

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, January 10, 2017

The Houston City Council convened at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 10, 2017; Mayor Sylvester Turner presiding, with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Ellen Cohen, Dwight Boykins, Dave Martin, Steve Le, Greg Travis, Karla Cisneros, Mike Laster, Mike Knox, Davis 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 Jerry Davis and Robert Gallegos out of the city on city business. Council Member Larry Green absent due to being ill.

At 1:36 p.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting of City Council to order and stated that Council would start with presentations. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Laster and Kubosh absent.

Council Members Knox stated that for 35 years, Steve Seelig has been serving churches in the Houston area. He has been an associate pastor at Second Baptist Church, Houston's First Baptist Church and the Willow Meadows Baptist Church and for a while at Second Baptist Church in Little Rock, Arkansas, Steve Seelig learned to accept and recognize the wealth of diversity in the church and he became the director at Lake Nixon, which was a summer camp for inner city children from the Little Rock area, later on, he won the multi-state regional Addy award and served as director of the Second Baptist Center for the Arts. After serving in Phoenix for seven years, he came back to serve at Houston's First Baptist Church (HFBC). While at HFBC, he launched and organized METRO, one of the largest single adult Bible studies in the country, under the leadership of Dr. Ed Young at Second Baptist Church (SBC), Steve Seelig oversaw and redeveloped the children's ministry named TeamKid on the church's six campuses and he has coordinated many major events in the past few years such as Vacation Bible School, Christmas shows and Dance Your Shoes Off!; he has been a speaker and leader at many national Christian conferences and events. Currently, he is the associate pastor at Second Baptist Church in Houston and on January 10, 2017, Steve Seelig will be recognized for his tireless dedication as a visionary and community leader. The City of Houston commends and congratulates Steve Seelig on his tireless passion to serve, as he is a true pillar in the community and therefore, Mayor Turner hereby proclaims January 10, 2017, as Steve Seelig Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Le, Travis and Kubosh absent.

Council Member Knox stated that he wanted to recognize Students from Kinkaid School that are present in the audience and request them to stand. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Le, Travis and Kubosh absent.

Mayor Turner stated that 2017 celebrates the 154<sup>th</sup> anniversary of President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, declaring freedom from slavery, but the U.S. continues to be a source, transit and destination country for both U.S. citizen and foreign national victims of modern-day slavery and more than 21 million people are victims of human trafficking worldwide, both forced labor and sexual servitude, the National Human Trafficking Resource Center hotline receives a higher volume of calls from Houston than any other city in Texas, United Against Human Trafficking works relentlessly to educate our community on how to fight human trafficking in our daily lives, trains frontline professionals and city employees on how to identify domestic and international victims of human trafficking and throughout January 2017, various events will take place around Houston in an effort to create a more aware, engaged and unified community, helping to eliminate modern-day slavery; the City of Houston salutes

and commends the organizers and participants of this worthwhile endeavor and extends best wishes for a successful and rewarding month of events and proclaimed January 2017 as Human Trafficking Awareness Month in Houston, Texas. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Le, Travis, Cisneros and Knox absent.

Mayor Turner stated that he will be joined by Council Members Robinson and Edwards and Health Department Director Steve Williams, they will be issuing out certificates instead of proclamations to those that participated in the City Houston Health Department Citizens Program and that before they hand out these certificates and Director Williams explain briefly what the program is about.

Mr. Williams stated that this is part of their community building effort in the Health Department, they recognize as a Government Agency that they cannot do it all and what they are trying to do to spear head an effort to have more community involvement and the number of people that are going to be awarded today participated in training that lasted over a period of time and a variety of issues and they had an opportunity to propose projects which would be funded by mini-grants and what they are doing now is awarding the mini-grants to the participants that will take through resources back into the community to fulfill the proposals that they submitted to their organization. Council Members Boykins and Green absent.

Mayor Turner stated that the receipt of the mini-grant is Cancer Prevention Education Forum, it is a onetime symposium aimed towards those with little to no English for proficient individuals in the Southwest Alief area about Cancer prevention who are more likely to follow the Hispanic healthcare practices. Council Members Boykins and Green absent.

Council Member Edwards stated that the next project for the Garden of Hope; gardening project and mental health education to address growing mental health concerns of the refugee community in the Gulfton Area, they would raise fruit and vegetables from their native Countries to remind them of their homelands. Council Members Boykins and Green absent.

Council Member Robinson stated that he has the privilege of introducing the Sunnyside Senior Safe Program which is to provide environmental health, safety and education forum and emergency kits to 100 seniors in the Sunnyside area. Council Members Boykins and Green absent.

Mayor Turner stated the last on is Toxic Trespassing in Knowing Your Environment; it is an Environmental Justice Training Program that is target in Clinton Park and the Pleasantville Communities and Precinct 259 to learn all about the chemicals. Council Members Boykins and Green absent.

Council Member Robinson stated that Dr. Woodrow "Woody" Jones was born in Shreveport, Louisiana, and graduated from University of Illinois in Chicago. He moved to Houston in the 1980s, where he worked several years in the field of computer technology selling hardware and developing software computer programs to various companies and organizations, in the early 1990s, he along with Lisa Jedkins and Tim Von Ruff, developed new computer technology for African American funeral homes and while working with the funeral industry, Dr. Woodrow "Woody" Jones and Felipa Montero developed a cemetery mapping software system, he realized that this cemetery data would show the history of African American culture. While researching this, he found that no one had data for the old African American cemeteries and discovered that most of the history and data of the African American ancestors were in old, abandoned cemeteries and the state and city decided to not collaborate in Dr. Woodrow "Woody" Jones' efforts and in 1994, Dr. Woodrow "Woody" Jones and a

distinguished team of lawyers, William Vincent Walker, Scott Markowitz, Henry Neal and assistant Tim Von Ruff, created and drafted HB-814 which passed unanimously. Since this legislation passed, Project R.E.S.P.E.C.T., Inc., founded and incorporated in 1995, serves as the cumulative process of restoration, enhancement, stabilization, preservation, evaluation, restoration, curation and technology of abandoned and neglected cemeteries and on January 10, 2017, Dr. Woodrow "Woody" Jones will be honored for his many achievements and accomplishments. The City of Houston commends and congratulates Dr. Woodrow "Woody" Jones on this auspicious occasion as his contributions to his community are truly admirable and well-respected and therefore Mayor Turner hereby proclaimed January 10, 2017, as Dr. Woodrow "Woody" Jones Day in Houston, Texas.

At 2:14 p.m. Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Boykins for the invocation and the Pledge and he invited Pastor Kim Orr to offer the invocation and Council Member Boykins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Turner stated that he wanted to say that today is the first day of the 85<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session, they were gaveled in today at noon and it is the first one that he has missed in 27 years, so they are wishing them well in their deliberation for the 140 days, he is looking forward to have some of Council if not all of Council at some point in time in the next 140 days to head to Austin to represent Houston on matters that are before the Legislature, this is a very important Session for Houston, they not only need to see him but all of Council, the Pension Reform and that is a major one that they need to get through the Legislative process and there is number of bills that would pre-empt the City of Houston, not just the City of Houston but all Cities.

At 2:20 p.m. the roll was called. Council Members Jerry Davis and Robert Gallegos out of the city on city business. Council Member Larry Green absent due to being ill.

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

Mayor Turner recognized Council Stardig for a procedural motion.

Council Member Stardig moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing Mr. Toby Cole out of order and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0024 ADOPTED**

At 2:22 p.m. Mayor Turner requested the City Secretary to call the List of Speakers.

Mr. Bruce Nichols, 12439 Huntingwick Dr., 77024, (713)984-2544 appeared and stated that he was present on behalf of Frostwood and nearby subdivisions to express strong support for Mayor Turner's Drainage Plan called SWATP, he thanks the Mayor and salutes the Mayor's point man on flooding Steven Costello in developing a quick, affordable relief to neighborhoods City wide, its only as start as we all know but it is important and creative step forward that emerges from Steven Costello's tireless efforts to visit neighborhoods and understand their problems, Mayor Turner made a good choice in Mr. Costello to head up flood relief efforts and a great talent and commitment to community engagement, Mayor Turners SWATP approach to initiatives have been provided by the street repairs because he and his neighbors have had great experience with the Pothole SWATP program and the same concept can be applied to drainage, ditches, culverts and in his own neighborhood, there are drainage fixes that can be done quickly without busting the budget and he is sure this is true and he hopes that this program will win City approval and continues for years to come, this is

a great City and under the Mayor's leadership with Mr. Costello's continue efforts and with City Council support that Houston can and will raise to this challenge. Council Members Cohen and Boykins absent.

Ms. McKenzie Watson, 3322 Eula No.B, 77004, (303)482-6183 appeared and stated that she is a resident of 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward and she is in support of the street renaming change from Dowling Street to Emancipation Avenue and she works at Project Roadhouse and one of her responsibilities is to lead tours for people around Houston, local schools and people from around the Country and part of the tour goes across which is known as Dowling Street which she knows before the name of Dowling Street it was named East Broadway and in the process of her tour she tells them their efforts through the Emancipation Economic Development Council to change the name of this street which would not be the first time the street name had been changed, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward is a great gem like Emancipation Park the oldest Public Park in all of Texas and a site that has received over \$30 million dollars investment in the City and other organizations in the past couple of years and she looks forward in the grand opening that is coming soon, it seems shortly after the purchase of the Park from the founding in 1860 the street name that was called East Broadway was changed to Dowling Street in honor of Dick Dowling who was credited with one of the only Confederate victories in Texas and it seems to her that 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward at the time a neighborhood that was restricted to only the African American Community and as they seek to move forward to a more equitable Houston and a neighborhood that celebrities all that are there and all that can contribute to its future to acknowledge the mistakes that were made and change the street name once again to honor the legacy of the neighborhood and it's in creditable history to overcoming challenge and to celebrate a fuller Emancipation for everyone. Council Members Cohen and Boykins absent.

Ms. Bianca Mahmood, no address, no phone number, appeared and stated that she is a property owner less than 200 feet from Dowling and she is the Community Coordinator for Emancipation Economic Development Council and their mission was to inspire hope and to contribute the revalidation of the Emancipation Park Neighborhood, their EEDC Members and others Members of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Community overwhelming support renaming Dowling Street to Emancipation Avenue and in the many months they had been engaged in this issue, they had collected approximately 100 letters of support from the community which they had delivered to the Planning Commission in October, other community members like the Elders from the Community Center have constantly shown up to participate in the renaming process including 2 Planning Commission meetings and now this third City Council Meeting as they know the Emancipation Park predates the renaming of Dowling Street, she is sensitive that there will be a number of business that will face some level of administrative cost that will be associated with the name changing, the name of Dowling Street was an environmental, micro aggression for the African Americans who walk, ride and drive down on it and voting not to change the street name will also carry a cost, HISD made the right choice renaming Dick Dowling Middle School last year and she urges City Council to do the same and the vote tomorrow is an opportunity to undo the decision what former City Council Members did and to make Houston even more inclusive and incredible City and she thanked them for their consideration of this issue for allowing the community to have a voice in an issue that directly impacts them. Council Members Boykins and Martin absent.

Mr. Toby Cole, 11070 Katy Frwy., 77043, (713)805-3522 appeared and stated that a little over 2 years ago, the Council asked for an Accessibility Task Force to be put together and basically what that was they told them to go into a room and figure out how to make the City a little more accessible and what they did is they got together a group of Stakeholders from the Disabled Community, from the Cab Community, from the TNC Community, from the

Limousine Community and they went into a room, went into the basement of the Permitting Center Office and they sat together for over a year and they listen to everyone, they had open meetings and they made sure that everyone had a say, they did a lot of arm twisting, a lot of arguing but at the end of the year they came up with something that no City has had and that is an agreed Ordinance that allows this City to take one step to being more accessible, they listen to everyone, they had made sure that they had small businesses people available, they made sure that the Disability Community was available and made sure that the folks that put a lot investment in transportation were available and so far it is not perfect but it has been very successful, 6 months ago he took his first ride in a car that knew was going to show up and he knew if it did not that there would be consequences, that this City requires them to make sure that people with disabilities were no longer discriminated against when it came to transportation, they had talk a lot about this over the last couple of years, the ADA been around for over 25 years and transportation had fallen behind, there had been situations when they go to a restaurants, businesses, they do not think for one second that they would be turned away because they cannot get in but the people with wheel chairs, people with seeing eye dogs and people with disabilities where being turned away by them even trying to get in basic transportation and what this City did was to pass an Ordinance that allows them to take one step closer being a City that others Cities can model themselves after and he knows that there had been some rumbling from some folks that it might not be that fair but the way that this Ordinance was drafted is in such a manner that it allows everyone to have a say and he wanted to thank this City for allowing them to serve and everyone on the committee really appreciates the ability to have an Ordinance to make it a little more accessible. Council Members Boykins and Martin absent.

Council Member Stardig questioned Mr. Cole.

Mr. Walter Peacock, 9817 Marlink, 77025, (979)450-2183 appeared and stated that he has some flyers that he wanted to present to Council, he is the Resiliency Programmer Coordinator for Texas A&M in Texas Sea Grant and they are currently doing a new program here in Harris County to promote outreach and education on Hazardous and risk, part of this outreach they are putting on a workshop which this workshop is free and they are trying to talk about different types of hazardous problems especially when it comes to development , what are we going to do for the next 20, 30 and 40 years and this is particularly important to Texas, they say by 2050 that the population is going to double and a lot of that population is going to occur here in Houston and what they have done was that they created this program that they use through GIS where they can project an image of a community and allow community members to draw in hypothetical developments and as they draw on these hypothetical developments, their program will show them in real time the effects of these developments, increase of population, how many new homes put into the flood plain, how many buildings have been put into the flood plain and in addition to that they can see the effects of different types of hazards and all that type of information will appear in real time in front of them as they draw these developments, they had done these workshop in Montgermy County, Chambers County, Galveston County and others, it is a great opportunity to get Stakeholders in the community in the same room and talk about these problems, along with Texas A&M Texas Sea Grant, they will also have representatives from the Army Corps of Engineers, the Texas Wind Storms Insurance, the Texas Department of Emergency Management that will talk about funds and programs that they community can use to help reduce risk. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin and Laster absent.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Peacock.

Mr. Robert Segovia, 570 Kenwood Ln., 77013, (281)797-4370 appeared and presented information and stated that he was 72 years old and been a Houstonian for 45 years, he was Vietnam Veteran who suffers from PTSD and Depression and he was diagnosed 20 years ago and currently being treated by VA, he has a 43 years old step-daughter who is unemployed and living in his home which is the source of recent and frequent disagreements leading to law enforcement involvement and to be exact, 7 calls within a 3 day period and none which required further action by HPD Officers, his wife initiated the last call the HPD Officers responded to and 2 Officers arrived and spoke with his wife outside alone and they proceeded into his house and he was sitting in his lazy boy chair and the 1<sup>st</sup> Officer walked in front of him and politely asked him to explain the situation while the 2<sup>nd</sup> Officer remained slightly behind him and he immediately stated he was a Vietnam Veteran with PTSD and proceeded to explain and while engaging in positive dialog with the 1<sup>st</sup> Officers, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Officer abruptly interrupted in a loud and aggressive tone and told him to shut up followed by he have been listening to him for the last few minutes and this immediately startled him significantly increasing his anxiety and distress and he felt that the Officer was trying to intimidate him and provoke him into behaving in a manner that would justify the use of excessive force and utilizing self-awareness he identified the threshold of his emotional limitations and therefore he entered an avoidance mode and he completely shut down and stopped engaging with the 1<sup>st</sup> Officer and the Officers decided the incident was a civil matter and gave me a resource handout sheet and left his home and then presented factors that worked in favor of both parties preventing a possible catastrophic event. Council Members Martin and Kubosh absent.

Mayor Turner thanked him for voicing his concerns and training is important and they can never get enough of it, he appreciated what Mr. Segovia said in terms in taking steps decrease a situation that could have gotten out of hand and appreciated his service and one thing that is important that they do not allow anyone to be disrespected and they all have to work together to resolve situations that sometimes can be very tense and very emotional and that they would look in the situation and in which they can always improve.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Segovia.

Ms. Sharon Vance, 8415 Cavot St., 77078, (832)964-4388 appeared and stated that the reason she is speaking like she is speaking is because one of her vocal cords is paralyzed and she is here again in reference to the Mayor getting someone to aid her in getting a report amended, that it can be changed, that was in October so she is back to see if it can be justified and to also thank Council Member Kubosh because from the first time she came, he listened and then he sent letters not 1 but 3 so instead of her giving up, it made her want to continue to fight, all she wants is what he promised her, that he assigned a young lady to her and that he was going to get to the bottom of it but she did speak with the Police Officer and the Police Officers that were involved and she still has not heard anything and nothing has changed, a statement was never taken. Council Member Martin absent.

Mayor Turner questioned Mr. Vance and requested the Mayor's Citizen Assistance Office to get with her to try to get this worked out.

Ms. Bridget Alexander McDaniel, P.O. Box 53993, 77052, (713)987-3854 appeared and stated that she heard Mayor Turner speak at TSU, he was on the radio which she was listening to it, the issue with Metro which is auto theft and to expressed issues with Metro and using her identification, she is not homeless anymore and that she does have an income check coming, she wanted to thank all of them for their assistances. Council Member Martin absent.

Mr. Joe Jennings, 8512 Aerial St., 77074, (832)643-5160 appeared and presented information which he reviewed and stated in February the Schiller Institute will take part in a forum at Texas Southern University to bring the USA in the One Belt One Road and with Houston with the machine tools, with its amazing Port and its partnership with NASA should lead the way but the Belt and Road is not simply an economic engine, it is a cultural bridge as well where win-win economic cooperation promotes trust among others, the Schiller Institute Community Chorus and Drama Troupe will be performing at a public event on January 19<sup>th</sup> at the Tracey Gee Community Center that is occurring between the Martin Luther King commemoration and the start of the Chinese New Year and this will be an evening of music, poetry, drama and ideas, they will be sing Schiller's Ode to Joy. Council Member Martin 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 Member Martin absent.

Ms. Deborah Allen, P.O. Box 263252, 77027, (713)264-0127 appeared and stated that she been in the family of politics since January 25, 1981, 35 years ago, they have been shutting her out since back then and express her experience and personal views in politics. Council Members Martin, Travis and Knox absent.

Mr. Joshua Bullard, 3328 McGowen, 77004, (832)258-7511 appeared and stated that almost 20 years ago right here where he stood before them a young State Representative from the Northside of Houston pulled together his full weight in Office and demanded from Houston City Council along with the Mayor at that time should prevent what he claims were dangerous small businesses to being developed in his District, never mind the fact that each of the applicants was in with City Code this State demanded Council to find a way to block these businesses from participating in the every business fabric that went on to make Houston welcoming, family oriented and provide women with children a warm place to stay with affordable rate where there was no money for big five star hotel uptown and he advised City Council, Council Member Edwards and Kubosh and denoting their records that it was in fact State Representative Turner that was the principle actor in attempt to disallow small businesses from existing in his District and through the history of Houston State Rep Turner was on the wrong side of the issue, Houston grew and Acres Homes went on to create legal business relationship with over 98% of all the hotels he tried to stop and now fast forward 20 years Mayor Turner wants to illegalize every Houstonian right to hire TNC Drivers direct and forcing the entire City to pay an additional 30% to one man and do not let Mayor Turner bully their Office and attempt to lead this City with vision to no where in higher transportation. Council Members Martin, Travis and Knox absent.

Ms. Gloria Towolawi, 7500 Cook Rd., 77072, (832)258-7511 appeared and presented information and stated that her company ARGTECH Media Comm. Corp. is organizing the International Pipeline, Oil and Gas Safety Conference, she does have the Chairman to present invitations letters to all of City Council to be special guest at the Conference and this Conference that addresses issues affecting public safety and environmental impact caused by the pipeline, oil and gas industry activities, hence this conference deserves the attention and support as citizens of this City and State, as an example the Southern Californian gas leak, seen as the Nation's largest ever natural gas storage leak, shows that surrounding neighborhoods experience health symptoms and thousands of households were displaced and almost every year they hear of public, health, safety and environmental impact caused by the pipeline, oil and gas industry activities and hence POGS seeks to address these issues through breakthrough technology and proven best practices; POGS week they will provide an investment climate where business and government can make business deals and contracts

through its exhibitions and global networking forum and the forum and exhibitions will allow service providers, institutional investors, businesses and government to meet and discuss their needs and how they can work together as partners to meet these needs in their various Countries and in the United States; immediate benefit to the City, Houston is the oil and gas capital if the world will bustle with business activities during POGS week, the Houston Astro Stadium which is the venue for POGS Week Conference, it is a place of historic importance, the proximity of the venue to hotel accommodations is very significant economically and socially and POGS will generate a lot of businesses activities and revenue to the City of Houston and to this end they are here before this Council to seek their support through sponsorship, participation and publicity. Council Members Martin, Travis and Knox absent.

Mayor Turner thanked them for providing the information and looks forward to speaking with them down the road.

Mr. Daniel Garcia, no address, (832)968-0290, had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Martin, Travis and Knox absent.

Mr. Marion Scott, 1600 Louisiana, 77002, (832)-923-3425 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Martin, Travis and Knox absent.

Mr. James Partsh-Galvan, 2705 Terry St., 77009, (713)528-2607 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Martin, Travis and Knox absent.

Mr. Joseph Ballard, 6302 Rocky Nook Dr., Humble, TX, 77396, (281)850-0388 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Martin, Travis and Knox absent.

Mr. Jeremiah Carroll, 510 Richmond Ave., No.405, 77006, (713)894-8912 appeared and stated that this great City is at a crossroads and it has come to his attention there is a groups that decided to create a social media campaign to bring and invite a criminal to this great City and continue to explain the criminal past. Council Members Martin, Travis and Knox absent.

Ms. Kate Engler, 8405 Wednesday Ln., 77074, (713)363-1917 appeared and stated that she is a Navy Seal Recruit through Hillary Clinton and a CIA Recruit, they are using brain injury based mind control on them, she was brought to the Airport along with other victims and was thrown under the subways and continued to express her concerns. Council Members Martin, Travis and Knox absent.

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 Martin, Travis and Knox absent.

Mr. William Beal, 10 Remington Ln., 77005, no phone number, had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Martin, Travis and Knox absent.

Mr. James Rasmus, 5403 Brinkman St., 77091, (713)683-0945 appeared and stated that he first wanted to acknowledge Council Member Kubosh, on his last visit here, he was the only Council Member that sent him a letter of encouragement and he really appreciates that because they do need it and he does not want to be redundant with his words but they have a

serious problem in their neighborhood, they have a half-way house that had been occupied by drug addicts and people that are alcoholics, the City of Houston Legal Department is waving over their head even though they have deed restrictions and it does not matter because of HUD and placing of these people who are supposedly to be disabled. Council Members Martin, Travis and Knox absent.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Rasmus and Mayor Turner stated that he would add from last time he was there, the Legal Department has written a memo to him and explained in the memo that was written.

Mr. Howard Boutte, no address, (281)536-0436 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Martin, Travis and Knox absent.

Ms. Dolores Rodgers, 3919 England Court W, 77021, (713)419-9291 appeared and stated that she had been a long time resident of 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward and having been grown up across from Emancipation Park, she had come for the 5<sup>th</sup> time in support of renaming Dowling Street to Emancipation Avenue, the renaming of this street taken by Council a long time ago, that this change had should have not occurred by renaming the street after this Confederate hero and it sent a message of disrespect and fear to Blacks and with the reopening of the park, the park will no long be made by a street sign by honoring someone that fought on the side of Slavery and the renaming of the street will be an honor to the heritage of all Houstonians and former Slaves who started the park. Council Members Martin, Travis and Knox absent.

**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 3:28 p.m. The City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 11, 2017, Council Members Martin, Travis and Knox absent.

At 8:29 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, January 11, 2017, Mayor Sylvester Turner presiding, with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jerry Davis, Ellen Cohen, Dwight Boykins, 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.

At 9:10 a.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting into order and called for the Monthly Financial Report. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Martin, Le, Travis, Green and Edwards absent.

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

Council Member Christie moved to accept the monthly financial report and seconded by Council Member Cohen, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Boykins and Knox absent. **MOTION 2017-0025 ADOPTED**

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Turner stated as they know the Legislative process started yesterday and that they have matters that are there to be voted on, specifically the Pension item and that is a major initiative and they are moving forward in that process and it continues to be and is his hope and that all of the groups would move forward in a constructive fashion, they are committed for the Legislature to address this situation in this session and it is in all of our interest, the City best interest, it's in the employees best interest from Police to Municipal workers to Fire, best interest for property owners, tax payers, business owners that they reach an agreement; they have crafted a solution for people for example when people retire or the retirees know their benefits are not going down but their benefits are certainly not going up as quickly because the changes are futuristic, it's to their future benefits and there must be adjustments in order to be made and he wanted to give notice to everyone, if there is any group that are telling for example employees that we do not have to make any changes that things can remain as is because that is not true and now they are in the Legislative process and he wanted to give due warning if anyone attempts to undo, unravel that they would get less than what they ask for, they are moving forward and that is what is important because if we do not we all pay a price and right now getting a retirement check and if the system is not fixed the check will one day not come in and if you are an employee and you have worked for 25 or 35 years for the City, you would want a sustainable system and he wanted to thank everyone for working with us as we move forward.

Mayor Turner stated that he wanting to move on and that a year ago they talk a lot about potholes, the initiative and addressing the potholes by the assessing and repairing by the next day and at the end of the year they did that by the next business day was 97% of the time and today he was announcing the next big step in improving Houston's infrastructure, the formation of the Storm Water Action Team which they refer to as SWAT and the SWAT would work proactively to reduce the drainage problem in are not directly attributed to the overflow form the bayous that are under the control of the Harris County Flood Control District, this move represents a major shift in their approach to improve drainage and reducing street flood and he wanted to thank in advance Steve Costello the Flood Czar in the work that he had been doing, the SWAP projects had been selected based on 311 calls and other data and the goal is to expand maintenance capabilities and improving the movement of water from day to day storm events through rehabilitation and upgrade of existing drainage infrastructure and invited Steve Costello to the podium for a presentation with the projects in each District.

Mayor Turner stated before they move on to the Consent Agenda he was going to recognize Council Member Kubosh for a point of personal privilege.

Council Member Kubosh stated that he wanted to acknowledge that he has in the audience his intern Darren Irwin and he brought a friend that was an intern that worked in Dallas City Hall and he wanted to know how things are done here and requested them to stand to be recognized.

At 10:30 a.m. Mayor Turner requested that the City Secretary to call the Constant Agenda.

**CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 2 through 20**

**PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS** - NUMBERS 2 and 4

2. **KINLOCH EQUIPMENT & SUPPLY, INC** for Bergkamp Replacement Parts for the Fleet Management Department - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$1,700,044.93 - Fleet Management Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0026 ADOPTED**
  
4. **TEXAS TOWEL & SUPPLY, INC** - \$374,776.00 and **SID VENTURES, LLC dba AFFORDABLE WIPERS** - \$57,052.55 for Rags and Cleaning Towels for Various Departments - 3 Years with two one-year options - General, Fleet Management and Enterprise Funds- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0027 ADOPTED**

**ORDINANCES** - NUMBERS 6 through 20

6. **ORDINANCE** making findings concerning the use of approximately 21,207 square feet of Keith-Wiess Park for a Storm Sewer Outfall in connection with the Aldine Town Center Project **DISTRICT B – DAVIS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0018 ADOPTED**
  
9. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing submission of an application for and acceptance of a **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION** FY17 Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program High Priority Grant; declaring the City's eligibility for such grant; authorizing the Chief of the Houston Police Department to act as the City's Representative in the application process, to accept such grant funds, if awarded, and to apply for and accept all subsequent awards, if any, pertaining to the program- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0019 ADOPTED**
  
11. **ORDINANCE** declaring a City of Houston real property consisting of approximately 1.3014 acres of land located at 9018 Ramin Drive, Houston, Harris County, Texas, and identified as Parcel SY16-019 as surplus; authorizing the sale of such property; and approving and authorizing an agreement with **CUSTOMIZED REAL ESTATE SERVICES, INC** for the marketing and sale of such property - **DISTRICT H – CISNEROS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0020 ADOPTED**
  
12. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$2,000,000.00 out of Airports Improvement Fund as an additional appropriation to three On-Call Professional Aviation Planning Consulting Services Contracts between the City of Houston and **HNTB CORPORATION, LEIGHFISHER, INC** and **RICONDO & ASSOCIATES, INC** (Project Nos. 688A, 688B and

688C); amending Ordinance No. 2012-677 to increase the maximum contract amount - \$1,500,000.00 - Enterprise Fund - **DISTRICTS A - STARDIG; B - DAVIS; E - MARTIN and I - GALLEGOS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0021 ADOPTED**

14. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing first amendment to Professional Construction Management and Inspection Services Contract between the City of Houston and **BRIAN SMITH CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION, INC AND INFRASTRUCTURE ASSOCIATES, INC** for Professional Construction Management and Inspection Services (Approved by Ordinance No. 2013-1130)- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0022 ADOPTED**
16. **ORDINANCE** amending Ordinance No. 2015-0818 to increase the maximum contract amount for contract between the City of Houston and **A.E.I. ENGINEERING, LLC** for the Redevelopment of Technical Based Local Limits for Industrial Discharges to meet permitting requirements by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality - \$1,517,085.00 - Enterprise Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0023 ADOPTED**
18. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$98,483.00 out of Metro Projects Construction DDSRF as an additional appropriation to Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **PARSONS BRINCKERHOFF, INC** for Greenbriar Street Paving and Drainage (Approved by Ordinance No. 2014-0402); providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Metro Projects Construction DDSRF - **DISTRICT C - COHEN**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0024 ADOPTED**
19. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$1,381,580.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding contract to **T CONSTRUCTION, LLC** for New Front Easement Reconnections; 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- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0025 ADOPTED**
20. **ORDINANCE** No. 2017-0007, passed first reading January 4, 2017  
**ORDINANCE** granting to **RS WASTE SERVICES, INC, dba REST STOP PORTABLE TOILETS**, a Texas Corporation, 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 - **SECOND READING**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0007 PASSED SECOND READING IN FULL**

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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

1. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$593,397.70 and acceptance of work on contract with **PIPELINE VIDEO INSPECTION, LLC** for Sanitary Sewer Cleaning and Television Inspection In Support of Rehabilitation - 2.44% under the original contract amount (4277-53) - **DISTRICTS C - COHEN; D - BOYKINS; E - MARTIN; G - TRAVIS; H - CISNEROS; I - GALLEGOS; J - LASTER and K - GREEN**- was presented, moved by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0028 ADOPTED**
  
3. **GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SERVICES, INC** for approval of spending authority in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00 for Development of an Impervious Cover Layer from the General Services Administration Schedule 70 Contract through the Cooperative Purchasing Program for the Department of Public Works & Engineering - \$225,000.00 plus contingencies for a total amount not to exceed \$300,000.00 - Dedicated Drainage & Street Renewal Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis and tagged by Council Members Stardig and Martin.
  
5. **ORDINANCE** supplementing the City of Houston, Texas Master Ordinance No. 2004-299; providing for the issuance of the City of Houston, Texas, Combined Utility System First Lien Revenue Bonds, Series 2017A, providing for the amounts, interest rates, prices, and terms thereof and other matters relating thereto; providing for the payment thereof; making other provisions regarding such bonds and matters incident thereto; authorizing a Co-Bond Counsel Agreement, authorizing execution and delivery of a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement; and declaring an emergency- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Green absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0026 ADOPTED**
  
7. **ORDINANCE** authorizing the acceptance of the prepayment of a promissory note by **THE FOUNDATION FOR THE RETARDED**; authorizing a Restrictive Covenant Agreement and a release of liens - **DISTRICT C - COHEN**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Green absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0027 ADOPTED**
  
8. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing grant application to the **DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES** for the STD/HIV Prevention Program; 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- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0028 ADOPTED**
  
10. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$10,000,000.00 out of the City of Houston General Fund Balance, and transferring it to the Storm Water Fund, and appropriating \$10,000,000.00 out of the Storm Water Fund Balance for projects related to the Storm Water Action Team Program- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0029 ADOPTED**
  
13. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$80,000.00 out of Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund to a contract between the City of Houston and **TDINDUSTRIES, INC** (Approved by Ordinance No. 2015-0858) to furnish and install a Chiller at the Clayton Library -

**DISTRICT D – BOYKINS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0030 ADOPTED**

15. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing first amendment to the Treated Water Supply Contract between the City of Houston and **HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 406** and **HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 321** (Approved by Ordinance No. 2011-605)- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0031 ADOPTED**

17. **ORDINANCE** awarding contract to **T CONSTRUCTION, LLC.** for FY2017 Ditches Rehab Work Orders #1; 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 - \$1,500,000.00 - Stormwater Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0032 ADOPTED**

**NON CONSENT AGENDA** - NUMBERS 21 through 26

**MISCELLANEOUS**

21. **RECEIVE** nominations for Positions A, D, G, J and At-Large Positions 2 and 5 for the **PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**, for a three-year staggered term ending July 1, 2019- was presented,

Council Member Stardig nominated William Alcorn to Position A of the Public Safety Advisory Committee.

Council Member Boykins nominated Kenneth Basile to Position D on the Public Safety Advisory Committee.

Council Member Travis nominated Frank Jones for Position G on the Public Safety Advisory Committee.

Council Member Laster nominated Samuel C. Burton for re-appointment to Position J of the Public Safety Advisory Committee.

Council Member Robinson moved to delay nominations for At-Large for Position 2 for 2 weeks and seconded by Council Member Green, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0029 ADOPTED**

Council Member Christie nominated Erich Almonte for Re-Appointment to At Large Position No.5 on the Public Safety Advisory Committee.

Council Member Cohen moved to close the nominations for A, B, J, G and Position 5 of the Public Safety Advisory Committee and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0030 ADOPTED**

**22. SUSPEND** the rules of City Council for the purpose of receiving nominations and appointment to Positions One and Two and two Alternate At-Large Positions of the **HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for a one-year term to expire December 31, 2017-was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Laster, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0031 ADOPTED**

**23. RECEIVE** nominations for Positions One and Two and Two Alternate At-Large Positions of the **HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for one-year terms to expire December 31, 2017- was presented,

Council Member Davis nominated Council Member Travis for Position 2 of the Houston-Galveston Area Council Board of Directors.

Council Member Travis nominated Council Member Davis for Position 1 of the Houston-Galveston Area Council Board of Directors.

Council Member Gallegos nominated Council Member Christie for Alternate At-Large Position of the Houston-Galveston Area Council Board of Directors.

Council Member Christies nominated Council Member Gallegos for Alternate At-Large Position of the Houston-Galveston Area Council Board of Directors.

Council Member Cohen moved to close the nominations for of the Houston-Galveston Area Council Board of Directors and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0032 ADOPTED**

**24. SELECT and CONFIRM** nominations for Positions One and Two and two Alternate At-Large Positions of the **HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for a one-year term to expire December 31, 2017- was presented,

Council Member Laster moved to confirm the appointment of the following individuals for Position One and Two and Two Alternate At-Large Position of the Houston-Galveston Area Council Board of Directors and seconded by Council Member Cohen, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0032 ADOPTED**

**25. SET A PUBLIC HEARING DATE** regarding the proposed amendment to Chapter 40 of the Code of Ordinances to extend provisions of the Civility Ordinance to the **GREATER SOUTH POST OAK/WEST BELLFORT AREA - DISTRICT K - GREEN** **HEARING DATE - 9:00A.M - WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 25, 2017-** was presented, moved by Council Member Green and seconded by Council Member Knox, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0034 ADOPTED**

**26. MOTION TO SET A DATE** not less than seven days from January 11, 2017, to receive nominations for Position One on the **PORT OF HOUSTON AUTHORITY OF HARRIS COUNTY**, for a two year term- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0035 ADOPTED**

**MATTERS HELD** - NUMBERS 27 through 33

- 27. MOTION** by Council Member Cohen/Seconded by Council Member Davis to adopt recommendation from Chief Procurement Officer to award to **METRO FIRE APPARATUS SPECIALIST, INC** for Firefighting Trucks through the Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Purchasing with the Houston-Galveston Area Council for the Houston Fire Department \$4,842,826.00 - Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund  
**TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS MARTIN, STARDIG and LE**  
This was Item 12 on Agenda of January 4, 2017- was presented, Council Member Martin moved to delay Item 27 for 2 weeks and seconded by Council Member Stardig, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0036 ADOPTED**
- 28. MOTION** by Council Member Cohen/Seconded by Council Member Davis to adopt recommendation from Chief Procurement Officer to award to **SAN LUIS AVIATION CORPORATION** for ESChat Push To Talk Services for Various Departments - \$217,729.08 Central Service Revolving Fund - **TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER STARDIG**  
This was Item 14 on Agenda of January 4, 2017- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0037 ADOPTED**
- 29. ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing first amendment to contract between the City of Houston and **HEALTHCARE FOR THE HOMELESS-HOUSTON** to provide up to an additional \$145,000.00 in Community Development Block Grant Funds for the continuing administration and operation of the project access transportation services program for homeless individuals and families seeking health care and other supportive services  
**TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER STARDIG**  
This was Item 20 on Agenda of January 4, 2017- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0033 ADOPTED**
- 30. ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing first amendment to contract between the City of Houston and **SEARCH HOMELESS SERVICES** to provide up to \$118,487.00 in Community Development Block Grant Funds to provide assistance for the continuing administration and operation of a Resource Center and Mobile Outreach Program  
**TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS STARDIG and LE**  
This was Item 21 on Agenda of January 4, 2017- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0034 ADOPTED**
- 31. ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing first amendment to contract between the City of Houston and **EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS INSPIRING COMMUNITIES, INC**, to provide up to \$200,000.00 in Community Development Block Grant Funds for the administration and operation of the H.E.A.R.T. program, a job training program for developmentally disabled low and moderate income adults - **TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER STARDIG**  
This was Item 22 on Agenda of January 4, 2017- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0035 ADOPTED**
- 32. ORDINANCE** changing the name of Dowling Street to Emancipation Avenue - **DISTRICTS D - BOYKINS and I - GALLEGOS** - **TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GALLEGOS**  
This was Item 25 on Agenda of January 4, 2017- was presented,  
After a lengthy discussion a vote was called on Item 32, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0036 ADOPTED**

**33. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$800,000.00 out of the Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund; awarding contract to **ENFORCEMENT VIDEO, LLC D/B/A WATCHGUARD VIDEO** for In-Car Video Camera Solution for the Houston Police Department; providing a maximum contract amount - **TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER STARDIG**  
This was Item 31 on Agenda of January 4, 2017- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Boykins and Martin absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0037 ADOPTED**

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

Members of Council announced events and discussed matters of interest.

There being no further business before Council; the City Council adjourned at 11:18 a.m. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Knox and Kubosh absent. **DETAILED INFORMATION ON FILE ON THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY**

**MINUTES READ AND APPROVED**

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Anna Russell, City Secretary

