

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, December 22, 2015

The Houston City Council convened at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, December 22, 2015, Mayor Annise Parker presiding, with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jerry Davis, Ellen Cohen, Dwight Boykins, Dave Martin, Richard Nguyen, Oliver Pennington, Edward Gonzalez, Robert Gallegos, Mike Laster, Larry V. Green, Stephen C. Costello, David Robinson, Michael Kubosh, C.O."Brad" Bradford, Jack Christie D.C., Ms. Donna Edmundson, City Attorney; Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director present.

At 8:18 a.m. Ms. Anna Russell, City Secretary, read the description or captions of the items on the Agenda.

At 9:15 a.m. Mayor Parker stated that she was calling the final meeting of this term of City Council to order and the Public Hearing had been pulled from the Agenda, would not be heard because of a posting error and it would be heard at the next meeting.

Mayor Parker stated she wanted to reference an incident that happen yesterday morning, she was in a meeting with her Senior Staff when Director Harry Hayes received a phone call and immediately shared it with her about an incident of work place violence between two Solid Waste Employees; this happened at the location of the Central Street Solid Waste Management Facility; 43 year old and Tyrone Roy Auzenne was charged with murder. The Victim was 55 year old, Michael Von and was the suspected boss, they had some kind of disagreement yesterday morning and the shooting happened about 9:30 a.m. which Mr. Von was shot multiple times and when the police arrived the suspect peaceful surrendered; this happened after the morning dispatch, the facility had very few people inside and fortunately all of the employees had received the Run, Hide, Fight Training and the employees did exactly what they were supposed to do and they had Counsel that was deployed yesterday afternoon and Mr. Hayes and his team were on site this morning to make sure that the morning dispatch and all items were handled; that she personal notified Mr. Von wife yesterday and Mr. Hayes notified his son that lives here and the funeral arrangements were still pending and requested a moment of silence for this Houston family who died yesterday.

At 9:19 a.m. Mayor Parker recognized Council Member Kubosh for the invocation and he invited Pastor Randy Meeks to the podium for the invocation and Council Member Kubosh led the pledge of alliance.

At 9:27 a.m. The Roll was Called.

The City Secretary advised that the previous minutes for December 15-16, 2015 were not yet completed.

Council Member Davis stated he wanted to briefly recognize a young lady Milan Monroe and requested her to stand and he recognized; that she was a honor student in 4th grade and represent her class as a student council, also a member of the Girl Scouts for 5 years and desires to one day attend the University Texas in Austin to become an attorney.

Council Member Gonzalez stated he wanted to recognize two members of the Ripley House Community of Engineers for raising concerns and being proactive in seeking solutions.

1. **PUBLIC HEARING** regarding the designation of the **FAIRWAY ENERGY PARTNERS, LLC REINVESTMENT ZONE** for tax abatement purposes - **DISTRICT K – GREEN**- the City Secretary advised that the Item had been pulled by the administration and would not be consider.

Mayor Parker requested the City Secretary to processed with the consent agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 2 through 32

MISCELLANEOUS - NUMBERS 2 through 7

2. **REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment to the **GREATER NORTHSIDE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for terms to expire June 1, 2019:
 - Position One - **EDWIN CAVIEDES**, appointment
 - Position Two - **JOSE A. GALINDO**, reappointment
 - Position Three - **SANDRA R. CLARK**, reappointment
 - Position Four - **DUY BUI**, reappointment
 - Position Five - **MARY M. LAWLER**, reappointment-was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez and seconded by Council Member Costello, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2015-0900 ADOPTED**
3. **REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment of the following individuals to the **HISTORIC PRESERVATION APPEALS BOARD OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON**, for terms to expire December 2, 2017:
 - Position One - **CAROL A. LEWIS**
 - Position Two - **JD BARTELL**
 - Position Three - **BETTY TRAPP CHAPMAN**
 - Position Four - **FERNANDO L. BRAVE**
 - Position Five - **MADELEINE G. APPEL-**was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez and seconded by Council Member Costello, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2015-0901 ADOPTED**
4. **REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following individuals to the **HOUSTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION**:
 - Position One - **JORGE GARCIA-HERREROS**, reappointment, for a term to expire 3/1/2017
 - Position Two - **MINNETTE BICKEL BOESEL**, appointment, for an unexpired term ending 3/1/2016, and appointment, for a term to expire 3/1/2018
 - Position Four - **EDIE ARCHER**, reappointment, for a term to expire 3/1/2018
 - Position Nine - **EMILY ARDOIN**, appointment, for an unexpired term ending 3/1/2017-was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez and seconded by Council Member Costello, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2015-0902 ADOPTED**
5. **REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following individuals to the **HOUSTON HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION**:
 - Position Two - **SHARONE MAYBERRY**, appointment, for a term to expire 12/5/2018
 - Position Three - **CAROLYN S. MATTHEWS**, reappointment, for a term to expire 12/5/2017
 - Position Four - **TOM MCCASLAND**, appointment, for a term to expire 12/5/2018

Position Five - **REDICK EDWARDS**, reappointment, for a term to expire 12/5/2017
Position Six - **R. RICHARD KILDAY**, reappointment, for a term to expire 12/5/2018
Position Seven - **JOHN R. BRODIE**, reappointment, for a term to expire 12/5/2017
Position Eight - **JOHN A. GONZALES**, reappointment, for a term to expire 12/5/2018
Position Nine - **DANA KERVIN**, reappointment, for a term to expire 12/5/2017
Position Ten - **CATHERINE LE**, appointment, for a term to expire 12/5/2018
Position Twelve - **ALBERT MAGILL**, reappointment, for a term to expire 12/5/2018- was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez and seconded by Council Member Costello, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2015-0903 ADOPTED**

6. **REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following individuals to the **MILLER THEATRE ADVISORY BOARD**:

Position Six - **JUNE DEADRICK**, reappointment, for a term to expire 4/24/2018
Position Eight - **ALLEN W. UECKERT**, reappointment, for a term to expire 4/24/2018
Position Nine - **JOSHUA ESPINEDO**, appointment, for a term to expire 4/24/2017
Position Ten - **JENNY A. YANG**, reappointment, for a term to expire 4/24/2017
Position Eleven - **NORMA SANTOS-MENDOZA**, reappointment, for a term to expire 4/24/2018
Position Twelve - **ROMULO TIM CISNEROS**, reappointment, for a term to expire 4/24/2017
Position Thirteen - **GRACE OLIVARES**, reappointment, for a term to expire 4/24/2018
Position Fifteen - **HAL L. ROACH, JR.**, reappointment, for a term to expire 4/24/2019
Position Seventeen - **VERONICA LETICIA GARCIA**, appointment, for a term to expire 4/24/2019
Position Eighteen - **PHYLLIS Y. YOUNG**, appointment, for a term to expire 4/24/2017
Position Nineteen - **MIRIAM MITCHELL MEYERS**, reappointment, for a term to expire 4/24/2019
Position Twenty - **CATHERINE CAMPBELL BROCK**, reappointment, for a term to expire 4/24/2018
Position Twenty-one - **RODNEY E. NATHAN**, reappointment, for a term to expire 4/24/2019- was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez and seconded by Council Member Costello, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2015-0904 ADOPTED**

7. **REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following individuals to the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER FIVE, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS (MEMORIAL HEIGHTS ZONE)**:

Position Two - **ANN LENTS**, reappointment, for a term to expire 12/31/2017, and as Chair,
for a term to ending 12/31/2016

Position Four - **JANICE HALE HARRIS**, appointment, for a term to expire 12/31/2017-

Was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez and seconded by Council Member Costello, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2015-0905 ADOPTED**

Mayor Parker stated that they would like to take a pause at this time to pass out the pull sheet of items removed from the Consent Agenda.

ACCEPT WORK - NUMBERS 10 and 11

10. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$683,880.10 and acceptance of work on contract with **SPECIALIZED MAINTENANCE SERVICES, INC** for Sanitary Sewer Cleaning and Television Inspection In Support of Rehabilitation, (4277-48) - 0.223% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICTS A - STARDIG; B - DAVIS; C - COHEN; D - BOYKINS; F - NGUYEN; G - PENNINGTON; H - GONZALEZ; I - GALLEGOS; J - LASTER and K - GREEN**- was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez and seconded by Council Member Bradford, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2015-0906 ADOPTED**
11. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$1,179,690.37 and acceptance of work on contract with **T CONSTRUCTION, LLC** for Work Order Contract for Small Diameter Waterlines - 21.35% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICTS B - DAVIS; I - GALLEGOS and K - GREEN**- was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez and seconded by Council Member Bradford, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2015-0907 ADOPTED**

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS - NUMBER 12

12. **IDEXX DISTRIBUTION, INC** for Snap Test Kits for the Administration & Regulatory Affairs Department - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$931,129.82 - General Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez and seconded by Council Member Bradford, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2015-0908 ADOPTED**

ORDINANCES - NUMBERS 20 through 32

20. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$5,400,385 out of HAS Consolidated ITRP AMT Construction Fund and \$72,614 out of Airports Improvement Fund and approving and authorizing contract for Construction-Manager-At-Risk Services between the City of Houston and **AUSTIN-GILBANE, JOINT VENTURE**, for the IAH Mickey Leland International Terminal (Project No. 826); providing funding for the Civic Art Program - **DISTRICT B - DAVIS**- the City Secretary advised that the item had not been received and if received during the meeting, the item would be considered at the end of the agenda.
21. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$50,095,000 out of HAS Consolidated ITRP AMT Construction Fund and \$674,239 out of Airports Improvement Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Services Contract between the City of Houston and **FENTRESS ARCHITECTS, LTD.** for Architectural and Engineering Design Services for the IAH Mickey Leland International Terminal (Project No. 826); providing funding for the Civic Art Program - **DISTRICT B - DAVIS**- the City Secretary advised that the item had not been received and if received during the meeting, the item would be considered at the end of the agenda.

22. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$5,500,000 out of HAS Consolidated ITRP AMT Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Services Contract between the City of Houston and **MARSH USA, INC** for the Owner Controlled Insurance Program in support of the IAH Terminal Redevelopment Program (Project No. 810) - **DISTRICT B – DAVIS**- the City Secretary advised that the item had not been received and if received during the meeting, the item would be considered at the end of the agenda.

23. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$4,733,000 out of HAS Consolidated ITRP AMT Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Design Build Agreement between the City of Houston and **HENSEL PHELPS CONSTRUCTION CO.** for Landside Enabling Utilities in support of the IAH Terminal Redevelopment Program (Project No. 822); providing funding for contingencies **DISTRICT B – DAVIS**- the City Secretary advised that the item had not been received and if received during the meeting, the item would be considered at the end of the agenda.

24. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$2,477,693 out of HAS Consolidated ITRP AMT Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Design Build Agreement between the City of Houston and **TEXAS STERLING - BANICKI, JV LLC** for the East Aircraft Parking Hardstand Project in support of the IAH Terminal Redevelopment Program (Project No. 823) - **DISTRICT B – DAVIS**- the City Secretary advised that the item had not been received and if received during the meeting, the item would be considered at the end of the agenda.

25. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Advanced Funding Agreement between the City of Houston and the **TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION** for a Category 12 Strategic Priority Project (IH 10 Noise Reduction) - **DISTRICT G – PENNINGTON**- the City Secretary advised that the item had not been received and if received during the meeting, the item would be considered at the end of the agenda.

26. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$11,710.31 out of Fire Consolidated Construction Fund as an additional appropriation; approving and authorizing first amendment to agreement between the City of Houston and **AIA GENERAL CONTRACTORS, INC** for Remediation, Removal and Installation of Underground Storage Tanks at Fire Station No. 34 - **DISTRICT H – GONZALEZ**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2015-1307 ADOPTED**

27. **ORDINANCE** awarding Construction Contract to **GADBERRY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC** for Brays Bayou Tiger #6 Trail Improvements (MLK-OST); 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 contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Federal Government Grant-USDOT Tiger Discretionary Fund and other Government Grant - Houston Parks Board Fund - **DISTRICTS D - BOYKINS and I – GALLEGOS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2015-1308 ADOPTED**

28. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$980,000.00 out of Parks Consolidated Construction Fund, and \$489,250.00 out of Parks & Recreation Dedication Fund; awarding construction contract to **TIMES CONSTRUCTION, INC** for Wildheather Park; 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 materials testing services, Civic Art Program and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Parks Consolidated Construction Fund, the Parks and Recreation Dedication Fund, and the General Fund - **DISTRICT K – GREEN**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2015-1309 ADOPTED**

31. **ORDINANCE** No. 2015-1237, passed second reading December 16, 2015
ORDINANCE granting to **NORTHSTAR DEMOLITION AND REMEDIATION, LP, A Texas Limited Partnership**, the right, privilege, and franchise to collect, haul, and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **THIRD AND FINAL READING**- the City Secretary advised that the item had been pulled from the agenda by the administration and would not be considered.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

8. **RECOMMENDATION** from Chief of Police to extend unpaid Leave of Absence for **Senior Police Telecommunicator, LAURA HERRERA**- was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez and seconded by Council Member Bradford, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2015-0909 ADOPTED**
9. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Department of Public Works approving the naming of the Homestead Grade Separation Bridge as the **LESTER HOWARD BRIDGE** - **DISTRICT B – DAVIS**- was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez and seconded by Council Member Costello, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2015-0910 ADOPTED**

Council Member Davis stated that he wanted to recognized Mr. Lester Howard and requested him to stand up and Members of Council applauded him; Council Member Davis stated that Mr. Howard was a 45 year resident in the Rosewood Neighborhood, he had been fighting for the grade separation since before he was born; as known that 5th Ward area was inundated with a bunch of railroad tracks and there were trains everywhere and this year Mayor Parker and Council Member Davis did a ribbon cutting for the grade separation and Mr. Howard was one of the Civic Club Members that had been fighting to show they need help and they wanted to name the bridge after him and thanked Mr. Howard for all his work and thanked his family.

Mayor Parker invited Mr. Howard and his family to the podium and he was congratulated at length by Members of Council.

Mr. Howard stated he wanted to give thanks to the Mayor, their District Council Member Davis and to all the Council Members to allow and approve of this, that this was an honor to be selected for the Homestead separation to be named in his honor and he also wanted to thank Council Member Davis for his comments, that there were some many people that had been involved in

this and he wanted to thank his wife of 53 years for her encouragement, the Rosewood Civic Club Super Neighborhood for their encouragement and also thanked his family; that he would try to live up to this honor and he would continue to fight for his neighborhood.

At 9:54 a.m. Mayor Parker stated that they would begin the Public Session:

Mr. Brad Pritchett, 1044 Alexander St., 77008, (713)898-9734 appeared and stated he was a resident of District C, and was present today to thank Mayor Parker and for the outgoing Council Members for their service to the City of Houston, in particular for their support of the Equal Rights Ordinance in the past year; in a year when they were up for re-election or seeking higher office, it would be easy to not be vocal in their support of fairness for all Houstonians but to their credit, they did not do that, that they spoke up and spoke about their principles and he wanted to personally thank Council for that and hopes that he has the opportunity to vote for Council Members again in the future because they need leaders that would take a principle stand regardless of any political backlash and he had presented envelopes saying thank you to the Council Members on behalf of people that could not be here this morning and thanked Council Members for their service and their support of the Equal Rights Ordinance. Mayor Parker absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presenting.

Ms. Fran Watson, 12 Greenway Plaza, 77046, (713)716-6149 appeared and stated she was a resident of District C, native Houstonian and was present to publicly say thanks to Mayor Parker, for Council Members who did vote in support of the Equal Rights Ordinance in both periods when she knows that they been through this in different periods and stopping it for being appealed and letting it be on the ballot; she was affect by that Ordinance in many ways, as a black women, an out lesbian and person that was disable at a time and she knows how it would have affected her and the citizens of Houston, for that she thanked Council Members for trying and for the Mayor, she knows she would make an impact anywhere she goes because she did make an impact for Houston and to Council Member Nguyen she thanked him for his work and it's was unfortunate that they would not be having him back next year. Council Members Laster and Kubosh absent.

Council Member Boykins moved to suspend the rules to allow more than one person at the microphone and seconded by Council Member Costello, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2015-0911 ADOPTED**

Ms. Roxanne Lawson, 4042 Glen Cove Dr., 77021, (713)741-0444 appeared and stated that the Lawson family was not quite sure how to thank everybody at one time, so they elected her to come down on behalf of the Lawson family; at the celebration of their dear wife, mother, grandmother, the founding First Lady of Wheeler, a community activist, nice lady to every child in Houston; the Lawson Family was completely gratified by their presents, support and well wishes, they were shocked to see everyone from Council at the services on Friday but extremely moved, they were not sure how work was being done since everyone was present but they were glad that everyone was there, it was unprecedented event that the entire City Council would appear before a funeral service that was not for a City Employee, for a Firefighter or anyone else that was not an Elected Official and just for a community person in Houston, the Lawson Family was truly moved, they appreciate City Council, it was an honor and a tremendous respect that everyone was there, they would be missing Mayor Parker and she thanked everyone that were staying and all that were leaving and thanked them for all the service they provided to the City of Houston.

Reverend Lawson appeared and stated that he was very appreciating to Members of Council.

Mr. John J. Cieslewicz, 1250 DuBarry, 77018, (713)906-1725 appeared and stated for five years Public works and Legal Department had fed himself falsehoods, lies, and omissions in regard to the city illegally requiring new construction to block the established existing drainage in Oak Forest subdivision, he was present demanding an answer to three points Public works and Legal Department to answer; point one, where was the drainage ditches denoted in Oak Forest Deed Restrictions, point two, why is the city not honoring the State Law enacted in 2006 declaring drainage a utility incorporating existing drainage facility and point three, what documented legal right the city has to require force new construction to follow city code that blocks the established existing drainage in Oak Forest and requested a written answer to all his points. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Boykins and Pennington absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she knows that they had multiple conversations about this and she had looked into it in much detail, she knows that Council Members Laster and Costello also looked into it; the Legal Department and the Public Works Department continue to be in disagreement with him, on his position in the drainage. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Boykins and Pennington absent.

Ms. Rone Mourning, 6818 Kassarine Pass, 77033, (713)254-5574 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Boykins and Pennington absent.

Ms. Theresa Foster, 7522 Elbert St., 77028, (713)634-8377 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Boykins and Pennington absent.

Mr. Kelly Martino, 101 Stratford, No.104, 77006, (713)640-5878 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Boykins and Pennington absent.

Mr. Doug Smith, 11542 Sands Point Dr., 77072, (832)723-1652 appeared and stated he could not let the Mayor leave City Hall for the last time without recognizing her 18 years of service to the City of Houston; that he does not know a lot of the history of Houston but he doubts that there were many people, that could point to a record like that and she deserves their thanks; granted that this past year had not been much successful for her, given the failure of the subpoenas, the courts vs the rain tax collection, reversing the HERO Ordinance and the rejecting of the Ordinance had from the voters, hopefully there was success that she could point to in her other 17 years of service to the City of Houston, relating to the HERO Ordinance, he found it amazing that he believes she made the effectiveness of this to make the city make the city tolerate and welcoming city and finally he hope that the Mayor stays in Houston, that when the city would be force to declare bankruptcy because of the huge pension, the unbenefited healthcare that had collected during her years, she could be recognized as one of the chief architects of that bankruptcy, that there is no other way but to declare bankruptcy and he does not believe there was enough Council Members at the table to do what needs to be done to prevent it. Council Members Davis and Pennington absent.

Council Member Green thanked him for coming down, voicing his opinion but he wanted to Mr. Smith to know what this Mayor has done, the quality of life had increase immensely, not only in the green space but if he looked at all the cranes was because they have somebody in place that encourages economic development, the city had almost increased the population by

this city by a fourth because people want to move here because of this Mayor, because of this Mayor, the city leads in these categories than any other city in this nation, not only in economic development but quality of life, people want to move here because of the great neighborhoods and because of this Mayor but he thank him for coming down and voicing his opinion but he would have to respectfully disagree. Council Members Davis and Pennington absent.

Ms. Maria Gonzalez, 8111 De Leon St., 77061, (713)301-2912 appeared and stated she was present to thank the outgoing Council Members and to the outgoing Mayor; Council Member Bradford, she thanked him for supporting them, for working with her; Council Member Costello, she thank him for being a standup guy, helping rebuild this city; Council Member Nguyen, she thinks it's because of some of them that he would not be returning but she hopes and knows she would be working with him in the future; Council Member Gonzalez, she would seeing him in the future, thanked him for his work; Mayor Parker, in 2009, she got to vote for her which was to her a important historical moments, she requests bring back the Comets but she brought Dash, it took over 10 years for the University of Houston to develop a GOBT Studies Minor and almost another 15 years for a LBGT Resource Center and more than 2 decades to add gender identity or expression to the nondiscrimination ordinance but she does know, even though they did lose this past year, the future marches on with all of them, so she thanked everyone and thanked the Mayor. Council Members Pennington and Green absent.

Mr. Lou Weaver, 1609 Castle Court No.1, 77006, (832)265-0342 appeared and stated he was honor to know a few of the Members of Council and for them to know him as well, Mayor Parker the first time he meet her, she was at the Houston Transgender banquet which they were in a photo with each other and he was so naive that she was in the photo until later and then he printed out the political caucus so he could vote for Mayor Parker but realize he was not permitted to vote for Mayor Parker at the time because of where he lived and since then he moved to District C; he sat here last April and May so many times and was able to talk about his life and a lot of the Members of Council reached out to him to try to understand the Transgender community and he was thankful of that, he may not have all the protections and equality but it was honor to live in this city, he volunteered for human rights campaign and they made squishy dolls and presented them to Members of Council with the doll for those Council Members who voted in support of the Equal Rights Ordinance and to Council Member Nguyen he put an extra one in for him for his daughter because of his speech about his daughter convincing him to be on the right side of history which would forever be in his heart and thanked the Council Members for their service. Council Members Stardig and Davis absent.

Ms. Mary Taylor, 1403 Fashion Hill Dr., 77088, (281)445-0682 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Stardig and Davis absent.

Ms. Barbara Quattro, 11007 Bandlon Dr., 77072, (281)787-8827 appeared and stated she lives in Alief, District F and since 1979, she was present with other residents and they were present because they were concerned by the trend in City Election for the District F, either they do not reside in the District or do not meet the 12 month time requirement; it had apparently had become acceptable for candidates to simply use the District F address or to move into a rent house in the district and who actually live in another area like Piney Point, Pearland or Kingwood; Article 5 Section 4 was the City Code of Ordinance in part, in quote, to file for Office of a District Council Member, a person must be a qualified voter of the city, who had resided in the territory , in the City Council District for in 12 months, immediately processing the election date and why this code was not being enforced and because of the lack of enforcement, they have Council Members that know nothing about their District and the Community and since

2003 these people do not represent them but using Alief as a stepping stone to further their career and personal agendas, they must provide proof of residence when they enroll their children in the school district, community college or university, so providing proof of residency when receiving for Council should not be out of the question and if Council does not enforce the rules then why do they have them. Council Members Davis and Christie absent.

Mr. Thomas Jackson, 9555 Crofton, Apt.2030, 77016, (832)489-5932 appeared and stated he comes to Council as an ex-convict, that he served his time and he was seeking opportunity that have not been given to him and had presented a folder for the Members of Council that dates back three years for his commitment to change his life; up to this point he has an option for upto two private sector jobs which both jobs had told him that they think he was over quantified for the jobs but when his criminal background checks came back he was one point over in both jobs; he took part of the City of Houston re-entirety program, he was part of Goodwill, part of career recovery and they have been helpful and very instrumental to him and he had become very worried because there had been no doors that had opened for him; that all you need is will, he has will and he was reaching out to Members of the City because they said if you have a will, they would help you and requesting for Members of Council to take his situation personal, his life was on the line, he made a bad decision last December but he came down to reach out to the Director of Veteran's Affairs and had no response which he felt more abandoned and he was present today to lay his heart out and request for an opportunity. Council Members Davis and Laster absent.

Mr. William Beal, 4718 Boicewood St., 77016, (713)672-7571 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis and Laster absent.

President Joseph Charles, Post office Box 524373, 77052-4373, Houston, TX, had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis and Laster absent.

Mr. Joseph Omo Omuari, 3939 North Freeway, No.210, 77022, (832)815-7006 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis and Laster absent.

At 10:59 a.m. Mayor Parker stated that completed to Public Session and Council would move forward to the business section in the meeting.

13. **HOUSTON FREIGHTLINER, INC** - \$72,550.00 and **TEXAN WASTE EQUIPMENT, INC d/b/a HEIL OF TEXAS** - \$72,719.00 for Refuse Truck through the Interlocal Agreements for Cooperative Purchasing with Houston-Galveston Area Council and Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative (BuyBoard) for the Solid Waste Management Department - General Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez and seconded by Council Member Bradford, Council Member Christie voting no, balance voting aye. Council Members Davis and Martin absent. **MOTION 2015-0912 ADOPTED**

14. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Loan Agreement between the City of Houston and **FIFTH WARD COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT CORPORATION** to provide \$2,000,000.00 of Federal Community Development Block Grant Funds to assist with renovation of a 165 unit Affordable Seniors Housing Community located at the intersection of Lyons Avenue and Pannell Street in Houston, Texas; approving and authorizing an amendment, modification and Assumption

Agreement among the City of Houston, **PLEASANT HILL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, PLEASANT HILL COMMUNITY APARTMENTS, L.P.** and **PLEASANT HILL SENIORS, 165, L.P.** pertaining to a prior loan of \$757,000.00 for costs related to the construction of the foregoing project - **DISTRICT B – DAVIS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2015-1310 ADOPTED**

15. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing City of Houston to enter into a Compromise and Settlement Agreement with **LEISURE LIFE SENIOR APARTMENT HOUSING, LTD., LEISURE LIFE – CHIMNEY ROCK,** and **CHARLES MILLER** related to a loan of Community Development Block Grant Funds which funded a portion of the costs to acquire and rehabilitate a 223 unit affordable housing complex for low and very low income elderly residents, known as the Park at Bellaire Apartments, located at 6333 Chimney Rock, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT J – LASTER**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none Council Member Laster absent. **ORDINANCE 2015-1311 ADOPTED**
16. **ORDINANCE** tabulating the votes cast and canvassing the returns of the City of Houston Runoff Election held on December 12, 2015; making various findings and provisions related to the subject; declaring the Official Results of the Runoff Election- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2015-1312 ADOPTED**
17. **ORDINANCE** relating to the rescheduling or postponement of certain city council meetings- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2015-1313 ADOPTED**
18. **ORDINANCE** providing for an ad valorem tax exemption on the significant historic structure located at **308 Main Street** in Houston, Texas; containing findings and other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; providing for the revocation of such tax exemption and the recapture of taxes upon the occurrence of stated events - **DISTRICT I – GALLEGOS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2015-1314 ADOPTED**
19. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Amendment No. 1 to Lease Agreement between the City of Houston and **BLACK FOREST VENTURES AVIATION RE, LLC, INC,** for certain premises at William P. Hobby Airport - **DISTRICT I – GALLEGOS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2015-1315 ADOPTED**
29. **ORDINANCE AMENDING** certain volumes of the City of Houston Construction Code and the City of Houston Fire Code- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2015-1316 ADOPTED**
30. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing first amendment to Untreated Water Supply Contract between the City of Houston and **ENTERPRISE HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL, LP** (Approved by Ordinance No. 1996-210)- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2015-1317 ADOPTED**
32. **ORDINANCE** amending Ordinance No. 2015-1258 to provide a maximum contract amount for the amended and restated interlocal agreement between the City and **HOUSTON CIVIC EVENTS, INC.,** a Local Government Corporation- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2015-1318 ADOPTED**

MATTERS HELD - NUMBERS 33 through 36

33. **MOTION** by Council Member Gonzalez/Seconded by Council Member Costello to adopt recommendation from Director Planning and Development Department to modify and establish existing user fees - **TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS KUBOSH and ROBINSON**

This was Item 14 on Agenda of December 16, 2015- was presented, Council Members Stardig and Kubosh voting no, balance voting aye. **MOTION 2015-0913 ADOPTED**

34. **ORDINANCE** approving the creation of the Planning and Development Special Revenue Fund ("The Fund") with zero beginning fund balance to receive revenues from development-related fees for the Planning and Development Department (The "Department"); establishing the sources and uses of the funds therein for the operation, maintenance and support of the Department's Development related programs and functions; appropriating any and all funds received into the fund for the purposes set out herein and authorized expenditures consistent with the purpose thereof; approving the budget for the fund attached as Attachment A

This item should only be considered after approval of Item 32 above

TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS KUBOSH AND ROBINSON

This was Item 15 on Agenda of December 16, 2015- was presented,

After a discussion, Council Member Kubosh moved that Item 34 be referred back to the administration and was seconded by Council Member Stardig and after further discussion a vote was called on the motion to refer Item 34 back to the administration, Council Members Stardig, Martin, Green and Kubosh voting aye, balance voting no. **MOTION 2015-0914 FAILED**

Mayor Parker called for a vote on Item 34 and a roll call vote was requested:

ROLLED CALL VOTE:

Mayor Parker- voting aye
Council Member Stardig- voting no
Council Member Davis- voting aye
Council Member Cohen- voting aye
Council Member Boykins- voting aye
Council Member Martin- voting no
Council Member Nguyen- voting aye
Council Member Pennington- voting aye
Council Member Gonzalez- voting aye

Council Member Gallegos- voting aye
Council Member Laster- voting aye
Council Member Green- voting aye
Council Member Costello- voting aye
Council Member Robinson- voting aye
Council Member Kubosh- voting no
Council Member Bradford- voting aye
Council Member Christie- voting aye

ORDINANCE 2015-1319 PASSED

35. **RESOLUTION** supporting the creation of quality jobs and the provision of healthy food alternatives to serve the Third Ward and surrounding communities, including people living in food deserts, through development of a full service grocery store on publicly owned land near SH 288 and MacGregor Way - **DISTRICT D - BOYKINS**

TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS GREEN AND DAVIS

This was Item 33 on Agenda of December 16, 2015- was presented,

After discussion, Council Member Green presented a map of the location to Members of Council and stated the map showed that the location was in a flood plain and Mayor Parker stated that they would have to comply with flood plains requirements for any development.

After a further discussion, Council Member Green moved to refer Item 35 back to the Administration and seconded by Council Member Kubosh.

After Lengthy discussion, Council Member Kubosh moved to suspend the rules to remain in session beyond the scheduled noon recess to complete the Agenda and seconded by Council Member Costello, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Martin and Nguyen absent.
MOTION 2015-0915 ADOPTED

After further lengthy discussion, Council Member Boykins moved to suspend the rules to hear from Lisa Helfman, Representative of HEB relative for Item 35 and seconded by Council Member Bradford, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis and Martin absent. **MOTION 2015-0916 ADOPTED**

Ms. Helfman was questioned by Members of Council.

After Further discussion, Council Member Green move to call the question on the motion to refer Item 35 back to the administration and seconded by Council Member Costello, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis and Martin absent. **MOTION 2015-0917 ADOPTED**

A vote was on the motion called to refer Item 35 back to the administration, Council Members Laster, Green and Kubosh voting aye, balance voting no. **MOTION 2015-0918 ADOPTED**

Then Mayor Parker called for a vote on Item 35, Council Members Laster, Green and Kubosh voting no, balance voting aye. **RESOLUTION 2015-0055 ADOPTED**

36. **ORDINANCE** dedicating certain property generally known as Buffalo Bayou Park (The "Park") as a public park pursuant to that certain construction, operating and Management Agreement among **BUFFALO BAYOU PARTNERSHIP, HARRIS COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT, REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER THREE, DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY,** and the City of Houston, subject to all prior usages for other public purposes, all previous dedications for use for other public purposes and all granted easements; accepting title to certain improvements within the park pursuant to the dedication
TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS LASTER AND STARDIG

This was Item 49 on Agenda of December 16, 2015- was presented, all voting aye, nays none.
ORDINANCE 2015-1320 ADOPTED

Mayor Parker stated that one Item had been received, the Item was Item 25.

25. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Advanced Funding Agreement between the City of Houston and the **TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION** for a Category 12 Strategic Priority Project (IH 10 Noise Reduction) - **DISTRICT G – PENNINGTON**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2015-1321 ADOPTED**

Council Member Costello moved that the rules be suspended for the for the purpose of hearing President Joseph Charles for one minute and seconded by Council Member Davis,

Council Member Davis moved to amend the above motion to allow President Charles to speak for two minutes and seconded by Council Member Costello, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2015-0919 ADOPTED**

President Joseph Charles, Post office Box 524373, 77052-4373, Houston, TX, appeared and stated that he appreciated the extra minute and stated his subject was absolute Marshal Law, Salaries, Revoked, H/City, Texas/State, and Government Systems and continued to voice his personal experiences until his time expired.

At 12:26 a.m. Mayor Parker stated that they will move to the Council Members presentation.

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS –

Council Members gave thanks to Mayor Parker and Council Members for their service to the City of Houston.

At 1:30 p.m. Mayor Parker stated the final meeting of the City Council 2015 was adjourned as there was no further business before Council.

DETAILED INFORMATION ON FILE ON THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

Anna Russell, City Secretary