully closes. Was presented and **tagged by Council Member Pollard.***

15. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing an agreement between City of Houston and **HAYNES AND BOONE, LLP** for Special Disclosure Counsel Services for Various City Departments; providing a maximum contract amount

Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 2254.1036, the following written notice is given to the public: The City desires to sell bonds for public purposes as authorized by State law and as further set forth in the ordinance to finance or refinance various public projects. The proposed special disclosure counsel, Haynes and Boone, LLP ("Haynes and Boone"), is a full service firm that includes a national public finance practice and has the necessary competence, qualification and experience to serve as special disclosure counsel for the City.

Haynes and Boone has previously represented the City in connection with the issuance of various bonds and other obligations. The engagement of Haynes and Boone is in the best interest of the City, since the legal services requested require specialized experience in municipal finance, federal tax, and state securities law and therefore cannot be adequately performed by the attorneys and supporting personnel of the City. Furthermore, such legal services cannot be reasonably obtained from attorneys in private practice for the payment of hourly fees without contingency because the City will not be obligated to pay any legal fees unless the transaction successfully closes. - was presented and **tagged by Council Member Pollard.**

- 18. ORDINANCE** awarding a sole source contract to **SWAGIT PRODUCTIONS, LLC** for Video Streaming Services for Houston Television Municipal Channel for Mayor's Office of Cable Communications; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$192,000.00 - State Cable TV Franchise Fee Fund - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Mayor Pro Tem Martin absent. **ORDINANCE 2020-0177 ADOPTED**
- 20. ORDINANCE** establishing north and south sides of the 1500 block of Ovid Street, within the City of Houston, Texas as a special minimum building line block pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT H – CISNEROS** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Mayor Pro Tem Martin absent. **ORDINANCE 2020-0178 ADOPTED**
- 21. ORDINANCE** establishing the north and south sides of the 1500 block of Ovid Street, within the City of Houston, Texas, as a special minimum lot size block pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT H – CISNEROS** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2020-0179 ADOPTED**

NON CONSENT AGENDA - NUMBER 27

MISCELLANEOUS

- 27. SELECT AND CONFIRM** nominations for Position Two of the **PORT COMMISSION OF THE PORT OF HOUSTON AUTHORITY OF HARRIS COUNTY**, for a two-year term

CHERYL CREUZOT was nominated by Council Member Martin

~~**THELDON BRANCH** was nominated by Council Member Kubosh,~~
Withdrawn

~~**GRACIELA "GRACIE" SAENZ** was nominated by Council Member Gallegos -~~ Withdrawn

BRIDGETTE MURRAY was nominated by Council Member Davis
Was presented, after discussion a Roll Call Vote was called.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Turner voting for Cheryl Creuzot
Council Member Peck voting for Bridgette Murray
Council Member Davis voting for Bridgette Murray
Council Member Kamin voting for Cheryl Creuzot
Council Member Evans-Shabazz voting for Cheryl Creuzot
Council Member Martin voting for Cheryl Creuzot
Council Member Thomas voting for Cheryl Creuzot
Council Member Travis voting for Cheryl Creuzot
Council Member Cisneros voting for Cheryl Creuzot
Council Member Gallegos voting for Bridgette Murray
Council Member Pollard voting for Cheryl Creuzot
Council Member Castex-Tatum voting for Cheryl Creuzot
Council Member Knox voting for Bridgette Murray
Council Member Robinson voting for Cheryl Creuzot
Council Member Kubosh voting for Cheryl Creuzot
Council Member Plummer voting for Cheryl Creuzot
Council Member Alcorn voting for Cheryl Creuzot

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

Members of Council announced events and discussed matters of interest.

There being no further business before Council; the City Council adjourned at 11:13 a.m. Council Members Davis, Evans-Shabazz, Martin, Travis, Gallegos, 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