

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, September 21, 2016

The Houston City Council convened at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 20, 2016; Mayor Sylvester Turner presiding, with Council Members Jerry Davis, Ellen Cohen, Dave Martin, Steve Le, Greg Travis, Karla Cisneros, Robert Gallegos, Mike Laster, Larry Green, Mike Knox, David Robinson, Michael Kubosh, Amanda Edwards and Jack Christie D.C.; Sandra Eidson, Legal Department; Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director and Stella Ortega Agenda Office present. Council Members Brenda Stardig and Dwight Boykins absent on personal business.

At 1:38 p.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting of City Council to order and stated that Council would start with presentations. Council Members Davis, Martin, Travis, Cisneros, Laster, Green, Kubosh and Christie absent. **NO QUORUM**

Mayor Turner stated that there were three proclamations that he will be presenting in honoring Mayor's Hispanic Awards and the awards will be going to Richard Reyes, Yvette Hernandez and Marisela Vasquez and would start with Marisela Vasquez.

Mayor Turner stated that Marisela Vasquez was the recipient of the 2016 Mayor's Hispanic Heritage Community Activist Award. She is a model of strength, integrity and honesty, having spent countless hours giving back to the community over the past several decades; born and raised in the East End, she is a fourth generation Houstonian and her passion for giving back to the community is deep rooted, steaming from a childhood filled with community activities and a long family line of community activists, recognizing the benefits of community activities and engagement, she has continued to advocate for activities for youth and the community and with 10 years working for J.P. Morgan Chase Bank and making a complete career change, marketing for the Houston Dynamo, marketing and event planning became a niche that she was able to share with the community. For more than 30 years, she has been involved with the Rusk Athletic Club, a club created to showcase Hispanic athletes who were traditionally alienated from mainstream sports. She has served on its Board of Directors for the past 20 years, playing an integral role in the success of the club's annual tournament; In addition, Marisela Vasquez has been a longtime supporter of the Shoes for Kids charity, which provides new shoes to East End children during the holidays. She has remained instrumental in ensuring that Shoes for Kids and the many charitable community projects founded or led by her cousin, the late Yolanda Black Navarro, continued to thrive and she has also led Lemonade Day at The Esplanade event held on Navigation Boulevard, which teaches youth about entrepreneurship and Marisela Vasquez is happily married and is the proud mother of two children, Jordan and Julian; The City of Houston commends Marisela Vasquez for her tireless and selfless dedication as a community activist and extends best wishes for continued success in all of her future endeavors and I hereby honor Marisela Vasquez with the Mayor's Hispanic Heritage Community Activist Award for the City of Houston and proclaim September 20, 2016, as Marisela Vasquez Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Davis, Martin, Travis and Green absent.

Mayor Turner stated that Yvette Hernandez is the recipient of the 2016 Mayor's Hispanic Heritage Youth Activist Award and she has dedicated her time to cultivating young leaders through her personal, professional and academic experiences; Yvette Hernandez has known she wanted to give back to the community since she was in high school and she started volunteering at Cesar E. Chavez High School, helping her fellow students with tutoring, On the weekends, she helped plant and harvest vegetables for immigrants and refugees at Casa Juan Diego and her Catholic faith has always been important to her, as she attends Immaculate Heart of Mary Church and is involved with the Leadership Awareness Faith Family Self-Esteem,

a Catholic youth program. She has also volunteered her time with the JFK Toy Drive, DePelchin Children's Center, Houston Food Bank and The Mayor's Back 2 School Fest, among others and one of Yvette Hernandez' biggest passions is registering and ensuring that her community goes out to vote. She was a very active member of the University of Houston Democrats because she knows the only way the Hispanic community can become a force of power is through voting. She was one of the youngest individuals elected as president of the Oak Meadows Civic Club and was also the youngest Clinton delegate elected by Senate District 6 as a national delegate to the 2016 Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia and the City of Houston salutes and commends Yvette Hernandez for her outstanding efforts as a community youth leader and volunteer in the Hispanic community and wishes her continued success in all of her future endeavors and therefore I hereby honor Yvette Hernandez with the Mayor's Hispanic Heritage Youth Activist Community Award for the City of Houston and proclaim September 20, 2016, as Yvette Hernandez Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Davis, Martin, Travis and Green absent.

Mayor Turner stated that Richard Reyes was the recipient of the 2016 Mayor's Hispanic Heritage Art in the Community Award and his passion for the arts has inspired a love for the arts in youth and adults alike, he has remained a strong advocate and dedicated his professional life to supporting art opportunities in the community and promoting the arts in the Latino community, sharing the beauty of the Latino culture through artistic expression; mentoring under Felix Fraga and Dr. Dorothy Caram, Richard Reyes began working with youth and adults in the arts during the 1980's and 1990's at Talento Bilingüe de Houston (TBH), writing and directing youth and adult plays and teaming up with Yolanda Black Navarro, in 1993, he secured a million dollar grant to build the TBH Cultural Center at Guadalupe Plaza which presents art classes and productions in all aspects of the arts, during this time, he also worked with Precinct 6, the Houston Gang Task force and several Harris County and Richard Reyes' awards and accolades are lengthy and include, The Jefferson Award, Houston Press Hero Award and Univision Humanitarian Award, among others, most recently, he was honored with the title of executive director emeritus from Talento Bilingue de Houston. In addition, he has remained active and served on several boards and organizations, including the Board of the Cultural Arts Council of Houston, vice-president of the City of Houston Convention and Visitors Bureau and president of the MultiCultural Organizations, amongst many other organizations and the City of Houston commends Richard Reyes for his outstanding support as a community activist for the arts and wishes him continued success in all future endeavors and therefore, I hereby honor Richard Reyes with the Mayor's Hispanic Heritage Art in Community Award for the City of Houston and proclaim September 20, 2016, as Richard Reyes Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Davis, Martin, Travis and Green absent.

Council Member Knox stated that it was his great privilege today to come before Council with two individuals for their outstanding service for our community, Ms. Veronica Hernandez and Ms. Delores "Dee" Jones as these two ladies have worked tirelessly and faithfully to serve Houstonians through services; leadership and community volunteers and he would like to recognize Ms. Hernandez first;

Council Member Knox stated that Veronica Hernandez tirelessly and faithfully served Houston for more than 20 years as a professional administrative in a high volume proactive responsive customer service setting. Since 2001, she has been working at the Mayor's Citizens Assistance Office and is currently the Senior Community Liaison for the southwest area that covers Alief, Braeburn, Brays Oaks, Gulfton, Midwest, Sharpstown, Westbury and Westwood and she professional and customer service experience have been instrumental in providing assistance to over 500 families with various cases related to code violations, discrimination and

social service needs at apartment complexes. For the last eight years, she has coordinated a Police Week Prayer Luncheon in collaboration with HPD, apartment complex managers and local ministers, she has partnered with the Police and Clergy Team and Houston Police Department to successfully host an annual Christmas toy giveaway event for the past seven years. It provides the opportunity for children to partake in a community-based celebration involving law enforcement agencies and volunteering City employees and she united with the Police and Clergy Team and successfully hosted the First Senior Citizen Appreciation Luncheon. It benefitted the senior's program at the Southwest Multi-Service Center, including the Asian community in the Sharpstown area. On May 3, 2016, she received the Bravo Award which is one of the highest recognition awarded to City employees and on September 20, 2016, Veronica Hernandez will be honored for her many accomplishments and the City of Houston commends and congratulates Veronica Hernandez on her dedication and extends best wishes for continued success and therefore, Mayor Turner hereby proclaimed September 20, 2016, as Veronica Hernandez Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Davis, Martin, Travis and Greens absent.

Council Member Knox stated the Houston area is wonderfully enriched by its most vital resource – inspired individuals who are willing to serve the public in all sectors, through tireless personal service and leadership, professionals and community volunteer's like a work daily to improve the quality of life for all, she has been working in the Alief Independent School District for the past 13 years and under her leadership as the Business and Community Coordinator, she has raised over three million dollars in donations for all Alief Independent School District campuses and she is co-chairwoman of the Houston West Chamber of Commerce Teacher of the Committee, chairwoman of the Houston Westchase Rotary Club-Community Committee and vice president of the Alief Community Association. Her other duties within the Alief Independent School District include recruiting and maintaining business partnerships, mentors for students and Alief ISD alumni to become business partners and volunteers, among many other responsibilities and Dee Jones has earned the respect, recognition and gratitude of coworkers, parents and students, and on September 20, 2016, she will be honored for her accomplishments. In recognition and appreciation of her loyal and exemplary service to Alief ISD, the City of Houston congratulates and commends Delores "Dee" Jones on this auspicious occasion and extends best wishes for continued success and therefore, Mayor Turner hereby proclaimed September 20, 2016, as Delores "Dee" Jones Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Davis, Martin, Travis and Greens absent.

Council Member Edwards stated Xavier Alexander Muhammad is a native Houstonian born to Ishmael Muhammad and Rosalind Branch-Muhammad on November 30, 2009. He is an active member of Silver Lake Church in Pearland, Texas, and attends Matthys Elementary School in Pasadena Independent School District and he is a member of the Beastmode Track Club instructed by Coach Nick Capuano and is currently the world record holder for seven-year-old shot put throwers; this year, he had competed in 16 track meets in shot put and has received 14 first place medals and two second place medals. On July 7, 2016, he broke the world record with a throw of 8.57 meters and he competed in the 2016 U.S.A. Track and Field Junior Olympics in Sacramento, California, in July and the 2016 AAU Junior Olympics in Humble, Texas, in August and at the U.S.A Track and Field Junior Olympics, Xavier Alexander Muhammad catapulted an outstanding throw of 10.41 meters (34.15 ft.) with the 2k shot put. It was a record-breaking throw that earned him a U.S.A. Track and Field Junior Olympian All-American honor. At the 2016 AAU Junior Olympics, he finished with a final throw of 9.47 meters and received a silver medal for his performance and on September 20, 2016, Xavier Alexander

Muhammad will be honored for his achievements, the City of Houston commends Xavier Alexander Muhammad on his amazing feats and extends best wishes for continued success and therefore, Mayor Turner hereby proclaimed September 20, 2016, as Xavier Alexander Muhammad Day in Houston, Texas. Council Member Travis absent.

At 2:17 p.m. Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Cohen for the invocation and she invited Rabi Weiss to offer the invocation and Council Member Cohen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

At 2:20 p.m. the roll was called. Council Members Brenda Stardig and Dwight Boykins absent on personal business.

Council Member Cohen moved to adopt the minutes and seconded by Council Member Knox, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner requested the City Secretary to call the List of Speakers.

Ms. Anna Edwards, 718 Deerpass Dr., Channelview, TX, 77530, (281)384-5922 appeared and presented a proposed Proclamation to change Columbus Day to Indigenous People Day in the City of Houston and stated that she is with the OhKay Owingeh Tribe that was previously known as the San Juan Pueblo from Northern New Mexico and she was present to speak about Christopher Columbus, he did not discover them, they were never lost, in fact they discovered him lost at sea, when he set foot on this land, this land was not bare and desolate but instead there were over 400 Independent Nations that covered the Northern and Southern Continent, rich with their own Governments, culture and rich with their own histories, one of the first mistakes he made was to call them Loss Indio's thinking he had landed in the West Indies and the first tribe of Natives they encounter was the Arawak Tribe, he wrote in the ships logs that they were loving people without covertness, so peaceful were these people that he swears to his Majesties they were not in a better Nation and on October 14, 1492; he wrote with 50 men they can subject them all and make them do whatever they want and on that same day he wrote that the land had great riches and many slaves as one can wish for upon his return to Spain he filled his ships with Natives not to study the culture, not to learn anything from them but to return with them as slaves, all the people that followed him were only interested in riches and gold and slaves, there was no regard to the people or culture that they were destroying; today they were proud to live in a City that was rich in diversity and culture, there were 312,264 Natives that called Texas their home, Houston and the surrounding Counties consist of a Native population of over 68,700 people, larger than Chicago and Denver, our children were taught lies, Columbus is honored as a hero, with inhumanity he and his men exhibited to Native People, she does not understand why Historians and Educators continue to ignore atrocities committed to a Nation of people who only showed them kindness, each and everyone of the Members of Council can make a difference and have the power to end the lie today, they can change the course of the education of our children and with the truth that comes out, she believes the truth would set them free and thank the Veterans for fighting for their freedom. Council Member Knox absent.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Edwards

Ms. Chance Landry, 9600 Hempstead Hwy., 77092, (281)686-1462 appeared and presented information to Members of Council and stated throughout history mankind had dealt with murders and serial killers, when there was a serial killer in our midst today we get scared, why, because it could be our relatives could be next door and we would never hail a serial killer as a hero and the Indigenous People of these lands that were in the Bahamas did not have any

clue as to what was about to happen to them, they welcomed Columbus and his men and gave them gifts, they had no idea they were meeting kidnappers, slave holders and serial killers, a man by the name of Bartolome De Lasa Casa made that voyage which later on became a Priest and he asked a man by the name Theodore De Bry to make the voyage back with him to the Americas, Theodore De Bry was an artist, an engraver, the copies that Council holds in their hands are copies of the actual eye witness of counts of Theodore De Bry art work, he was an eyewitness to everything they see in these pictures, from the pictures they can see that they slammed babies heads into stone walls, they cut the Indigenous hands off because they did not bring in the quota of gold that they were asked to get, these were just a few examples of drawing of Theodore De Bry and along with stories by Bartolome De Lasa Casa; reviewing these pages maybe difficult, however, it was more difficult for those Indigenous People that died on that day; this was not an attack by the way on any Nationality at all, this was an attack on an sadistic individual who was heartless and a serial killer who condoned slavery and murder and not should be hailed for landing at the wrong place with a civilized society that lived for thousands of years and she begged them to please change Columbus Day to Indigenous Day.

Mr. Steve Melendez, 4810 Walker St., 77023, (281)415-9665 appeared and stated he is the President of the American Indian Genocide Museum, Columbus in the very act of kidnapping, he sites his experience as a slave trader, 1492, November 12th, Columbus wrote in his log, "yesterday they came to the ship, a boat with 6 boys , 5 came on board the ship and I order them to be kept and brought them with me and afterwards I sent them to a house which was near the river to the West and I brought 7 heads of women and I did these in order for the men might conduct themselves better in Spain having women from their own land because already it has been many times my business to bring men from the beginning, they will be willing to do that what was laid upon them" and this was not the only time that Columbus wrote about Slave trading and in his letter to the King and Queen in Spain he wrote" you can see that I will give them as much gold and Slaves as many as they ordered to be shipped"; kidnapping and slave trading was not Columbus only crime, crimes that met to genocide; Bartolome De Lasa Casa a Catholic Priest at the time wrote about the atrocities, endless testimonies and the above argument prove the mild temperament of the Natives and as well they surpassed them in arms so that if they had lived among them as Christians they would have had no need for weapons, horses or fierce dogs to track them to them on but their work was to exasperate, ravage, kill and destroy and Bartolome De Lasa Casa went on to put the blame on Columbus and he wanted to please the king that he committed these rabbled crimes and he asked why are we teaching and honoring racist myth, Columbus did not discover anything because there were already human beings here, now he realizes there were mistakes made in history and they cannot erase them but by the same token, so we have to keep running those mistakes up the flag pole and expecting them to salute them, change Columbus Day to Indigenous People Day would go a long way by leaving the racism in the past where it belongs and they may wonder why they were doing this because it not out of hatred or bitterness, it was because all children should feel good about themselves and their history, our children matter. Mayor Turner, Council Member Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Melendez.

Ms. Laura Thompson, 443 Meters, 77020, (713)205-3084 appeared with **A TRANSOLATOR** and spoke in the Couthatta Language and stated that she was a Native American of the Ohkay Owingeh Tribe and a tax paying resident of Harris County for over 50 years, she was a part of an organization from the American Indian Alliance of the Greater Houston Area, her objective today was to tell and petition Members of Council to proclaim in the City of Houston that is known as Columbus Day which is observed the second Monday of each

October in the U.S. to be declared Indigenous Day; why they might ask, its time with involving world and involving City changes with the times, changes are needed, changes are being asked, change must be done, it's time, they were not extinct as some may believe, they may move around in the Native Society but they were also part of the mainstream society that make up this City, they survived, their culture survived, they are not many but their Tribe survived, the makeup of Houston is not just Black, White, Hispanic or Asian, they were at the tip of the world, at the Gulf Coast, countless number of people and languages, some people do know who Columbus was or Columbus Day but they who are native to the land that this Christopher Columbus who said that he discovered America came by force, by seizing and taking possession without any regard to its inhabitants why honor him with an illegal holiday, if Columbus is to be observed then there should be an Adolf Hitler Day because they are in the same class, let Houston change Columbus Day to be known as Indigenous People Day. Mayor Turner and Council Member Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Council Member Davis questioned Ms. Thompson.

Ms. Kimberly Sandoz, 6101 Antoine Dr., No.1004, 77091, (832)643-7393 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Turner and Council Member Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Mr. James Partsch- Galvan, 2705 Terry St., 77009, (713)528-2607 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner and Council Member Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Ms. Tameca Williams, 258 Owens St., 77029, (832)213-9225 appeared and stated she just recently moved to Glenda Park and she was seeking employment and as she been looking to find a job and it been hard for being African Americans and most business were based by Hispanics and do not want to accept another race coming in because it been hard for her to find a job, she came up with this program called Project Balance which allows different cultures to come in and work together, instead of just being one culture, no matter if it was Mexican, Asian restaurant, we all should have different culture inside the work area, this project was equal opportunity for multicultural community and she wanted start with her community because she just recently moved and she sees a lot of problems for African Americans finding jobs, you have Hispanics in the Black neighborhoods as well that it was hard for them to get jobs, she was presenting this to Members of Council and with this program she wanted to bring everyone together as far as children, she has children and as they grow up she does not want them to see the separation between different cultures, she wants to see them to come together and work together and with this project it would give a chance, like in restaurants Blacks can go into a Mexican restaurant and learn how to cook Mexican style food or Mexicans can learn how to cook Soul food and for the kids to learn different cultures, it would keep all of us together and would not be so much about race and she was hoping that they would accept her plan, her project that she been working on it, she raised the proposal for Council Members to see and it had a scale on it. Mayor Turner and Council Member Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Council Members Davis questioned Ms. Williams.

Ms. Veronica Mickey, 7119 Bayou Court Dr., 77088, (832)998-0553 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner and Council Member Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Mr. R.J. Bobby Taylor, P.O. Box 202021, 77220, (832)870-7673 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner and Council Member Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Ms. Lover Compton, 4305 Mallow, 77051, (281)684-1641, had reserved time to speak and Ms. Shelia Schwerczynki appeared to speak on her behalf and Mayor Pro Tem Cohen advised that she need to have a motion to allow Ms. Shelia Schwerczynki to speak.

Council Member Knox moved for the rules be suspended for the purpose of allowing Ms. Shelia Schwerczynki to speak in place of Ms. Lover Compton and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Mayor Turner, Council Members Laster and Green absent.
MOTION 2016-0440 ADOPTED

Ms. Shelia Schwerczynski, no address, no phone appeared and presented information to Members of Council and stated she wanted to first say that Love and Joy Personal Care Home was an agency that provides housing and day activity services to homeless people who are mentally ill and unfortunately Love and Joy faced a fire, they were the first shelter in Houston who house mentally ill and was able to service over 70 residents; November 18, 2014 they experience a fire and was 85% of building their building before moving in and then the building was destroyed, unfortunately the builder did not keep up his building insurance but Love and Joy is still responsible for the note and Council Members Boykins and a Church Member spoke and advocated on their behalf trying to recover the loss and to help them get the building rebuilt with funds from the City of Houston and it did come before Council which it was approved but since the Mayor had been in Office, Love and Joy project had been on hold, they have tried to reach out to the Mayor several times and was told that the Mayor was not available, so they were trying to see what is it that they can do and they had seen on the air that the Mayor is trying to end Houston homeless and requesting that the Mayor look at Love and Joy project and to go over this project, they picked the builder, they have the drawings and eager to get this project up and going to help end Houston homeless. Mayor Turner, Council Members Laster and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Council Members questioned Ms. Schwerczynski.

Mr. William Beal, 10 Remington Ln., 77005, no phone number, had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Laster and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Ms. Ann Crippen, 208 Goldenrod St., 77009, (713)614-6003 appeared and stated she was present not to stop progress but because she want to keep a comfortable existence in her neighborhood, she lives with her family on Goldenrod Street and lived there since 1982, there were many families in the neighborhood that had been there even longer, she is a nurse, she works long days and to be really effective in her role she needs to be well rested, she goes to bed at 9 o'clock and gets up at 4 in the morning, the Music from White Oak Music Hall and the outdoor venue have on several occasions kept her awake; they were relieved and grateful for the Mayor's assurances two weeks ago in the Houston Chronicle that HPD would enforce the Sound Ordinance and since her neighbor had appeared, White Oak had been issued two criminal citations for the Sound Ordinance violations, she was encourage by the Mayor's comments in the Chronicle about the temporary stage and he made it very clear about the temporary permit would expire in early October and no one was going to take down the stage and come back get another temporary permit, he wanted to debunk that and they appreciates the attentions to their concerns and their support, a major concern was that the developer and

the residents need to come to some type of comprise. Mayor Turner, Council Members Laster and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Crippen.

Ms. Verna Carrington, 12919 Windfern Rd., Apt No.2603, 77064, (832)884-7870 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Laster and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Mr. Ramon Dixon, 2506 Southerland St., 77023, (310)946-2541 appeared and stated he works for HM Host at IAH Airport and he a member of the Hospitality Worker union and he had some good news today, they had recently reached an agreement on the New Union Contract and gives them the largest raised they had ever received, major reduction in health care cost and continued free parking, his co-workers and himself take great pride in the fact that they were the first people that greet guest that come to City, not for the City of Houston but for the State of Texas, for the United States; the contract had raised moral and would help reduce turn over, they want to congraitude HM Host in bargaining in good faith with them and working with them to come to an agreement and they would also like to thank the Mayor's Office and City Council for the support during the process, working together, we all win. Mayor Turner, Council Members Martin, Travis and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Members of Council question Mr. Dixon.

Ms. Niecele Marcus, 2431 Windrock Blvd., 77057, (512)775-9631 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Martin, Travis and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Mr. Jein Gadson, 606 Hawthorne, 77007, (713)584-3135 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Martin, Travis and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Ms. Annette Rysaala, 2424 Sakowiitz St., 77020, (281)318-8790 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Martin, Travis and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Mr. Craig Brown, no address, (979)922-7678 appeared and stated he had not seen them since May 10th and first wanted to say thank you, it had made a big difference, its making a difference and the reason he was here today was there is a big issue with from 59, from Beltway 8 to Downtown, they are breaking into restaurants, smashing in and breaking in and getting stuff out of cars, he had been hearing this from Olive Garden which he gotten permission from the managers to speak about it, CVS and with the confidence that he has with the City, he pulled a Police Officer to the side and he told him that he would put it on the out watch and he went to the Olive Garden and the Manager told him that they arrested the guy last week and that they always hear about the negative so he wanted to say something positive. Mayor Turner, Council Members Martin, Travis and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Brown.

Mr. John Noflin, 12903 Brent Rock Dr., Apt. No.703, 77082, (832)208-1490 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Martin, Travis and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

President Joseph Charles, Post Office Box 524373, 77052-4373, Houston, TX, appeared and requested more time 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. Mayor Turner, Council Members Martin, Travis and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

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

At 3:10 p.m. The City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, September 21, 2016, Mayor Turner, Council Members Martin, Travis and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

At 8:30 a.m. Ms. Anna Russell, City Secretary, read the description or captions of the items on the Agenda.

The Houston City Council reconvened at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, September 21, 2016, Mayor Sylvester Turner presiding, with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jerry Davis, Ellen Cohen, Dave Martin, Steve Le, Greg Travis, Karla Cisneros, Mike Laster, Robert Gallegos, Larry Green, Mike Knox, David Robinson, Michael Kubosh, Amanda Edwards and Jack Christie D.C.; Mr. Ronald C. Lewis, City Attorney and Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director and Stella Ortega Agenda Office present. Council Member Dwight Boykins absent on personal business.

At 9:11 a.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting into order and would start off with a brief Mayor's Report. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Gallegos, Robinson and Edwards absent.

Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Cohen for a procedural motion.

Council Member Cohen moved for the rules be suspended for the purpose of considering Items 1-4 prior to the Mayor's Report and seconded by Council Member Stardig, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2016-0441 ADOPTED**

1. **REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment of **CONSTANCE K. ACOSTA** to Position One of the **MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION** and the **FIREFIGHTER'S & POLICE OFFICERS' CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION (Fire only)**, for the remainder of a three-year term ending June 14, 2019- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2016-0442 ADOPTED**
2. **REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment of **TANYA DEBOSE** to Position Five of the **HISTORIC PRESERVATION APPEALS BOARD OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON**, for an unexpired term ending December 2, 2017- was presented, moved by Council Member Green and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Cohen absent. **MOTION 2016-0443 ADOPTED**
3. **REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment of **CHRISTOPHER LLOYD** to Position One of the **HOUSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for a term to expire March 1, 2018- was presented, moved by Council

Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none.
Council Member Green absent. **MOTION 2016-0444 ADOPTED**

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

Position Two - **JOHN RICKEL**, for a term to expire 7/20/2018

Position Four - **ANN THOMAS GIVENS**, for a term to expire 7/20/2018, and
to serve as Chair for a term ending 12/31/2016

Position Six - **BRADLEY R. FREELS**, for a term to expire 7/20/2018- was presented,

Moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Stardig, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2016-0445 ADOPTED**

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Turner stated he wanted to speak briefly about the trade mission to Cuba which would take place on Sunday, this was historical first on the trade mission to Cuba, it was the first time for a Houston Mayor to lead a mission to Cuba and it was his inauguration mission as Mayor, it was a strong signal about the interest in making sure that Houston is at the forefront in driving international development, it showcases our determination for Houston to be seen as a positive partner in change and growth as discussed with the Ambassador of Cuba in his time here before and it speaks to a special role that Houston has with Latin America, our largest trading partner in the region, we are living history and with the changes brought about, the Administration of President Obama and there is no way that Houston can neglect the role that we have to play as the United States and Cuba as they begin the delicate process of drawing us together; this mission began in late 2015 when the Ambassador first visited Houston as a part of the United States Department of States Experience America Program, Houston made a strong impression and early in his Administration they quickly started planning a trip; they spoke about the direct flights and United had been awarded a flight out of Houston that begins in November and this traffic may take time to generate but we have to start somewhere and he thinks it was a great time to start for this City, he was looking forward to going on this trip with Council Members Martin, Davis and Robinson and they would leave on Sunday and spend a few days in Cuba.

At 9:31 a.m. Mayor Turner requested the City Secretary to call the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 5 through 27

MISCELLANEOUS - NUMBERS 5 - 6

5. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Houston Health Department to extend unpaid leave of absence for **AUBREY DOUGLAS, Nurse Practitioner-** was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **MOTION 2016-0446 ADOPTED**
6. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Houston Health Department to extend unpaid leave of absence for **ROCQUEL HINES, Environmental Investigator III-** was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **MOTION 2016-0447 ADOPTED**

ACCEPT WORK - NUMBERS 7 and 8

7. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$2,988,993.98 and acceptance of work on contract with **SER CONSTRUCTION PARTNERS, LLC** for Holcombe Drainage and Paving Improvements 14.55% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICT D – BOYKINS**- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2016-0448 ADOPTED**
8. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$5,896,165.23 and acceptance of work on contract with **INDUSTRIAL TX CORP.** for Northeast Water Purification Plant: Plant Security, Truck Scale and Miscellaneous Improvements - 2.10% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICT E – MARTIN**- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2016-0449 ADOPTED**

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS - NUMBERS 10 through 15

10. **AMEND MOTION #2015-344, 5/27/15, TO INCREASE** spending authority from \$300,027.00 to \$538,902.00 for Personal Protective Footwear through the Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Purchasing with the Houston-Galveston Area Council for the Houston Fire Department, awarded to **CASCO INDUSTRIES, INC** - General Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Green, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2016-0450 ADOPTED**
12. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$127,000.00 out of Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund for Purchase of SAP Enhancements and Various Professional and Consulting Services and

Support for Houston Information Technology Services- the City Secretary advised that Item 12 had been pulled by the Administration and would not be considered.

- 13. OBJECTWIN TECHNOLOGY, INC** for approval of spending authority in an amount not to exceed \$162,000.00 for SAP Enhancements, Professional Services, Consulting Services and Support through the Texas Department of Information Resources for the Houston Information Technology Services - Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund
This item should only be considered after passage of Item 12 above- the City Secretary advised that Item 13 had been pulled by the Administration and would not be considered.
- 14. PARADIGM TRAFFIC SYSTEMS, INC** for approval of spending authority in an amount not to exceed \$356,215.00 for Intelligent Traffic System Control Cabinets for the Department of Public Works & Engineering - Dedicated Drainage & Street Renewal Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Green, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2016-0451 ADOPTED**
- 15. FIVE STAR ELECTRIC MOTORS, INC** for approval of spending authority in an amount not to exceed \$109,825.00 for Variable Frequency Drive Replacement and Installation Services for the Department of Public Works & Engineering - Enterprise Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Green, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2016-0452 ADOPTED**

ORDINANCES - NUMBERS 16 through 27

- 16. ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 25-151 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, relating to Safety Zones for Nationally Competitively Bid Events- the City Secretary advised that Item 16 had been pulled by the Administration and would not be considered.
- 19. ORDINANCE** authorizing substitution of \$237,500 in Economic Development Initiative Special Project Grant Funds, previously awarded to the City by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the renovation of the 1926 Gregory School, also referred to as The African American Library at The Gregory School, for \$237,500 in Community Development Block Grant Funds previously spent on the aforementioned project - **DISTRICT I – GALLEGOS**- the City Secretary advised that Item 19 had been pulled by the Administration and would not be considered.
- 21. ORDINANCE** annexing to the City of Houston, Texas territory located in the vicinity of the intersection of I-45 North and Rankin Road, in Harris County, Texas; extending the corporate limits of the City of Houston, Texas, to embrace and include territory within such boundaries; instituting proceedings to annex to its corporate limits the territory included in such boundaries; adopting a service plan for certain area in the vicinity of the intersection of I-45 North and Rankin Road; assigning the annexed area to adjacent district from which District Council Member is elected until such time as district boundaries may be changed pursuant to the City of Houston Charter - **DISTRICT B – DAVIS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0709 ADOPTED**

- 22. ORDINANCE** annexing to the City of Houston, Texas territory located in the vicinity of the intersection of North Houston Rosslyn Road and Chippewa Boulevard, in Harris County, Texas; extending the corporate limits of the City of Houston, Texas, to embrace and include territory within such boundaries; instituting proceedings to annex to its corporate limits the territory included in such boundaries; adopting a service plan for certain area in the vicinity of the intersection of North Houston Rosslyn Road and Chippewa Boulevard; assigning the annexed area to adjacent district from which District Council member is elected until such time as district boundaries may be changed pursuant to the City of Houston Charter - **DISTRICT B – DAVIS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0710 ADOPTED**
- 23. ORDINANCE** establishing the Fondren Southwest Northfield Sections 1 and 2 Subdivisions, within the City of Houston as a special minimum lot size area pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT K – GREEN**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0711 ADOPTED**
- 24. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$1,145,000.00 out of Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund for Purchase of Body Armor Vests for Houston Police Department- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0712 ADOPTED**
- 25. ORDINANCE** amending Ordinance No. 2013-0816 to increase the maximum contract amounts and approving and authorizing 1) first amendment to agreement for Westlaw Computer-Assisted Legal Research Services and Clear Services, and 2) first amendment to Library Maintenance Agreement for Print Products, between the City of Houston and **WEST, a Thomson Reuters Business**, for the Legal Department- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0713 ADOPTED**
- 27. ORDINANCE** consenting to the creation of the **HARRIS COUNTY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 14** and the inclusion of certain lands within the district- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0714 ADOPTED**

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

- 9. RECOMMENDATION** from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$1,725,363.57 and acceptance of work on contract with **REYTEC CONSTRUCTION RESOURCES, INC** for Pressure Reducing Valve Station Improvements Package No. 5 - 20.52% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICTS**

E - MARTIN and I – GALLEGOS- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Davis and tagged by Council Member Green.

11. **HORNE, LLC** for Consulting Services through the Texas Multiple Award Schedule for Housing and Community Development Department - \$313,429.45 - Grant Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2016-0453 ADOPTED**
17. **ORDINANCE** providing for the assessment, levying and collection of Ad Valorem Taxes for the City of Houston, Texas for the Year 2016- was presented,

Mayor Turner stated that this would be lowering down our property rate to 58.6% and he believes this was the 6th time it's been lowered to the revenue cap and the average Houstonian is going to benefit by this reduction about \$33.00 to \$34.00 a year and was going to cost us as a whole as a City was \$28.4 million dollars; the reason he wanted to highlight this because over the last several days the Chronicle wrote an article about the Police Fleet, the aging of the Police Fleet and the reason of the aging Police Fleet because they cannot get cars for free, it cost money; the other issue they highlighted was the Fire Department and one of the things they indicated was that we need second Hazmat Team which they also cost money; and they are operating under a revenue cap where when they vote on the Item today, it was going to save, with the \$28.4 million dollars they were not only going to be able utilize to save on not only Police cars but for more Police Officers, to have personnel to go check on the buildings, more Paramedics, more Firefighters, more updated Fire Trucks, it all cost money and it was for all of them to start educating themselves and Houstonians what it was going to cost to take care of this City and he was not talking anything extravagant, he does not like to hear about a problem but what can they do as a solution.

After a lengthy discussion, Mayor Turner and called for a vote on Item 17; all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis, Cisneros, Green, Edwards and Christie absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0715 ADOPTED**

18. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing first amendment to grant agreement between the City of Houston and the **WOMEN'S HOME** for Construction of a Social Service Facility located in the vicinity of 1905 Jacquelyn Street and 1838 Johanna Drive, Houston, Texas, to serve homeless and low-income individuals and families, to consent to lease transactions and subordination of the City's lien in order to accommodate commercially funded new market tax credit financing whose proceeds will supplement the previously approved City grant - **DISTRICT A – STARDIG**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Gallegos, Knox, Kubosh, Edwards and Christie absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0716 ADOPTED**

20. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Interlocal Cooperation Contract between the City and the Department of State Health Services for Laboratory Analyses of Milk Sampling Services (TXDSHS Contract #53700-6-000049922); approving the acceptance and disbursement of funds thereunder - \$114,834.00 - Grant Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Gallegos, Knox, Kubosh and Edwards absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0717ADOPTED**

26. ORDINANCE amending the City of Houston Construction Code by adopting a revised Residential Energy Conservation Code based on the 2015 International Energy Conservation Code - Residential Provisions; containing findings and other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; containing a repealer; containing a savings clause; providing an effective date; providing for severability- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Gallegos, Knox and Kubosh absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0718 ADOPTED**

NON CONSENT AGENDA - NUMBER 28

MISCELLANEOUS

28. SET A PUBLIC HEARING for the proposed amendment of Chapter 40, Code of Ordinances, to extend the provisions of the Civility Ordinance to the Near Northside - **DISTRICT H - CISNEROS** **SUGGESTED HEARING DATE - WEDNESDAY - 9:00 A.M. - OCTOBER 5, 2016-** was presented, Council Member Cohen moved to set a public hearing on Wednesday, October 5, 2016 and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Gallegos, Knox and Kubosh absent. **MOTION 2016-0454 ADOPTED**

MATTERS HELD - NUMBER 29

29. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing second amendment to Untreated Water Supply Contract between the City of Houston and **ENTERPRISE HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL, LP** (Approved by Ordinance No. 1996-209) - **TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER EDWARDS** **This was Item 29 on Agenda of September 14, 2016-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Cohen, Gallegos, Knox and Kubosh absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0719 ADOPTED**

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

Members of Council announced events and discussed matters of interest.

Members of Council sang Happy Birthday to Mayor Turner and presented him with a Birthday Cake and the game winning football.

There being no further business before Council; the City Council adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

DETAILED INFORMATION ON FILE ON THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

Anna Russell, City Secretary