

Council Chamber, City Hall, Wednesday, September 6, 2023

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

A regular meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, September 6, 2023 with Mayor Pro Tem Dave Martin presiding with Council Members Amy Peck, Abbie Kamin, Carolyn Evans-Shabazz, Tiffany D. Thomas, Mary Nan Huffman, Karla Cisneros, Robert Gallegos, Edward Pollard, Martha Castex-Tatum, Mike Knox, David W. Robinson, Michael Kubosh and Letitia Plummer; Arturo Michel, City Attorney, and Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director, present. Mayor Sylvester Turner, Council Members Tarsha Jackson and Sallie Alcorn absent on personal business.

At 9:02 a.m., Mayor Pro Tem Martin called the meeting to order and recognized Council Member Castex-Tatum for the Invocation after which she led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Sylvester Turner, Council Members Tarsha Jackson and Sallie Alcorn absent on personal business. Council Members Amy Peck, Robert Gallegos and Edward Pollard absent.

Council Member Kubosh moved to delay the minutes and Seconded by Council Member Thomas, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Peck absent. **MOTION ADOPTED**

MAYOR'S REPORT

The City of Houston is teaming up with the Veterans Affairs and local community members to host a free service and resource fair for Houston area veterans and active military members. The 2023 Houston Stand Down Fair is happening on Friday, September 8th at Emancipation Park from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Houston Veterans and active military members will have a chance to learn about Housing opportunities, resources for furniture, clothing, hygiene products, food and haircuts. There will also be financial, literacy and medical services available on site.

Please join us in the 2023 City of Houston Disability Celebration. It's the Mayor's annual event to celebrate the history, culture, advocacy and contributions of the disability community to the greater Houston area. This event will have musical performances, local leader speakers, community resources, exhibitors and coin the Champion of Inclusion presentation. The Houston Disability Celebration will take place on Saturday, September 30, 2023, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Metropolitan Multiservice Center at 1475 West Gray.

Next week will mark another somber September 11th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on our country. On Saturday, September 9th, you are invited to join the City of Houston Department of Neighborhoods, in partnership with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Saints, in Houston for a day of service. Volunteers will gather from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to clean up the National Cemetery here in Houston. Everyone is invited to commemorate the 9/11 Day of Service by cleaning up Houston National Cemetery this Saturday. Also, a number of folk that we have in the City of Houston are in Singapore for the handoff. Representatives from the City, County, the Greater Houston Partnership and Houston First are there for Gastech 2023. They are there to observe and participate in the handoff because the world's largest meeting place for natural gas, LNG, hydrogen, low carbon solutions and climate technologies will return

to Houston, the energy capital of the world in 2024 with what promises to be among the largest gathering in the event's history. We are expecting over 40,000 participants in 2024 and with a remarkable legacy spanning over half a century, Gastech has consistently held a pivotal position in the shaping of the Houston energy industry and energy all around the globe. It's annual four-day extravaganza attracts an esteemed gathering of global energy leaders, thought leaders and cutting-edge innovators offering unparalleled experiences for all industry stakeholders. It will take place at the George R. Brown Convention Center and is said to be the largest ever natural gas, LNG, hydrogen, low carbon solutions and climate tech event next year. Make sure you plan to be in Houston from September 17-20, 2024.

At 9:08 a.m., Mayor Pro Tem Martin moved to the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 1 through 22

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS - NUMBERS 1 through 6

1. **APPROVE** spending authority in the amount not to exceed \$347,210.18 to Purchase Replacement Parts and Repair Services for Water and Wastewater Pumps and Motors through the Interlocal Agreements for Cooperative Purchasing with the Texas Local Cooperative (BuyBoard) for the Fleet Management Department, awarded to the BuyBoard contractor **XYLEM DEWATERING SOLUTIONS, INC** - Through June 2024 with 1 one-year option - Fleet Management Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and Seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Peck absent. **MOTION 2023-0586 ADOPTED**
2. **KYRISH TRUCK CENTER** for Purchase of Four (4) Rear Loader LET 2-46 Refuse Trucks through the BuyBoard Purchasing Cooperative Agreement for the Fleet Management Department on behalf of the Solid Waste Management Department - \$1,269,284.00 - Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and Seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Peck absent. **MOTION 2023-0587 ADOPTED**
3. **APPROVE** spending authority in an amount not to exceed \$138,566.40 for Purchase for Influenza (Flu) Vaccines for seniors ages 65 years and older and youth six months and older citizens for Harris County Area Agency for the Houston Health Department, awarded to **SANOFI PASTEUR, INC** through April 6, 2024 - General Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and Seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Peck absent. **MOTION 2023-0588 ADOPTED**
4. **HELICOPTER SERVICES, INC** for Purchase, Removal and Installation of an Audio Controller Systems for Public Safety and Homeland Security on behalf of the Houston Police Department - \$111,673.44 Grant Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and Seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Peck absent. **MOTION 2023-0589 ADOPTED**
5. **TRANTEX TRANSPORTATION PRODUCTS OF TEXAS, INC** for Purchase of Pavement Markers for Houston Public Works - \$45,000.00 - Enterprise Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and Seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Peck absent. **MOTION 2023-0590 ADOPTED**

6. **LIFE ASSIST, INC** - \$9,843,316.94, **BOUND TREE MEDICAL, LLC** - \$16,830,599.00 and **EMERGENCY MEDICAL PRODUCTS** - \$549,990.00 for Medical, Dental, Ambulatory Supplies and Pharmaceuticals for Various Departments - General and Enterprise Funds - was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and Seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Peck absent. **MOTION 2023-0591 ADOPTED**

ORDINANCES - NUMBERS 7 through 22

7. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Subrecipient Agreement between City of Houston and **LONE STAR COLLEGE SYSTEM** to provide Department of Labor – Community Project Funding Funds for the Empowering Solar Jobs Program - 24 Months - \$290,793.91 - Grant Fund - **DISTRICT A – PECK** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Peck absent. **ORDINANCE 2023-0728 ADOPTED**
8. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$47,759,000.00 out of Airports Improvement Fund; awarding Construction Contract to **FLATIRON CONSTRUCTORS, INC** for FAA Non-Standard Taxiways Project at William P. Hobby Airport (HOU) (Project No. 770); 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 construction services, contingency, and materials testing services relating to the FAA Non-Standard Taxiways Project financed by the Airports Improvement Fund - **DISTRICT I – GALLEGOS** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Peck absent. **ORDINANCE 2023-0729 ADOPTED**
11. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$307,038.00 out of Miscellaneous Capital Projects/Acquisitions CP Series E Fund, awarding contract to **KEY HTX DEVELOPMENT AND HOLDINGS, INC** for Sagemont Community Center for Site Grading and Gymnasium Floor Replacement Hurricane Harvey Project; 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 materials testing services and contingencies financed by the Miscellaneous Capital Projects/Acquisitions CP Series E Fund – **DISTRICT D - EVANS-SHABAZZ** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Peck absent. **ORDINANCE 2023-0730 ADOPTED**
14. **ORDINANCE** relating to Fiscal Affairs of **HARRISBURG REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ON BEHALF OF REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER TWENTY-THREE, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS (HARRISBURG ZONE)**; approving Fiscal Year 2023 Operating Budget for the Authority and Fiscal Years 2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan Budget for the Zone - **DISTRICTS H - CISNEROS and I – GALLEGOS** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Peck absent. **ORDINANCE 2023-0731 ADOPTED**
16. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Grant Application to the **TEXAS DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT** for **Federal Emergency Management Agency Legislative Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant** to support mitigation efforts pertaining to the Lake Houston Dam; declaring the City's eligibility for such Grant; authorizing the Director of the Houston Public Works Department to act as the City's representative in the application process; and to extend the budget periods - **DISTRICT E – MARTIN** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Peck absent. **ORDINANCE 2023-0732 ADOPTED**

17. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$3,040,652.81 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; appropriating \$1,213,439.69 Dedicated Drainage & Street Renewal Capital Fund – Ad Valorem Tax; approving and authorizing Interlocal Agreement between City of Houston and **WESTCHASE DISTRICT** for Design and Construction of Walnut Bend Lane Project; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and Dedicated Drainage & Street Renewal Capital Fund - Ad Valorem Tax - **DISTRICT F – THOMAS** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Peck absent. **ORDINANCE 2023-0733 ADOPTED**

18. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$1,280,100.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between City of Houston and **LJA ENGINEERING, INC** for SIMS North Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements – Package #3; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT I – GALLEGOS** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Peck absent. **ORDINANCE 2023-0734 ADOPTED**

19. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$4,483,419.15 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between City of Houston and **ARCADIS U.S., INC** for Design of a 72-inch water line along Branard, Revere, W. Main, Lake, Easements, Lexington, Wakeforest, and Westpark and Newcastle from Greenbriar to Southwest Pump Stations; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT G – HUFFMAN** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Peck absent. **ORDINANCE 2023-0735 ADOPTED**

21. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$210,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; approving and authorizing third amendment to Professional Engineering Services Contract between City of Houston and **FREESE AND NICHOLS, INC**, for Ground Water Facility / Re-Pump Station / HVAC & Ventilation System Improvements at Various Locations (Approved by Ordinance No. 2014-0523, as amended); providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS A - PECK; B - JACKSON; E - MARTIN; F - THOMAS; G - HUFFMAN and K - CASTEX-TATUM** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Peck absent. **ORDINANCE 2023-0736 ADOPTED**

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

9. **ORDINANCE** de-appropriating \$93,266.93 out of Parks Consolidated Construction Fund; \$71,678.85 out of Public Library Consolidated Construction Fund; and \$67,437.92 out of Public Health Consolidated Construction Fund, previously appropriated for Environmental, Material Testing and Construction Inspection Services (Approved by Ordinance No. 2020-091); and appropriating \$93,266.93 out of Parks Consolidated Construction Fund; \$71,678.85 out of Public Library Consolidated Construction Fund; and \$67,437.92 out of Public Health Consolidated Construction Fund for Task Order and Job Order Contracting Program to complete additional work at the new Alief Neighborhood Center - **DISTRICT F – THOMAS** - **The City Secretary advised that Item 9 has not been received and if received during the meeting will be considered at the end of the agenda.**

10. **ORDINANCE** appropriating additional funds in the amount of \$250,000.00 from Public Library Consolidated Construction Fund for Design/Build Contract with **DAVID E. HARVEY BUILDERS, INC** to perform Design and Construction Phase Services for the new Montrose Library (Approved by Ordinance No. 2021-554 Ordinance No. 2022-924) - **DISTRICT C – KAMIN** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Peck absent. **ORDINANCE 2023-0737 ADOPTED**
12. **ORDINANCE** amending Ordinance No. 2021-0399 (Passed on May 5, 2021) to increase the maximum contract amount for Sole Source Contract between City of Houston and **STRYKER SALES LLC** for Stretcher Maintenance and Repair Services for the Houston Fire Department - was presented and **Tagged by Council Member Knox.**
13. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing first amendment to contract between City of Houston and **BIO AQUATIC TESTING, INC** (Approved by Ordinance No. 2018-511) for Biomonitoring and Analytical Laboratory Testing Services for Houston Public Works - 15 Months - **The City Secretary advised that Item 13 has not been received and if received during the meeting will be considered at the end of the agenda.**
15. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Joint Funding Agreement between City of Houston and **UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY**, a Texas Water Science Center, United States Department of the Interior for Water Resource Investigations - 60 Months - \$6,183,010.55 - Enterprise Fund - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Peck absent. **ORDINANCE 2023-0738 ADOPTED**
20. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$1,567,500.00 out of Metro Projects Construction - DDSRF and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between City of Houston and **HDR ENGINEERING, INC** for Traffic Signal Timing Projects; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Metro Projects Construction - DDSRF - **DISTRICTS C - KAMIN; D - EVANS-SHABAZZ and I – GALLEGOS** - was presented. Council Member Peck absent. **Tagged by Council Member Robinson.**
22. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$2,304,000.00 out of Dedicated Drainage and Street Renewal Capital Fund - Drainage Charge; approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between City of Houston and **ENTECH CIVIL ENGINEERS, INC** for Braeburn Glen Area Drainage and Paving Improvements; providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Dedicated Drainage and Street Renewal Capital Fund - Drainage Charge - **DISTRICT J – POLLARD** - was presented and **Tagged by Council Member Knox.**

NON CONSENT AGENDA - NUMBER 23

MISCELLANEOUS

23. **SET A PUBLIC HEARING DATE** to provide a Resolution of No Objection for the 4% tax credit application of **BROOKSIDE GARDENS APARTMENTS, LLC** **HEARING DATE - 9:00 AM. - WEDNESDAY - SEPTEMBER 13, 2023** - was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum to set the public hearing date for September 13, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. and Seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2023-0592 ADOPTED**

MATTERS HELD - NUMBERS 24 and 25

24. APPROVE spending authority in the amount not to exceed \$2,345,840.00 for Purchase of Microsoft Unified Support Services supporting Microsoft products through the Texas Department of Information Resources for Houston Information Technology Services and Various City Departments, awarded to **MICROSOFT CORPORATION** - Enterprise and Central Service Revolving Funds

TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER THOMAS

This was Item 10 on Agenda of August 30, 2023 - was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and Seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none.

MOTION 2023-593 ADOPTED

25. **MOTION by Council Member Castex-Tatum/Seconded by Council Member Robinson to adopt recommendation from Chief Procurement Officer on award to FERGUSON WATERWORKS** for Purchase of Air Release Valves through the Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Purchasing with the National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance for Houston Public Works - \$315,139.02 - Enterprise Fund - **TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER PLUMMER**

This was Item 13 on Agenda of August 30, 2023 - was presented, all voting aye, nays none.

MOTION 2023-0594 ADOPTED

26. **ORDINANCE** consenting to the addition of 63.3529 acres of land to **HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 460**, for inclusion in the District - **DISTRICT D - EVANS-SHABAZZ** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none.

ORDINANCE 2023-0739 ADOPTED

At 9:16 a.m., Mayor Pro Tem Martin stated that Item 13 is on its way over and Council will recess and take it up at 9:28 a.m.

At 9:27 a.m., Item 13 arrived and Mayor Pro Tem Martin requested the City Secretary to call Item 13.

13. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing first amendment to contract between City of Houston and **BIO AQUATIC TESTING, INC** (Approved by Ordinance No. 2018-511) for Biomonitoring and Analytical Laboratory Testing Services for Houston Public Works - 15 Months – Was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2023-0740 ADOPTED**

Mayor Pro Tem Martin recognized Council Member Kamin for a procedural motion.

Council Member Kamin moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of moving Stacie Fairchild to the top of the (3) three minute Non-Agenda List of Speakers and Seconded by Council Member Kubosh, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Evans-Shabazz and Huffman absent.

MOTION 2023-0595 ADOPTED

At 9:30 a.m., Mayor Pro Tem Martin requested the City Secretary to call the Speaker's List

#1 - STACIE FAIRCHILD – 4913 Rose St. - 77007 – 713-252-4055 – Roundabout improvements/Thank you.

EMMANUEL THOMAS – 3000 Woodland Park Dr. – 77082 – 281-871-1869 – School buses and victims of crime. **NOT PRESENT**

#2 - SARA BELL-EDWARDS – 14810 Crosswinds Dr., Apt. 401 – 77032 – 832-455-9838 – Housing/Identity theft/ Medical use.

SEREZZA PAGE – No address – 786-307-9436 – Metro Police/Housing. **NOT PRESENT**

JEFF OLLE – Post Office Box 5044 – Katy, TX – 77491 – 346-318-5088 – Housing. **NOT PRESENT**

TINA JACKSON – 4419 Adonis St. - Spring, TX – 77373 – 832-283-8412 – Permit Department. **NOT PRESENT**

ELISABETH ELLISON – 2336 Bolsover St. – 77005 – 832-421-4206 – Engaging public participation in reducing the “heat island”. **NOT PRESENT**

MARION SCOTT – 6002 Rampart St. - 77081 – 281-620-0374 – Corruption. **NOT PRESENT**

#3 - MARIAN WRIGHT – 709 Bayland St. – 77009 – 713-899-7934 – Thank Council Member Kamin for removing bus stops from METRO.

GASPER PENA – 809 Moody St. – 77009 – 713-695-7771 – Medicaid. **NOT PRESENT**

STEVE WILLIAMS – No address/No phone –Will appear to express personal opinion. **NOT PRESENT**

KATHY GUNTER – No address – 832-882-9775 – No parking signs around Houston Gardens Park. **NOT PRESENT**

RONKE ADE – Post Office Box 5044 – Katy, TX – 77491 - 346-318-5088 – Rights. **NOT PRESENT**

#4 - DAVID RIVAS – 3510 Manitou Dr. – 77013 – 832-428-0576 – 18-wheelers/no thru trucks.

LORRINE ADAMORE – 1401 Redford St. - 77034 - No phone – Obstruction of justice and public corruption. **NOT PRESENT**

JULIAN ADAMORE - 1401 Redford St. - 77034 - No phone – Obstruction of justice and public corruption. **NOT PRESENT**

JOE MARTINEZ – 6215 Makeigh St. – 77026 – 832-685-1638 – President Biden’s birtherism. **NOT PRESENT**

JUDY HARDIN – 3614 McKinley Ln. – 77088 – 346-406-9732 – Environmental contamination on De Soto St. **NOT PRESENT**

ILY MONTOYA-RIVAS – 18714 Jodywood Dr. - Humble, TX - 77346 – 936-466-7212 – Unemployment. **NOT PRESENT**

#5 - JACOB KLEMENTICH – 4004 Montrose St., Apt. 22 – 77006 – 832-596-8187 – Discrimination.

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

There being no further business before Council, the City Council adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

DETAILED INFORMATION ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

Pat J. Daniel, City Secretary