

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, September 27, 2016

The Houston City Council convened at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 27, 2016; Mayor Pro Tem Ellen Cohen presiding, with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Dwight Boykins, Steve Le, Greg Travis, Karla Cisneros, Mike Laster, Robert Gallegos, Larry Green, Mike Knox, Michael Kubosh, Amanda Edwards and Jack Christie D.C.; Harlan Heilman, Division Chief, Claims & Subrogation Division and Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director and Stella Ortega Agenda Office present. Mayor Sylvester Turner, Council Members Jerry Davis, Dave Martin and David Robinson out of the city on city business.

At 1:43 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen called the meeting of City Council to order and stated that Council would start with presentations. Council Members Boykins, Le, Travis, Knox and Edwards absent.

Council Member Stardig stated it was her pleasure to recognize two outstanding individuals that represents our city very well and at the request of citizen who asked them to recognize them for their good work and this was definitely be the formality that they deserve which she would start with Chief Vera Bumpers.

Council Member Stardig stated that Chief Vera Bumpers has dedicated more than 30 years with the METRO Police Department; she was a pioneer from the beginning, becoming the first woman to be promoted in every rank within the department. She has served in a supervisory capacity for more than 25 years, with leadership roles in several units including Patrol, Internal Affairs, Training, HOV Operations and Homeland Security and she was sworn in as Chief of Police on November 13, 2014, and currently leads a team of 185 sworn personnel and 70 non-sworn personnel, Chief Vera Bumpers received a Bachelor of Science degree from Texas State University and a master's degree from Prairie View A&M University. She is a graduate of the 230<sup>th</sup> session of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia, under her leadership, METRO received the 2015 Outstanding Public Transportation System Achievement Award and In addition, she has received much recognition as a leader, including the 2015 Trailblazer Award from the Houston Chapter of Women Transportation Seminar, being selected as a panelist at the William R. Bracey CEO Symposium in February 2016, a feature in the December 2014 issue of the African American Newspaper and the June 2015 issue of Houston Women Magazine and most recently, she was recognized as a 2016 Top 50 Black Professionals and Entrepreneurs. Chief Vera Bumpers is a member of several organizations, including International Association of Chiefs of Police, Texas Police Chiefs Association and Houston Area Police Chiefs Association, she is also is chair of Houston Community College Police Academy Advisory Board and a proud member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and Links Incorporated and she is married to Rodney Pentecost, and together, they have two children and one grandchild, on September 27, 2016, Chief Vera Bumpers will be honored for her tireless commitment to the METRO Police Department and the residents of Houston and the City of Houston commends and appreciates Chief Vera Bumpers for her willingness to serve in the public sector, as her leadership and professionalism are greatly respected and admired by her peers and all who know her and therefore, Mayor Pro Tem Cohen on behalf of Mayor Turner of the City of Houston, hereby proclaimed September 27, 2016, as Chief Vera Bumpers Day in Houston, Texas. Council Member Boykins, Le and Edwards absent.

Council Member Stardig stated that Captain Dan Harris earned a Bachelor of Music Degree from the University of Texas in 1983 and a Master of Science in Criminal Justice from Sam Houston State University in 2003, ultimately graduating from the FBI National Academy in

2013. After graduating from college in 1983, Captain Dan Harris was commissioned in the U.S. Army as a Field Artillery officer where he served for 10 years, in 1993, he began his law enforcement career with the Houston Police Department (HPD), rising through the ranks as a patrol officer, patrol sergeant, Homicide Division lieutenant, Property Division captain and now captain of the Vice Division and at the same time, he also joined the Texas Army National Guard, where he served for 20 years, deploying to Bosnia, Kosovo and Afghanistan; Captain Dan Harris and HPD's Vice Division have led and operated the Vice Investigator School by creating and presenting a 40-hour Texas Commission on Law Enforcement-approved school covering the fundamentals of vice investigations, the class was taught to officers from HPD and also other local law enforcement agencies and Captain Dan Harris and HPD's Vice Division have also assisted the Victim Assistance Agency Collaboration by teaming with a victim assistance agencies who accompany vice officers on operations and they have learned and performed from Best Practices Assessments by visiting the New York, Las Vegas Metropolitan and San Francisco Police departments and the Cook County Illinois Sheriff's Office to observe their vice investigative practices and the lessons learned used to educate HPD on September 27, 2016, Captain Dan Harris and the Vice Division of the HPD will be honored for their commitment to providing quality service and the City of Houston commends Captain Dan Harris and HPD's Vice Division for their dedication to enhancing the quality of life for all Houstonians and extends best wishes for continued success and therefore, Mayor Pro Tem Cohen on behalf of Mayor Turner hereby proclaimed September 27, 2016, as Captain Dan Harris Day in Houston, Texas. Council Member Boykins, Le and Edwards absent.

Council Member Gallegos stated that Mario E. Figueroa, Jr. is a native Houstonian and self-taught graffiti artist who began his pursuit in the Houston community in 1985 under the name GONZO247 and GONZO247 has made an impression on the local art world through his self-taught art style by opening the Aerosol Warfare Gallery and founding the Graffiti and Street Art Museum of Texas in the East Downtown neighborhood. He has brought positive attention to Houston and its art scene not only on a local level, but on a national and international level, as well; the Houston Parks and Recreation Department is grateful to GONZO247 for his vibrant contributions to the aesthetics of southeast Houston in the form of six colorful elephant effigies in the newly-renovated Gragg Park that will delight children and their families for years to come and GONZO247's efforts as a teacher and mentor, his murals, team-based art projects and his work through his gallery and museum are destined to shape the Houston art world for years to come and on September 27, 2016, GONZO247 will be honored for his achievements and accomplishments. The City of Houston commends Mario E. Figueroa, Jr. for his invaluable contributions to the art scene of this city and extends best wishes on all future endeavors and therefore, Mayor Pro Tem Cohen on behalf of Mayor Turner hereby proclaimed September 27, 2016, as Mario E. Figueroa, Jr. Day GONZO247 in Houston, Texas. Council Member Boykins absent.

At 2:10 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Council Member Gallegos absent.

At 2:11 p.m. the roll was called. Mayor Sylvester Turner, Council Members Jerry Davis, Dave Martin and David Robinson out of the city on city business. Council Member Gallegos absent.

Council Member Green moved to delay the adoptions of the minutes for one week and seconded by Council Member Kubosh, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Laster absent. **MOTION ADOPTED**

Council Member Cohen stated that Mayor Turner and the Council Members Davis, Martin and Robinson were returning today from a trade mission to Cuba and would like to note at this moment, the two people that were at the hospital right now and remain in critical condition and serious condition as a result of the Monday shooting and as far as they know, the prognosis is a good one and she knows that ours prayers rest with them.

Mayor Pro Tem Cohen requested the City Secretary to call the List of Speakers.

Mr. Duane Kamins, 5825 Kelley St., 77026, (281)685-7166 appeared and stated he was the President and General Counsel of Lone Star Cab and he wanted to speak briefly today about the proposed changes to Chapter 46, with the respect to vehicles for hire and he thinks ARA had done a good job in these changes and clean ups together and on behalf of Lone Star Cab they fully support all of the changes and does not feel like any amendments were necessary and would also like to speak for a few minutes about the AERO app that was being approved for the City; he spoke at the TTI Meeting a couple of weeks ago and mentioned at that time that Lone Star Cab was in support of the App for the City, he believes it was going in the right direction into the future, it's a good thing for the City and the Citizens of the City; it is going to get cabs off of the airport stands, allow drivers to get more trips during the day, allow them to do virtual staging at the airport so they can get their place in line at the airport and they can be working the whole City, with a press of a button, the people in the City would have a variety choices of transformation modes that were available to them including wheelchair service which their company is getting heavy involved in and he think it is nice that people can go to their phone if they need a wheelchair vehicle and push of a button that would happen and he hopes that they support the App for the City and it was a step in the right direction and they were the second largest Cab Company in Houston that had a chance to discuss with their drivers and they think it is very exciting and more opportunities to keep them in business.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Kamins.

Mr. Ricky Kamins, 5825 Kelley St., 77026, (713)857-1460 appeared and stated he did not want to repeat everything that Duane said and some of them have not met him yet, he had been in the Cab Business for 40 years here in Houston and he was present to lend his support to the revisions and changes to Chapter 46 and they feel like it was important and also let them know that they feel very strongly about the AERO App, they were a little busy today because there is a convention in town and they actually have some drivers that were present in support of the App and requested them to stand to be recognized. Council Members Gallegos and Knox absent.

Ms. Tyesha Hill, 7349 Caddo Rd., 77016, (713)702-6653 appeared and stated she came before them about Chapter 46, she was a native Houstonians that was trying to obtain a limousine permit and she had not been able to because of the current ordinance, she currently owns a 2016 Mercedes Metris which is considered a luxury van that was able to accommodate large groups in comfort and her van currently seats 8 passengers, one passenger shy of the required 9 passenger but yet it meets the requirements to be considered a luxury vehicle and she was respectfully asking Council to consider amending code to accommodate luxury vans of her type.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Hill.

Mr. Joshua Bullard, 3328 McGowen, 77004, (832)258-7511 appeared and stated he lives in District D in Council Member Boykins District, he was speaking on two Agenda Items; one was miscellaneous Number 1 that is presented by the ARA Department, it concerns the

notice of that was given by the Catholic Church to provide a 300 Foot exemption for the sale of alcohol and hard alcohol in the 1500 block of Texas and over there in that area they have so much alcohol he was really getting concerned from a safety level whether or not they continue to push the product over there in that corner and he knows that Minute Maid stop serving in the 7<sup>th</sup> inning and requested Council to vote that item down; on Item 2 the issue continues to come up where they see a lot of privatization of parking spaces in front of people's homes and there were 3 specific items here, he would like all of those converted to ticket able zones, he wanted to remove the roll out going as tow away zones, he does not see where the Charter really supports that and this was not really moving a million people from evacuation between 4 and 6 from Downtown Houston this was residents streets, they do not go in as tow away zones, they go in as ticket able zones, secondly, they do not initiate an entire City block and if they were to do it, they would give specifically maybe give a half of a block, quarter block to the individuals that live on the block and if they look at the 157 that they already have entire City Blocks, they go in full force with tow away zones, specifically bring up one item here which was the 5500 Block of Binz, this street was across the street from the Children Museum so they have families, they have single mothers that parking in there to visit the museum, he made a personal trip to speak to a resident that lives on this street and he spoke to him at his home yesterday and he pointed out to him the they City Engineer Department on the end cap of this street refuse to allow to be a tow away zone currently on the end cap they were ticket able only and he asked him why would he ask the City to number one to make this an entire tow away zone that was across the street from the Children Museum why not make it a ticket able zone. Council Member Laster absent.

Council Member Kubosh questioned Mr. Bullard.

Mr. Steven Sacks, 4943 Braesheather Dr., 77096, (713)557-1053 appeared and stated he was here on behalf of the 42 home owners that was part of the 2015 Flood Mitigation Grant which Council will be voting on tomorrow as Agenda Item 29, he lives in Mayor Pro Tem Cohen District in the Meyerland neighborhood and his home was flood in the Memorial Day Flood 2015 and the Tax Day Flood 2016, during the Memorial Day Flood his wife and along with his children had to swim out of their home to a neighbor's home that was down the street at 4 in the morning because their home was already elevated, they were not in their home on the Tax Day Flood, they been out of their house ever since, paying their mortgage, utilities, taxes and insurance in addition to paying rent and utilities on another home, so his family can have some normal life, this is a financial burden on them and many of their neighbors are in the same position as they are in, with this designation they are required to elevate their homes and in order to be able to obtain permits to repair them; his kids that are 14, 10 and 5 and when they speak to them about their housing situation at the dinner table and when they speak to their friends, they were asked where do they live, this was very difficult for them to answer, they were often asked if they were back in their home and been asked what was taking so long and when his 5 year old speaks about their Meyerland home she calls it their flood house, she does not feel like it is her home anymore and please pass this Ordinance to enable 42 families to elevate their homes in order for the Meyerland area to get back on its feet and become healthy again and many of them need this grant to be eligible for them to repair their homes, it benefits Meyerland, the neighboring communities, the City of Houston, Harris County and U.S. taxpayers to vote in favor of this agreement. Council Member Laster absent.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Sacks.

Mr. Bruce Roberson, no address, (281)685-3959 appeared and presented information and stated that he worked for a Congressman and sat and watched the City Council of Dallas

during the 70's flourish and it was good to see the positives going on here and he comes before them today to give information which they would find interesting, as long time citizen of Houston he wants to tell them about himself, 23 years ago that his little sister called him with tears because she been diagnose with Breast Cancer and he told her to come to Houston to the Medical Center and she did and through a horrible year and after bring her 2 year old son and his mother here to live she passed away, later that year some friends of his asked if he would put together a charity of some kind based on a party that he had given, a scavenger hunt and he did and Susan Rally was born and during that period in time of the 23 years they have created a charity that provides apartment living for patients of Cancer patients from other Cities and he comes today to show them the latest information which is free clinics for men and women and children and the next one will be October 8<sup>th</sup> and the 29<sup>th</sup>, he does not want any money, this has no government money involved but what he was looking for from this City Council is that he needs their participation, Council Members Boykins and Martin are going being hosting these two clinics this October and they would have other clinics throughout the rest of this year and the first of next year and his hope from them to help them to make this part of their Districts. Council Members Cisneros and Laster absent.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Roberson.

Mr. Brian Mosley, no address, no phone, appeared and stated he wanted to discuss an issue of what happen to him in the Westheimer area and he was having car trouble, he was at a store and he went to get his car checked out, it was parked correctly, he was either having battery trouble or alternator trouble which the clerk told him it was his alternator and gave him a price and he did not have enough to pay to get it fixed, he tried to get assistance from a few friends of his and had to wait a couple of days and in that 2 day period, in the disturbance in the Gulf and it was about to come on shore within a 24 hour period and the parking lot that he was parked in has a no tow policy and upon him trying to get the money to get the part to get his car fixed because of the disturbance in the Gulf he had to wait the 24 hour period and when he came back to the store, he saw that his car was missing, he spoke to the manager of the store and he could not tell him anything then he went to person that ran the store and was told by them that they did not give anybody permission to tow his car, he called a few numbers and he went to HPD to find where find your car was if it was towed and HPD did tell them it had been towed and he went to the lot where his car was impounded and his car was already sold in auction within a week's time and he wanted to asked the Council was there a City Ordinance that states in the inclement weather the situation if the company had a no tow policy in the parking lot, that the tow truck company can still get the vehicle and impounded, he is out of a car which is a loss of time and money. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Travis and Cisneros absent.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Mosley at length and Mayor Pro Tem Cohen requested him to speak with Sergeant Anthony that was present and a representative of HPD.

Mr. Alex Kamkar, 1606 Ennis St., 77003, (210)213-9929 appeared and stated he was present to speak about the possibility of renaming Dowling Street and amending the rules to that effect and he heard that the Council was considering doing that in the next coming days, he would like to say first and foremost their forebears in the late 1800s were wrong to name the predominantly Black neighborhood area of town after a Confederate War hero and he empathized 100% with their point that they need to have a slight injustice that was done and his concern though being a member of the land development community here in the Houston area was that what the activists want was easier said than done; Dowling is a major arterial in the Third Ward and there is a lot of businesses, homeowners and a lot of groups here that he thinks

were not equipped to deal with changing a major arterial that quickly and he thinks this small group of activists are not writing checks that the City and the constituents in that area have to cash without considering the time, money and effort that they were going to have to spend to do that; furthermore, his point to that his was in a large conversation with City, Fire, Child Protective Service and anybody that has to figure out where that person is and has to be in the loop and they have bigger issues that is relative to righting this kind of injustice versus dedicating time, effort and eventually lots of money to go replat a major collector like this; he thinks they can find better ways than cosmetically changing a street they when can do things along that parkway and along that area that can be more memorializing to the community and the history of the community then this and from what he heard the people in the area did not really respond to the change in the threshold of 75 % of the people that were going to be affected and there was less than 50% replying and so that tells him that they do not know, they do not care or somewhere in the middle but they will be affected when they have to change their power, they have to change all their insurance policies and changing mail and when this happens the activist will be not there and then Council would be getting the calls and holding the bag. Council Members Stardig, Boykins and Cisneros absent.

Ms. Laura White, 3601 Bolin Rd., Apt. No.2, 77092, (832)633-3840 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Stardig, Boykins and Cisneros absent.

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. Council Members Stardig, Boykins and Cisneros absent.

Mr. Marion Scott, 7447 Harwin Dr., Suite No.201, 77036, (713)380-5665 7673 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Boykins and Cisneros absent.

Ms. Tracy LeDay, 2800 Kirby Dr., 77098, (832)330-2475 7673 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Stardig, Boykins and Cisneros absent.

Mr. Fadel Ayoub, 25006 Tancy Ranch Ct. Katy, TX, 77494, (858)531-7011 appeared and stated he moved here from San Diego to invest in this City, he brought in \$128,000 to make a project and since then he has had a huge problem with the Permitting Center and Building Official, he is a builder with a Masters Builder License with the City of California and also a Bachelor Degree in Interior Design and Bachelor in Fine Arts, the City had been delaying his project over and over again for no reason whatsoever, he would challenge each and everyone of them in front of Council about this, it was a stereotype of denial, denial, denial and the reason for that was to push you for an Expediter so they have time or to hire an Expediter and the Expediter can charge him \$20,000 to \$30,000 dollars, he is broke, he brought in \$128,000 of his money, he brought his company here, he does not have the money to proceed, this had been going on for 9 months, nonsense whatsoever for all of the negative issues that they gave him on his floor plan and example that they gave him was to provide Professional Engineer Stamps and he has them on all pages and they do not look at the pages, he confronted them and gave them an attitude, they drop and nobody would like to touch his floor plan because he challenged them and willing to challenge them again, he does not have to spend a fortune, he does not have to be rich to bring a project here, he started 57 restaurants in San Diego and made them very profitable and he starting Aruba Grill over here which he wants to do 28 of them, the revenue that they were losing was huge and he spoke to a few friends that had a project and they told

him it took a minimum of 2 years to secure a permit and why would he take 2 years to secure a permit for only a building that was only 1100 square feet and is a builder of 25 years of his life, he has done so many projects in the State of Michigan, Ohio and California he never ever had to go through this, it took 6 to 7 times for an Official to return a call except for today because he was coming before Council to speak about this which he got 9 calls and they would like to meet with him today and he just about ready to file bankruptcy and he does not know what to do. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Cisneros, Green, Knox and Christie.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Ayoub.

Ms. Glenola Hines, 4463 North MacGregor Way, No.120, 77004, (713)384-1903 appeared and stated that she lives at Beall Senior Village Apartments and for about a month in a half, they had a terrible water leak, she finally asked the Manager what was going on and she was told that they had called City Council and they were supposed to take care of it, the day that the Manager did call them, they did come out and they put yellow tape around the leak and she did not see them for another week, so she called back to City Council and requested to speak with someone about it because this was not the way that Mayor wants all that water go to waste and they finally took care of the situation but why she was here was to thank Council Member Kubosh for the letter he sent her and it might seem like a little thing to him but it was fantastic to her because he has class and she also wanted to thank Council Member Davis; she also was having a problem she needs someone to come talk to the Senior, not her because she gets her ballot by mail but this was for her neighbors, so they can fill out the registration to vote because a lot of them are in wheelchairs, some of them are bed bound and some of them just need to have that fire put underneath their feet to get out there and vote because we are in crisis situation which she did call about that also in the first week of August. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Cisneros, Green and Knox absent.

Council Member Kubosh questioned Ms. Hines.

Mr. Lemarc Johnson, 5418 Brinkman, 77091, (713)410-8984 appeared and stated peace and blessings and he has 2 suggestions which he believes that would help make this City better place to live and union with the Kingdom of Heaven and to pay the Police Officers more money, he wanted to read some quotes from the Gospel before each suggestions for their understanding and read a selection from Matthew Chapter 26, Verse 47 through 53; one of his suggestions, a creations of a nonviolent Police Unit that Police Officers can volunteer to be part of and who those in exchange can receive higher pay for choosing not to us a weapon in essence, staying the sword but this would be volunteer and for their righteousness they received more money; and the second one and quote was Luke Chapter 6, Verses 36-37; if a citizens commits a crime against another citizens all civil charges and criminal charges can be dropped if the citizen who is the victim chooses to invoke the act and explained how he thought these Verses would be helpful to the government. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Cisneros and Green absent.

Council Member Kubosh questioned Mr. Johnson.

Ms. Yetta Nelson, 7666 Belbay, 77033, (281)896-6060 appeared and stated she was present today to speak about the Re-Entry Program that was supposed to be set up by the Mayor, she started the program on June 13<sup>th</sup> and a Mr. Robert Willis which she believes is over the program and no one can tell her which Mayor started this program, she went through the program for 4 weeks, the program was supposed to be for 8 weeks, she did that, went to class everyday, she did everything they told her to do and in return she was supposed to get a job

with the City of Houston that has yet to happen, one of her classmates come up here and spoke to Mayor Turner and Mayor Turner said to her friend that "if he gives one person a job at the City of Houston the program works" and from her understanding, all these people are having these programs and telling them to come to the programs, they should be getting something for this, they are not just tell them just to come here and they are not getting any money in this program; it's called a Second Chance and you have guys that been incarcerated for 20 years and they go to this program not by force but by their own will, you go through the program and go to class and after the 4 week program, they are supposed to go to job search and job search is just going on a computer for yourself, so when those guys come over for the program and looking and trying to get a job at the City, it was not there but then they want them to re-program themselves and start over and go into society but they are going there and they were not giving what they ask for, as well as her, she went to the program, she knows how to dressed, she knows how to talk and she did what she was told and in return she still does not have a job at the City, 2 weeks ago they had as job fair and Mayor Turner was supposed to be there and he was not there and everyone was dress up in their best for him and his was not there and also they had the Army there, they are felonies and she does not believe that the Army takes those with felonies; they do everything they been told and they still do not have jobs, she not speaking just for herself, she speaking for a whole class. Council Members Stardig, Boykins and Green absent.

Ms. Loren Alexander, 13603 Barous Lake Ln., Cypress, TX, 77429, (832)574-2090 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Stardig, Boykins and Green absent.

Ms. Nicola Davies, 311 Cosmos St., 77009, (281)928-7625 appeared and presented pictures and stated she was present today to speak about issues that she and her neighbors are having with the White Oak Music Hall and first, she would like to highlight the ongoing issues with parking and accessibility and in the past 4 days there had been 2 events at the White Oak Music Hall that rendered the streets in her neighborhood unpassable, she feels it was important to her to emphasize just how much traffic volume they are experiencing and how dangerous it was for their neighborhood, please look at the pictures that she provided and they were taken this weekend, a number of her neighbors complained that the streets were unpassable and she wanted to note that these photos only relate to activities associated with the smaller Music hall and the Raven's Stage, not to the larger outdoor venue which was a capacity for 3,200 persons and Heaven help them if there was an emergency on their street and an emergency vehicle was required in their street during these events; secondly with respect to Planning and Permitting status of the White Oak Music Hall and she understand the temporary permit will expire in early October but yet there is not permit in place and no permanent stage constructed but yet the operator still continue to sell for outdoor shows and the earliest of which she understand to take place on October 22<sup>nd</sup> and it worries her and was pleased to hear the Mayor say that no one was going to take down the stage and come back to get another temporary permit and she was present today to seek reassurance that the venue will not be allowed to operate under another temporary permit or under the pretext that it is working towards compliance, wither they demonstrate they can comply about the City Ordinance and legislation and get a permanent permit or they should not be allow to operate, shows on October 5th cannot take place than having fully permitted, permanent stage and they are not anti-development or anti-music and what they were asking for is simply. Council Members Stardig, Boykins and Green absent.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Davies at length.

Ms. Alida Rodriguez, 2601 North Main St., 77009, (713)815-0349 appeared and stated she owns Falcon Drive in Grocery Store off of the corner of North Main and Boundary, in Northside Village and the reason she was here today was because she wanted to talk to the Council Members about White Oak Music Hall, she had been in this neighborhood since the 60's, she seen had Northside go up and down, she saw it when it was demised and at one time they had a lot of Italians, they had Grocery stores, Furniture Stores, they had all kinds of businesses and that all went down, they went through the 60's and the 70's , people left because they wanted to go to the Suburbs and all of that impacted their neighborhood and they been down for about 50 years, she been waiting for her property investments for 50 years for something to develop, it's like they were like a forgotten child and to her Northside is the diamond in the raw, so in comes 2 developers and in comes White Oak Music Hall, to her it was music to her ears, as old as she is this was a big multiple million dollar venue, this is bring money to Northside, Northside is full of low income, there is a lot of vagrants because of the Salvation Army and they are working on a civility ordinance but that is yet to happen but in the meantime; Will Gharwood started this business that brings back life back to her business, she has a small convince store and to her this is a historical change, these developers were changing the image of Northside and developers are looking more into their area because they are so close to town and the amenities, they take the risk and still taking a risk and for that she applauds them because they are young and have a visions. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Laster and Green absent.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Rodriguez.

Mr. Fadi Albana, 2417 Freeman, 77009, (713)252-1822 appeared and stated that he was one of the developers that Ms. Rodriguez was speaking of, after the recession he started his company on the Northside because it was a diamond in rough, it was a beautiful neighborhood and for the longest time they were wondering when other developers where going to join them and they finally have White Oak Music Hall, he thinks it is a fantastic place of entertainment, art, it inspires children and he can tell them from a residential perfective they love it, he also moved into the neighborhood as well and he is approximately the same distance from where Ms. Rodriguez is and in a big city you have to deal with noise and these guys have not yet been over the threshold that is allow for noise, his home is next to the Light Rail and it was extremely loud, it is something that he lives with, he deals with and he urges Council today to make this business work because that area was really, really rough, he was the first home developer after the recession, there was a lot of homelessness, a lot of drug use and these guys came in and built this multimillion dollar venue that is state of the art and been talked about all over the country, they want to see the art flourish, they have the parking and they have things that needs to be dealt with but he thinks at the end of the day, they need to stand with these guys and make this business work; Council Member Knox came out to their event because they have a little building there that they trying to make a community center over there and these young developers that come there have nothing but good interests for the neighborhood, they worked with the Civic Clubs, the local schools and local neighbors putting aside good things that had happen on the commercial side, he can tell them that they market theses homes based on what was happening in the White Oak Music Hall, it was not just him but other developers that were in the area, he was speaking on behalf of the residential things, the streets on the Northside are very narrow and they have issues when it comes to building and bring machinery in, they are just old streets and they have to figure out a way to move forward and he wants to work with these guys to make this venue work because this venue is a God send, White Oak Bayou was a total mess, the place was scary and he was moving in the area with his 11 month old and this project is going to put this neighborhood on the map. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Laster and Green absent.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Albana.

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. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Laster and Green absent. **NO QUORUM**

Ms. Linda Murray, 6207 Bending Oaks, 77057, (281)449-5232 appeared and stated that Council Members Christie and Kubosh came before this body several times asking why there were not any computers in the Aquatics Parks and Recreation Rehabilitation Center for the handicap on West Gray and presented them with information of what she was able to download in 2008, when Mayor Bill White said that they were going to bring Wi-Fi to the neighborhoods for free, opening of facilities to aid the regular citizens are accompanied with much fanfare and photos to shows Officials with positive press, she had documented how many times she been before Council since 2014 inquiring why were there not grants written to install computers to install internet at the Aquatics Parks and Recreation Rehabilitation Center for the handicap on West Gray and she never received a response, this was the only free facility for people that were handicap, wheelchair bound to rehabilitate and now she had discovered that there are computers that were designated for that facility. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Le, Laster, Green and Knox absent. **NO QUORUM**

Members of Council questioned Ms. Murray

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. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Le, Laster, Green and Knox absent. **NO QUORUM**

**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 3:53 p.m. The City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, September 21, 2016, Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Le, Laster, Green and Knox absent. **NO QUORUM**

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 28, 2016, Mayor Sylvester Turner presiding, with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jerry Davis, Ellen Cohen, Dwight Boykins, 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 Martin absent on personal business.

At 9:20 a.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting into order and would start off with Mayor's Report. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Le and Gallegos absent.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Turner stated he wanted to start off with the Cuba trip and the Council Members that joined him and he thought it was a very productive trip; he had the chance to meet with the Ambassador from the United States who is in Cuba and they had a candid conversation in terms of the United States and Cuba relationship and he also met with the Ambassador or Deputy Director from Cuba as well as the Mayor of Havana and they are about the same size of the City of Houston; one of the main reasons they were there was the World Petroleum Conference that will be meeting in December and at that time they would be voting where the World's Petroleum Conference would be in 2020, it had been 30 years since it had been in the United States and Houston is in competition with Vancouver and Cuba has a vote on the World Petroleum Council and they were asking them for their support and for us to be considered and he believes things went well.

Mayor Turner stated the other things he wanted to focus on because there had been numerous conversations in reference to people who are living and staying under the underpasses, the trash and debris that were under these underpasses so he had requested his Administration to put together a special Task Force on a periodic basis to go out and clean up a lot of this debris and trash throughout the City and it was started last week, until they significantly reduce the population and not just move them somewhere else but at least they can clean up what we can and Carolyn Wright that was with the Solid Waste Department is head of this task force.

Mayor Turner wanted to highlight the shooting that took place on Monday morning and thankfully for the 9 people that were injured, there was no loss of life, it was a blessing and this incident that occurred is still being actively investigated, it still appears to be alone gunman who was a lawyer that had several guns with him and he wanted to thank Mayor Pro Tem Cohen for keeping him updated at all times about the situation and also wanted to thank the men and women in the Police Department and Fire Department and other law Enforcement that helped with this on Monday.

Mayor Turner stated they applied for a grant from the Department of Justice for Body Cameras and the City of Houston received everything that they asked for which this would provide about 400 body cameras and he is grateful for that funding.

Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Stardig for a point of personal privilege; Council Member Stardig recognized her parents that were present for the meeting.

At 9:53 a.m. Mayor Turner requested the City Secretary to call the Consent Agenda.

### **CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 3 through 33**

#### **MISCELLANEOUS** – NUMBER 3

- 3. RECOMMENDATION** from Director Library Department to extend unpaid leave of absence for **SARAH ORTIZ**, Library Assistant Supervisor- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2016-0455 ADOPTED**

**ACCEPT WORK** - NUMBER 7

7. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Houston Airport System for approval of final contract amount of \$579,872.27 and acceptance of work on contract with **KENMAR GENERAL CONTRACTING, LLC** for the Noise Mitigation of Eleven Homes in the North Hollow Subdivision - **DISTRICT B – DAVIS**- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2016-0456 ADOPTED**

**ORDINANCES** - NUMBERS 21 through 33

21. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing agreement of resolution between the City of Houston (City) and the **HOUSTON BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT, INC** (HBDI), relating to the City's Section 108 Loan Guarantee Assistance Program, to provide for the resolution of HBDI'S Section 108 Small Business Loan Balance in exchange for the provision of bridge financing for future economic development projects in partnership with the City - **DISTRICT D – BOYKINS**- the City Secretary advised that Item 21 had been pulled by the Administration and would not be considered.
23. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing grant application to the **TEXAS HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION (HHSC)** for the Healthy Texas Women Program ("Grant"); declaring the City's eligibility for such grant; authorizing the Director of the Houston Health Department to act as the City's representative in the application process, to accept and expend the grant funds, as awarded, and to apply for and accept all subsequent awards, if any, pertaining to the grant; approving and authorizing contract between the City and **HHSC** under the Healthy Texas Women's Grant Program- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0720 ADOPTED**
27. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Supplemental Agreement to Professional Landscape Architectural Services Contract between the City of Houston and **SWA GROUP, INC** for the Fannin/Main Esplanades at Hermann Park (Approved by Ordinance No. 2012-59) - **DISTRICT D – BOYKINS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0721 ADOPTED**
28. **ORDINANCE** consenting to the addition of 3.853 acres of land to **HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 202**, for inclusion in its district- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0722 ADOPTED**
30. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **ADS LLC d/b/a ADS ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES** for Field Support Services for Wastewater System Modeling and Master Planning; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years - \$6,000,000.00 - Enterprise Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0723 ADOPTED**

- 31. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$2,684,926.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding contract to **REPIPE CONSTRUCTION, LLC dba IPR SOUTH CENTRAL, LLC** for Wastewater Collection System Rehabilitation and Renewal; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering and testing, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water and Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund (WW 4235-88)- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0724 ADOPTED**
- 32. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$3,502,488.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding contract to **REPIPE CONSTRUCTION, LLC dba IPR SOUTH CENTRAL, LLC** for Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation by Cured-in-Place Pipe Method; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering and testing, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund (WW 4258-70)- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0725 ADOPTED**
- 33. ORDINANCE** granting to **BJ PORTACAN, LLC**, a Texas Limited Liability Company, 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; providing for related terms and conditions - **FIRST READING** – was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE PASSED FIRST READING IN FULL**

### **END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

### **CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**

- 1. RECOMMENDATION** from Director Administration & Regulatory Affairs Department that City Council approve a motion granting a variance to Restaurants, Ossa and Kristalla at 1515 Texas Ave., Suite R-1, R-2 for the sale of alcoholic beverages- was presented and tagged by Council Member Davis.

**NOTE:** Council Member Davis later released his tag on Item 1.

- 2. RECOMMENDATION** from Director Administration & Regulatory Affairs Department for the designation of a residential permit parking area in the Super Neighborhoods of Neartown/Montrose Super Neighborhood, Montrose Management District, East Montrose Civic Association, Museum Park Super Neighborhood, and the Southeast Management District

**DISTRICTS C - COHEN; D - BOYKINS and G – TRAVIS**- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson and tagged by Council Member Kubosh.

4. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Planning & Development Department to approve amendments to the 2016 Major Thoroughfare and Freeway Plan (MTFP) and authorize publication of the 2016 MTFP in map form - was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **MOTION 2016-0457 ADOPTED**
5. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of the 2016 City of Houston Floodplain Management Plan- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis and Gallegos absent. **MOTION 2016-0458 ADOPTED**
6. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of the 2016 City of Houston Program for Public Information- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis and Gallegos absent. **MOTION 2016-0459 ADOPTED**
8. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director General Services Department for approval of final contract amount of \$237,761.31 and acceptance of work on contract with **AIA GENERAL CONTRACTORS, INC** for Remediation, Removal and Installation of Underground Storage Tanks at Fire Station No. 34 11.70% over the original contract amount and under the approved 15.60% contingency - **DISTRICT H – CISNEROS**- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis and Gallegos absent. **MOTION 2016-0460 ADOPTED**
9. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$14,614,306.89 and acceptance of work on contract with **SER CONSTRUCTION PARTNERS, LLC** for Northline Drive Rehabilitation from Parker Road to Canino Street - 1.57% over the original contract amount and under 5% contingency amount **DISTRICT H – CISNEROS**- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis and Gallegos absent. **MOTION 2016-0461 ADOPTED**
10. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$5,750,169.95 and acceptance of work on contract with **PORTLAND UTILITIES CONSTRUCTION CO., LLC** for Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation by Sliplining and Pipe Bursting Methods - 0.99% under the original contract amount (4257-116) - **DISTRICTS A - STARDIG; B - DAVIS; C - COHEN; H - GONZALEZ; J - LASTER and K – GREEN**- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis and Gallegos absent. **MOTION 2016-0462 ADOPTED**
11. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$4,138,774.75 and acceptance of work on contract with **PM CONSTRUCTION & REHAB, LLC**, for Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation by Sliplining and Pipe Bursting Methods - 1.25% under the original contract amount (4257-133) - **DISTRICTS D - BOYKINS; F - LE; H - CISNEROS; J - LASTER and K – GREEN**- was presented, moved by

Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis and Gallegos absent. **MOTION 2016-0463 ADOPTED**

- 12. RECOMMENDATION** from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$3,480,321.23 and acceptance of work on contract with **REPIPE CONSTRUCTION, LLC** for Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation by Cured-In-Place Pipe Method - 0.29% under the original contract amount (4258-54) - **DISTRICTS B - DAVIS: H - CISNEROS and I - GALLEGOS**- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis and Gallegos absent. **MOTION 2016-0464 ADOPTED**
- 13. 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- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis and Gallegos absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0727 ADOPTED**
- 14. 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 13 above-** was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis and Gallegos absent. **MOTION 2016-0465 ADOPTED**
- 15. SILSBEE FORD, INC** for Patrol Vehicles through the Texas Local Purchasing Cooperative (Buyboard) for the Houston Police Department - \$5,688,775.00 - Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis and Gallegos absent. **MOTION 2016-0466 ADOPTED**
- 16. ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 9, ARTICLE II, DIVISION 3, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, relating to operation of Vehicles for Hire at the Airports and permits and fees therefor- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis and Gallegos absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0728 ADOPTED**
- 17. ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 25 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, relating to operation of certain Vehicles for Hire during Nationally Competitively Bid Event Periods- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis and Gallegos absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0729 ADOPTED**
- 18. ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 25-151 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, relating to Safety Zones for Nationally Competitively Bid Events- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis and Gallegos absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0730 ADOPTED**
- 19. ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 46 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, relating to Vehicles for Hire, including the promulgation of a designated Electronic Dispatching Application for Vehicles for Hire; declaring certain conduct unlawful and providing

penalties therefore- was presented and tagged by Council Member Travis. Council Members Davis and Gallegos absent.

20. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **ARRO INC** for services relating to a Dispatch Application for Vehicles for Hire- was presented and tagged by Council Member Travis. Council Member Davis absent.
22. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing fourth amendment to Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program Rental Housing Projects Round 2 Subrecipient Grant agreement between the City of Houston and the General Land Office of the State of Texas, to extend the term and to revise the performance statement and benchmarks - **DISTRICTS B - DAVIS; D - BOYKINS and H - CISNEROS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0731 ADOPTED**
24. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Director of the City of Houston Health Department to accept a grant award from the **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION** for the City's Teen Dating and Youth Violence Prevention Strategy Program; declaring the City's eligibility for such grant; authorizing the Director to expend the grant funds, as awarded, and to apply for and accept all subsequent awards, if any, pertaining to the grant- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0732 ADOPTED**
25. **ORDINANCE** establishing the North Main Subdivision, within the City of Houston as a special minimum lot size area pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas DISTRICT **H - CISNEROS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0733 ADOPTED**
26. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$2,116,024.25 out of Reimbursement of Equipment/Projects Fund for purchase of Parking Meter Multi-Space, Solar Pay Stations for the Administration and Regulatory Affairs Department- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0734 ADOPTED**
29. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing agreement between the City of Houston and the **TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD** for administering the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Flood Mitigation Assistance Program- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0735 ADOPTED**

**NON CONSENT AGENDA** - NUMBER 34

**MISCELLANEOUS**

34. **SET A PUBLIC HEARING DATE** to provide a Resolution of No Objection to the 4% Housing Tax Credit application for the following affordable housing community:  
**INDEPENDENCE HEIGHTS 8606 North Main Street DISTRICT H - CISNEROS**

**HEARING DATE - 9:00 A. M. - WEDNESDAY - OCTOBER 5, 2016-** was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen to set the Public Hearing on October 5, 2016 and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2016-0467 ADOPTED**

**MATTERS HELD** - NUMBER 35

- 35. MOTION** by Council Member Cohen/Seconded by Council Member Davis to adopt 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** - **TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GREEN**  
This was Item 9 on Agenda of September 21, 2016- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2016-0468 ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner advised that Council Member Davis was releasing his tag on Item 1.

- 1. RECOMMENDATION** from Director Administration & Regulatory Affairs Department that City Council approve a motion granting a variance to Restaurants, Ossa and Kristalla at 1515 Texas Ave., Suite R-1, R-2 for the sale of alcoholic beverages- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2016-0469 ADOPTED**

**MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS** - Council Member Robinson first

Members of Council announced events and discussed matters of interest.

There being no further business before Council; the City Council adjourned at 10:59 a.m.  
Council Members Davis, Boykins, Le, Knox, Kubosh and Christie absent.

**DETAILED INFORMATION ON FILE ON THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY**

**MINUTES READ AND APPROVED**

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Anna Russell, City Secretary

