City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, April 11, 2017

A regular meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 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, Robert Gallegos, Mike Laster, Larry Green, Mike Knox, David Robinson, Michael Kubosh, Amanda Edwards and Jack Christie D.C.; Randy Zamora and Sandra Eidson, Legal Department; Marta Crinejo Agenda Director and Stella Ortega Agenda Office present.

At 1:37 p.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting to order and stated that Council would start with presentations. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Le, Travis, Gallegos, Laster, Knox, Robinson, Edwards and Christie absent.

Mayor Turner stated that the City of Houston is firmly committed to maintaining an environment where our youth can grow and learn through inspiring experiences that encourage them to invest in their academics so that their dreams and goals are obtainable, in honor of Black History Month, American Express CEO Kenneth Chenault, former Major League Baseball Executive Jimmie Lee Solomon, New York Investment Bankers Bill Lewis and Charles Phillips, Horizon Group International Vice President Al Kashani, I'm Ready Productions CEO Je'Caryous Johnson and Martye Kendrick of Johnson Petrov collaborated with the Mayor's Office and First Daughter Ashley Turner, to sponsor several Hidden Figures movie viewings over the course of two weeks for 3,000 students from 28 Houston area schools and this cultivating experience educated students on a momentous time in American history, telling the story of Katherine Johnson, an African-American woman whose mathematics and physics contributions to NASA helped send a man to the moon and this impactful event allowed students to see the many possibilities their futures hold and how their environment does not determine their success, but their actions and decisions do and the Hidden Figures movie viewings also encouraged students to explore science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), as these fields lead to fulfilling careers that impact society through innovation; on April 11, 2017, the sponsors of the Hidden Figures screenings will be recognized for investing in our youth through a unique opportunity that will inspire them for many years to come and the City of Houston commends and appreciates the sponsors for their contributions to this worthwhile endeavor, as our youth reflect what the future of society could be if we show them all they can be and therefore, I Mayor of the City of Houston hereby proclaim April 11, 2017, as Hidden Figures Screening "Sponsor" Day *Jimmie Lee Solomon* in Houston, Texas. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Travis and Knox absent.

Council Member Green stated that Laurie Vignaud has the overall responsibility for the development, monitoring, management and promotion of community development programs and Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) initiatives for Capital One Bank in Louisiana and Texas, she has been instrumental in bringing millions of dollars in grant financing to the bank that were used to support affordable housing programs, in addition, she has created and led some of the bank's most innovative affordable housing, small business and asset/capacity building initiatives in the region and as senior vice president/senior director in Community Development Banking for Capital One, the team led by Laurie Vignaud recognizes and cultivates community development projects, which may involve the new construction and renovation of single-family housing units throughout Capital One's south central region; she serves as the president of Capital One's Community Development Corporation which is the entity that provides capital to nonprofit housing developers for the construction of new single-

family homes sold to low and moderate-income first-time homebuyers and she works directly with various governmental, nonprofit and for-profit agencies to provide and promote affordable housing, small business and economic development, and asset-building opportunities and Laurie Vignaud manages a team of four associates strategically located across Capital One's south central region. She has more than 20 years of experience in the community development arena and more than 24 years of banking experience, she is also very active in the community, serving on the board of the NAACP Texas State Corporate Advisory Board, City of Houston Office of Business Opportunity Advisory Board, Texas Southern University Business School Advisory Board, Houston Area Urban League and the Ensemble Theater and on April 11, 2017, Laurie Vignaud will be honored for her achievements and accomplishments. The City of Houston commends Laurie Vignaud for her tireless dedication and commitment to the underserved and extends best wishes for continued success and therefore, Mayor Turner hereby proclaimed April 11, 2017, as Laurie Vignaud Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Travis, Gallegos and Kubosh absent.

Council Member Green invited Congressman Al Green to the podium to present a presentation; Congressman Green stated it was an honor to present a certificate and resolution from their newest Commissioner Rodney Ellis and they also have a Flag that was flown over the Capital and a certificate of authenticity.

Council Member Cisneros stated that Art has been recognized as a unique human capability and creativity as a means to self-discovery, self-expression and a fundamental part of civilization, Nestor Topchy received a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the Maryland Institute College of Art and a Master of Fine Arts degree from the University of Houston and Nestor Topchy has presented his work and spoken nationally and internationally at Ivan Honchar Museum Folkculture, The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Contemporary Arts Museum Houston, The Menil Collection, Byzantine Fresco Chapel Museum, among many other places. In 1989-2000, he was co-founder of TemplO/Zocalo, a collaborative nonprofit artist-run compound on a repurposed light industrial site. Currently, he is the executive director of Habitable Interdisciplinary Visionary Environment (H.I.V.E.), a nonprofit organization with a mission to design and build an affordable, sustainable and inhabitable work of art as a community. By redeveloping an open inner city property and up-cycling the humble and strong steel shipping container, it proposes to create a dynamic village for thriving cultural exchange and enterprise, each year, The ReUse People of America, a national nonprofit organization dedicated to diverting building materials from landfills, holds the National Reuse Contest. Nestor Topchy, won 1st place in this year's National Reuse Contest and he created a self-regulating ecosystem that retains runoff rainwater to provide a home for various indigenous wild life species. In his work as an artist, he applies mindfulness in reusing unmated materials with respect for overlooked resources and situations. He used a large amount of broken concrete from the City of Houston Reuse Warehouse to create his project and on April 11, 2017, Nestor Topchy will be honored in recognition and appreciation for his generous contributions to the arts, The City of Houston commends and appreciates Nestor Topchy's dedication to the artistic community and cultural education, as his tireless efforts is truly worthy of the respect, admiration and commendation of all and therefore, Mayor Turner hereby proclaimed April 11, 2017, as Nestor Topchy Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Boykins, Martin and Travis absent.

Council Member Cohen stated that The Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) is leading the fight to free individuals and the families who love them from the harm of muscular dystrophy, ALS and related muscle-debilitating diseases that take away physical strength, independence and life, MDA uses its collective strength to help kids and adults live longer and grow stronger by finding research breakthroughs across diseases, caring for individuals from day one and

empowering families with services and support in hometowns across America and MDA strives every day to create more hope and answers for families living with muscular dystrophy and related diseases that take away physical strength and mobility. MDA does this by finding research breakthroughs across diseases, caring for kids and adults from day one and empowering families with services and support in hometowns across America and MDA's spirited Fill the Boot campaign is an honored tradition in which thousands of dedicated firefighters stand by streets or storefronts asking pedestrians, motorists, customers and other passersby to make a donation to MDA, using their collective strength to help kids and adults live longer and grow stronger, in the past 15 years, the Houston Professional Fire Fighters Local 341 and the Houston Fire Department has raised more than $7 million for the Muscular Dystrophy Association through the annual Fill the Boot campaign; the Houston Professional Fire Fighters Local 341 and the Houston Fire Department endless service to Muscular Dystrophy Association has given so much hope for families fighting neuromuscular diseases and therefore Mayor Turner hereby proclaimed April 11, 2017, as MDA Day in Houston, Texas. Council Member Travis absent.

Members of the Fire Department passed around a boot to received donations from the Council Members and others present for the meeting.

At 2:38 p.m. Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Edwards for the invocation and she invited Pastor Wright to present the invocation and Council Member Edwards led the Pledge of Allegiance. Council Members Martin and Travis absent.

At 2:42 p.m. the Roll was called. Council Member Martin absent.

Council Member Green moved to delay the adoption of the minutes of the last 2 meetings and seconded by Council Member Knox, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Cohen, Davis, Martin, Le, Travis, Green and Edwards absent. **MOTION ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Kubosh for a procedural motion, Council Member Kubosh moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing Ms. Tomaro Bell, Mr. Michael Huffmaster, Ms. Leticia Albaza and Ms. Stephanie Thomas out of order and seconded by Council Member Stardig, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Green and Edwards absent. **MOTION 2017-0184 ADOPTED**

At 2:48 p.m. Mayor Turner requested the City Secretary to call the List of Speakers.

Ms. Tomaro Bell, 3248 Charleston St., 77021, (713)825-8449 appeared and stated that she is here to speak about the Ordinance, Chapter 21 Code of Ordinance that refers to encampment and she read the sections that she has concerns with, the concern is that this Ordinance would limit people to get on a list and she does not believe that 5 days before the Ordinance is passed is enough time for people to get on the list and has concerns from the part if the heating devices in public places which is in this Ordinance are outdoor areas identified as, owned, managed or controlled by the City to which the public has access including public right of way, parks, streets, hike and bike trail and sidewalks and thinks there should be something in this ordinance that defines the lawful use and a description of where they can go to and see what is a lawful use of these areas and whether there is a permitting process. Council Members Davis, Boykins and Green absent.

Mayor Turner and Council Members questioned Ms. Bell.

Mr. Michael Huffmaster, 102 Cove Creek Ln., 77042, (281)734-8172 appeared and stated that the Super Neighborhood Alliance does not have an opinion or a position on this but there had been a lot of discussion and concerns and that is with respect to the 2 Ordinances dealing with homelessness and solicitation, the diversity of opinion is about details, there is a strong consensus that this shoulder of compassion he offers is needed, that the effective Policing is a benefit to the community and what the Ordinance brings is what Houston needs to deal with homelessness and to deal with compassion and he wanted to speak about the Impeding Roadway Ordinance and his concern because protection for the streets are needed but he feels like there is further refinement that they need in that Ordinance before it can be effectively applied and they request Council to take it back and to look again and work on it and they do want this supported and there is broad support for this Ordinance but they think it just needs refinement before it ready to be passed. Council Members Davis, Boykins and Green absent.

Mayor Turner questioned Mr. Huffmaster.

Mr. Jay Hamburger, 1817 State St., 77007, (713)869-0869 appeared and stated that the homeless had been with them since the recording of history and this Administration did inherit the various sins of the past and a problem that every major or minor City deals with and he is speaking about the homeless encampment and his focus is to always look at the heart of the matter and the heart of the matter are the humans and the property owners that their property next to places where the homeless lives and they cannot blame them either for not wanting homeless people as neighbors and he is requesting for a realistic location similar to San Antonio which is not perfect. Council Members Davis and Green absent.

Mayor Turner stated that he wanted to make sure that everyone is aware that there is a more comprehensive plan and there is a 6 part to the plan and he hope that people do not condense the 6 part plan to 1 or 2 aspects of the plan, the first part of the plan providing permanent supporting housing for the homeless, another aspect of the plan is to recognize that many of the people that are on the street are suffering mental behavior or substance abuse problem and so the second aspect of the plan is to provide them with necessary treatment, the third plan is to provide low level shelters for them with cooperation coming from the communities and City Council that was intended to be a temporary status for them as they transition them to a better venue so its just not about the ordinances, there are more elements in the plan but the key is to get people off the streets and into permanent supporting housing.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Hamburger.

Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Robinson for a procedural motion, Council Member Robinson moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of adding Pastor Ashley Dellaglacoma to the list of speakers and seconded by Council Member Kubosh, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Gallegos and Green absent. **MOTION 2017-0185 ADOPTED**

Ms. Sabrina Haller, 1711 Silverthorne Ln., Spring, TX, 77379, (281)865-4729 appeared and stated that she would like to piggy back after what Council Member Kubosh stated when he said that that we are not treated like people and animals are better treated then people and she would like to bring up that Vincent Young family was here and a lot of Council was not here and she thought it was disrespectful and she is also speaking about the Ordinance and being a concern citizen and she had looked over the Ordinance and she been homeless with 2 children, she had to struggle to get where she is today and she request when they do look at this Ordinance and the Amendments that they proposed for them to think about the people. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Gallegos, Green and Knox absent.

Mr. John Hill, 2812 Erwin, Nederland, TX, 77627, (409)728-7183 appeared and stated that he does not have a speech prepared because he heard about this last minute, he wanted to remind people of the scout law to help other people at all times and he does not think that this Ordinance is compassionate and they should not be penalizing and criminalizing people on how they live and that is why he is speaking against this Ordinance. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Gallegos, Green and Knox absent.

Pastor Ashley Dellaglacoma, no address, no phone, appeared and stated that she is a Pastor for Kindred Community Church in Montrose and people many know that many homeless people seek refuge when they knock on the door and they are able to help folks connect to existing services and programs but she is deeply concerned about the phases of this comprehensive plan, seems to be out of order with this Ordinance. Council Members Davis, Martin, Gallegos, Laster, Green and Robinson absent.

Mayor Turner and Council Member Boykins questioned Pastor Dellaglacoma.

Ms. Vicki Cruz, 7811 Goode St., 77012, (832)859-3987 appeared and stated that she is the President and Founder of Mission One International and she will come to them next week with her strategy, 23 years of Human Resources and 15 years working with the people on the streets and placing them into shelters and she was here to speak about the recycling of metals and she wanted to bring up her concern because she lives near in District that has 2 scrap metal recycling companies and her concern is the air pollution and she wanted to ask about the process of the sale in the event that this company changes their efforts into recycling and not just being a storage place, what is the process. Council Members Davis, Martin, Travis, Gallegos and Green absent.

Council Member Cisneros questioned Ms. Cruz and stated that she had gotten more information on the company that is coming to the area and the company has a very good history and there is a commitment to obtain all permits to operate within all the regulations.

Ms. Leticia Ablaza, no address, (713)620-4340 appeared and stated that she was with the HPCC which is the Health Ports Community Coalition and they have done many studies around metal recycling, the particulates and the metal dust that comes from the metal recycling and dust does not stay in one zip code and there had been a whole host of issues with them and they want to make sure that it just going to be a storage facility and she urges Council to hold person responsible.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Ablaza at length.

Ms. Stephanie Thomas, 3914 Leeland St., 77003, 9832)840-6464 appeared and stated she is a Doctor and she works with the Organization Public Citizen as part of the Healthy Ports Community Coalition and they work with communities that are impacted by portside operations along the Houston Ship channel and she is also her to speak about the Scrap Trading International about selling the property and a lot of things she about to say had already been said and she is very concerned about air pollution and she wants be ensure that the property would be used for just storage. Council Members Davis, Martin, Green and Knox absent.

Ms. Kathleen O'Reilly, no address, (713)303-8938 appeared and stated that she is the Chair of the of the Infrastructure and Quality of Life Committee for Museum Park Neighborhood Association and she is here to address the pending Ordinances in Chapter 20 and 40 that have been discussed earlier and that the Mayor and Council Members should be proud of themselves with thoughtful solution and they at Museum Park very much look forward to ongoing

implementation of the Mayor's Plan and respectfully request that Council vote to approve these amended ordinance tomorrow. Council Members Davis, Martin, Travis, Green, Knox and Kubosh absent.

Council Member Boykins questioned Ms. O'Reilly.

Ms. Barbara McGuffey, 1609 Prospect St., 77004, (409)771-1159 appeared and stated that she is a Board Member and the Membership Chair of Museum Park Neighborhood Association and she represents all of her residents that could not be here and she is requesting Council to vote in favor of the Amended Ordinances and she wanted to emphasize that they work hard in their neighborhood and this happened to them, they did not have these Encampments and they woke up one day about 6 months ago and seeing tents and they have the greatest compassion for the people and she wants this to pass and then they what Texas can do mentality to make this work. Council Members Davis, Martin, Travis, Laster Green and Kubosh absent.

Ms. Sandra Stevens, 5123 Jackson St., 77004, (713)818-6854 appeared and stated that she is the President of the Museum Park Neighborhood Association and a community that is directly impacted by the Encampment and she is here today to respectfully ask for their support for the Chapter 20 Ordinance that is addressing panhandling on their streets and Chapter 40 Ordinance for prohibiting camping on public property and their neighborhood sits adjacent to the camp site which by last week's count stood at 52 structures and those living in the encampment have no running water, no bathrooms, no electricity, they are among the most vulnerable population and a life underneath a freeway is not a life and they know that no plan is perfect and certainly no Ordinance is perfect but this plan balances the needs for residents and the homeless are major steps forward in addressing this complex problem. Council Members Davis, Martin, Travis, Laster Green and Kubosh absent.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Stevens.

Mrs. Kimberly Parkor, 1414 Congress, Apt.108, 77002, (713)208-0198 appeared and stated that she was homeless, she and her husband lost their apartment in December of 2015, she is disabled and has not worked since 2012, he lost his job, when they became homeless it was not what they expected but when they went to apply for housing, she was told that she was not eligible because she was not homeless long enough, they have to be homeless for a year to get housing and in January she got sick and was in a hospital for 9 days, the City threw all of their stuff away because when they became homeless they did not have money to put anything in storage and she fortunately had the backpack with all of their important paperwork when she went into the hospital, they did get help from their Church and they did get on their feet a little bit but she and her husband do not live together because of their situation, he cannot get assistants because he does not qualify and their Church did help him and because of a tent he was able to get a part time job here or there because they were able to leave their stuff in some place. Council Members Davis, Martin, Le, Travis, Laster and Green absent.

Mayor Turner stated that they are attempting to do is work with people that are underneath those tents to get them out from those tents and to get them in permanent supportive housing and that is what they are offering and they are here to help but the tents are no longer going to be allowed.

Mr. Ronnie Parkor, 1414 Congress, Apt.108, 77002, (713)208-0198 appeared and stated that he is homeless and with his tent which is apparently the issue here and they do see a lot of tents out there but he never called his tent his home, he is going to get him a house, he will but he just need a spot to hold his stuff until he gets there because the Lord got his back and if they

do not want them to have a tent then give him a spot to put his stuff so he can go and find a job, he has to get up in the morning at 5 a.m. to find a job who is watching his things, he not saying that the City will steal his things which they has but also the homeless will steal his things too which they have, Star of Hope have stolen his things so tell him where can he put his things, Salvation Army will not accept him. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Green, Knox and Edwards absent.

Mayor Turner stated that they want to help because the tent is not going to be the answer but they do want to assist; there is initiative that they have started like Turn Around Houston, like the Second Chance programs and he wants to make sure they stay in contact with him and he asked Mr. Parkor to speak with his Chief of Staff Marvalette Hunter and Shawn which he was in the back with his hands up.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Parkor.

Ms. Melanie Pang, 2300 Old Spanish Trail, 77054, (832)860-0198 appeared and presenred information and stated that she does work for Salvation Army but she does not speak for them today and she is a long time resident of District D and addressing homeless is complex and difficult, it does take a long time and requested for them to remove any Amendments to the Encampment and panhandling Ordinance that would further criminalize people who experience homelessness such as the Amendment that would extend panhandles to sidewalks, please provides updates after 6 months of implementation on progress made, services provided, citations written and any other outcomes so they can see that this works and to also provide a timeline for the remaining portion of the City 6 Points Plan in which hopefully it will also address those not chronically homeless. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Green, Knox and Edwards absent.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Pang.

Mr. Donald Wilson, no address, (832)818-7498 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Green, Knox and Edwards absent.

Ms. Melissa Winningham, 2500 Fondren Rd., 77063, (832)818-7498 appeared and stated that she is speaking on behalf of the homeless and she feels the way that they are being treated is unfair and it is not right and also thinks that they have the wrong idea about the homeless and not all of them are on drugs, some of them just have bad luck and if the people are Elected will support the homeless with housing instead of making them wait a year or more then there will be a lot less homeless people, there needs to be more programs to help the homeless and for the homeless get jobs. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Cisneros, Green, Knox and Edwards absent. **NO QUORUM**

Mr. David Barker, 1701 Joanna Dr., 77055, (832)898-7280 appeared and stated that he tried to find statistics that the Council used and he could not find it, he went to several agencies to find who came up with this City Ordinance and they could not tell him what statistics or data that was used to make a determination for this but all he can say to them right now is that he was in the military and what he learned in survival training, the most important thing is shelter and he knows that City Council is serious about helping the homeless but they do know that there will not be enough affordable housing at the end of these 30 days before this Ordinance kicks in if they vote on this tomorrow and he request before they pass this Ordinance that if they seriously consider other avenues to increase more affordable housing or like a system that Austin did with

the mini houses. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Green, Knox and Edwards absent.

Mayor Turner advised him that this Ordinance is similar to Austin and Austin does have a similar issue with homeless problem and Austin does not have the other components that the City of Houston Offers and the force is not just on these 2 Ordinances that is on the Agenda tomorrow, there are several other components to this plan.

Ms. Marilyn Brown, 924 Fugate, 77009, (832)531-6007 appeared and stated that she is the President and CEO of the Coalition for the Homeless and that everyone had heard a lot this afternoon and all she wants to do is to acknowledge and appreciate continuation of the works that had been going on since 2012 under The Way Home and the Mayor's Plan continues that and maybe remind them that they have permanently housed 3700 people who five years ago, four years ago who were sleeping on the streets and after two years 90% of them are still in housing, it is a huge problem and she wanted to look at the reduced Federal dollars and put their focus from a City and encouraging that they do not lose the Housing Vouchers and their Federal dollars, so that they can meet their goal which is by 2020 no will have to be without permanent housing for longer than 30 days but they are marching down that path because this is a tough one. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Green, Knox and Edward absent.

Members of the Council questioned Ms. Brown.

Mr. Louis Selig, 1403 –A Palm St., 77004, (713)898-9242 appeared and stated that he is a resident of Museum Park, he also owns his office which is also located in Museum Park, he is a Stakeholder and he speaks from personal experience, he had 2 vehicles, his office burglarized and he has friends and neighbors that have stuffered criminality, he wants to praise the Mayor for what he believes is an intelligent plan and he is urging this Council to vote in support of these Ordinance and he does not believe that they are criminalizing homelessness, he does not believe they are criminalizing living in tents however they do not represent in his mind a balanced approach to a critical problem which they are dealing with in his neighborhood, there is no one solution, no perfect answer. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Green, Knox and Edwards absent.

Mr. Keith Crane, 1120 Texas, 77002, (713)582-8668 appeared and stated that he is the President of the Keystone Association and he also representing a number of Downtown loft residents and they all endorse the initiatives and they feel they are moving in the right direction, they have to live with many of the problems that people already have addressed, they do have sympathy for the homeless and they do have to be responsible as well, but they all follow the rules and they think that the Ordinance to put a shelter over their head in an organized fashion is excellent and he knows it may not be panacea but overall his initiative to begin with is excellent and if they can progress that way, he thinks in the end it will better off for the homeless and if they receive more help if they look at it in a long term and he thinks that everyone need to work together and they strongly urge them to pass these Ordinances and lets start on the road to finding solutions. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Green, Knox and Edwards absent.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Crane.

Mr. Tony Chan, 12615 Lockbourne Dr., 77038, 979)848-4468 appeared and stated that he was part of the Gamers for Houston and their goal is to provide awareness of the value of what the video games industry can bring to Houston and he advised his background and that his passion was to join the video game industry but he could not do that here but he did not want to leave

his family to go to another State and described the benefits that the growing video game industry would bring to Houston and people are now getting paid to play video games on Facebook, Youtube and E-Sports and he wanted to invite Members of Council on May 5th to join them for an interactive experience at Six Foot which is Houston biggest game company at the moment. Mayor Turner, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Green, Knox, Robinson and Edwards absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Ms. Karen Snyder, 602 Rovelle Ave., Sugarland, TX, 77498, (818)937-3326 appeared and stated that she is a Transmedia Producer, that Texas is the 2nd largest State for game productions, $800 million dollars a year and 18,000 jobs but Houston is not benefiting, Austin and Dallas are decimating and Austin is the 2nd largest hub in video game in the Nation, that she met up with Council Member Knox last year and he told her to come back with a proposal and she did and she prepared a transmedia proposal that involved 33 different game studios throughout the region and explain the proposal and invited them to this live main event on May 5th which they would see an interactive presentation, have a tour of the Six Foot Studios which they are the largest game studios and they have 200 employee and growing and they will get to go through 4 different stories to see what it takes and how many people are involved in making a multimillion dollar game and to look for purple envelopes with the invitation. Mayor Turner, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Green, Knox, Kubosh and Edwards absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Members of Council questioned Ms. Snyder.

Ms. Yolanda Sutton, 311 North Vista Dr., Apt. 2012, 77073, (832)666-0162 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Green, Knox, Kubosh and Edwards absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Mr. Art Smith, 5315 Sonora St., 77020, (832)258-5776 appeared and stated that he is here in support of his wife Koffey Smith who was falsely arrested along with himself, this is his 3rd time coming here and it seemed like the Police Department can continue to racial profile because the Mayor, City Council and hear these stories but they help them cover it up he wanted to advise Council Member Cisneros that HISD Police called HPD to have them arrested and he wanted to know about the note that was just given to her and she just passed to the Mayor which made him leave out of here and there is so much corruption going on but until they hold these Police accountable, it not only going to be the Police taking lives and that they are going to come through and racial profile and harm the unarmed citizen in the City because this thing can be revised around because Council is not doing anything, his wife called 911 but they went to jail. Mayor Turner, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Green, Knox and Edwards absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Council Member Cisneros stated that Mr. Smith misunderstood on what happen, she advised that the trustee arrived she indicated that she want to speak with her and she asked her to add her to the speaker list and she asked her what she wanted to speak about and she advised Council Member Cisneros that she wanted to speak about homelessness and then she wrote a note asking if they can add her and then she was told that they did not have enough people in the Chamber and then later she indicated to her watch that she had to go and she does know about the issue he came to speak about.

Ms. Koffey Smith, 5315 Sonora St., 77020, (832)258-5776 appeared and stated that she was falsely arrested by the Houston Police Department and falsely imprisoned, which the Police rubbed her breast and nothing had been done about it, she had filed with Internal Affairs, she

spoke to a lieutenant and he advised that she received her response about 300 days ago, she had not received anything and she wanted to come to City Hall to ask for the last time, is there anything that City Hall can do to assist her as a citizen. Mayor Turner, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Green, Knox and Edwards absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Mayor Pro Tem Cohen stated since she was here before and the advice was for her to file IAD and also advised her to speak with Sergeant Anthony and to see what they can do to address what has happen.

Ms. Linda Murray, 6207 Bending Oaks, 77050, (281)449-5232 appeared and presented information and stated that she is a citizen that pays her taxes and she comes not to complain but to tell them it is a federal offense, it is not only violation not only public trust or public law for the City of Houston to tell the people at the airport because they are trying to outsource everyone, to have the supervisors at the airport tell the people that are 60 or nearing 60 that they have to retire, that is a violation of the Equal Rights Amendment, it is not the City or the State, it is Federal; the second thing she wanted to speak about No Wi-Fi Computers at West Grey and this is the things she brought them several time, when she was here last times, she was promised by the At-Large Council Members because this was something that was grant funded, she also gave them an article off the cuff so they know it was in 2008. Mayor Turner, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Green, Knox and Edwards absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Members of Council questioned Ms. Murray.

Mayor Pro Tem Cohen stated that she wanted to find out some more information because the West Gray Multi-Purpose Center is in her District.

Mr. Joe P. Richardson, 6101 Bobby Burns, 77028, (713)673-7527 appeared and stated that he was going to make this quick, he came down, he has his complaints and if he ever needs to come back, he will and God Bless the City of Houston. Mayor Turner, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Green, Knox and Edwards absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Mr. Ronald Dwayne Whitfield, 7522 La Salette St., 77021, (832)882-5696 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Green, Knox and Edwards absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Mr. John Noflin, 12903 Brentlock Dr. Apt. 703, 77082, (832)208-1498 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Green, Knox and Edwards absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Ms. Olivia Reiner, 49 Brain Hollow Apt. 302 77027, (713)829-0899 appeared and stated Hear O Israel International and their campaign is to Listen to the Cries of the Children and what they do, they take evidence and the consequences and the price they pay for making the wrong choices and they been working with the City for 30 years, they were the first to have a feast of Joy in front of City Hall and the purpose of the Feast of Joy is to bring unity to the communities and right now they are trying to bring out Stop the Crime for 3 Days, Friday, Saturday and Sunday and she believes it will do really well especially with the gangs and the purpose is to bring the parents back to their children and there are people looking for a family that were in a gang that

really made bad choices and they would like the City to help them to reach out to the communities in working with the youth and further explained the purpose of her organization and what they show the youth because this is an epidemic right now with the gangs . Mayor Turner, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Green and Edwards absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Mr. Jose Pascua, 4054 Fir Forest Dr., Spring, TX, 77388, (832)512-7832 appeared and stated that he is present to encourage each one of them to be able to declare and proclaim listening to the Cries of the Children because the children are not able to come before them to tell them what there cries are and during this Holy week they may be able to agree on one thing and he also read a scripture which many of them most likely know which is in the book of Isaiah and they would like to see the leadership from the City of Houston and they wanted to tell them to Listen to the Cries of Children. Mayor Turner, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Green and Edwards absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Ms. Synethia Hall, 1515 Sydnor, 77020, (832)886-7771 appeared and stated that she really would have loved that the Mayor be here to hear this but she is going to read this and she will come back because she wants the Mayor to be present; 2 White HPD Officers beat her while cars shielded what was happening to her and then they charged her with assault, she served one day in jail and HPD Officers have told her that she is not an advocate or a volunteer and if she said that again, they would have taken her to jail and they also said please do not make them put a case on her because they would and also asked her where are the drugs, she had called 911 in the 5th Ward on the Police attempting to harass herself or community leaders more than 50 times in the last 11 years and she had been allowing this to happen to her, and on April 5, 2017 HPD Officers stormed into her house with smoke bombs and guns, the Officers were trying to tell her neighbors that she was a drug dealer. Mayor Turner, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Green, Knox and Edwards absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Mayor Pro Tem Cohen stated that all of these programs are recorded and the Mayor is able to see everything she had to say today.

Ms. Anne Le, no address, no phone, had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Green, Knox and Edwards absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Ms. Veronica Blancett, 8903 Pecan Place Dr., 77071, (713)204-6511 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Green, Knox and Edwards absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Mr. Bobby Taylor, P.O. Box 202021, 77220, (832)870-7673 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Green, Knox and Edwards absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Ms. Ellen Leemann, 4147 Gramercy, 77025, (713)562-1409 appeared and stated that her Council Member is Council Member Cohen and she is here to address an opportunity that have risen in the arts community of Houston and they have recently started and had 2 meetings of Arts Take Action and they are trying advocate the Arts Community to be responsive to some of the issues that have been addressed and they are listening to the issues that have to deal with the environment and their first activity is going to be about skills make props, skills at making signs and anything will help with the marches that are taking place in Houston and there will be

a march which the person next will speak about. Mayor Turner, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Green, Knox and Edwards absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Ms. Elle Church, 3606 Park Bank Court, 77068, (281)303-7079 appeared and stated that she is the Organizer for Tax March Houston and the Tax March is an event that demands that President Trump release his tax returns and they want more accountability in the Elected Officials and this Saturday right in front of City Hall at 10:30 a.m. they are having an event and explain what they are doing to show awareness for the Tax March and she was inviting all of City Council and the Mayor to join them this Saturday for Tax March Houston and they have more information on taxmarchhouston.com. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Green, Knox and Edwards absent.

Mr. Barry Warner, 1112 Bellfort, 77033, (832)991-1222 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Green, Knox and Edwards absent.

Mr. Adrian Reed, 412 Omar St., 77009, (713)504-7707 appeared and stated that he was trained as an Engineer and a businessman, he is a resident of Woodland Heights and been a resident for over 20 years and also former President of the Woodland Heights Civic Association and he is coming here to express his frustration and the disappointment of the Traffic control program and it had been a conversation in their neighborhood for over 2 years, the program started with the request from some of his neighbors, first they were told about what type of studies that they were going to do for measuring the speed and volume and they found out after the study that the speed and volume was below the levels required for traffic control, next they were told for traffic control devices would be engineered by experts from the City and they found out that the plan was actually submitted by a small group of neighbors and it was accepted by the City and then they were told the decision to move forward would be based on a vote and they sit here today with majority of the votes cast against imposition of traffic controls in their neighborhood and now they have been told that the devices are temporary and can be removed at any time and his question to the Council is why would they place these devices and spend that money on a neighborhood that does not want them. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Green, Knox and Edwards absent.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Reed.

Mayor Turner stated that issue had been in place since 2011 and Council Member Ed Gonzalez supported it and it is moving in process according to Public Works and they have followed every step and for the past week he had been looking at it

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 Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Green, Knox and Edwards 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 Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Green, Knox and Edwards absent.

Ms. Dee Dee Waters, 9898 Bissonett, 77036, (713)927-6946 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Green, Knox and Edwards absent.

Ms. Marion Wright, 709 Bayland Ave., 77009, (713)899-7439 appeared and stated that she is requesting for them to stop the Traffic Device Program in Woodland Heights that is costing $102,000 and test 17 speed cushions in the Woodland Heights and 52% of their neighbors responded to the last survey and they do not support this plan. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Green, Knox and Edwards absent.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Wright.

Mr. Maury Hecht, 1002 Bayland Ave., 77009, (713)724-3719 appeared and stated that he is also resident of the Woodland Heights and here to discuss the NTMP for the Heights and his main point is the proximity of the neighborhood to the intersection of I10 and I45 and he is against it. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Green, Knox and Edwards absent.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Hecht.

Ms. Simone Adams, 1002 Bayland Ave., 77009, (281)841-2787 appeared and stated that the Traffic Committee in Woodland Heights started off with a handful of people who organized themselves and had meetings with Public Works and a plan before many of them even caught wind to the fact that there was a plan for traffic devices for their neighborhood, this started in 2011 and people did not hear about until 2 years ago and when they found out the group grew to be over 50 and the City proposed another plan and also was not received well. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Green, Knox and Edwards absent.

Ms. Shere Dore, 2601 Woodland Park Dr., 77077, (281)779-5996 appeared and stated she was holding these papers that she has that are with homeless individuals who are opposing this Ordinance and no one wanted to hear what the house had to say and none of City Council had been out to the different spots where the homeless reside now and she wanted on record from the Mayor what are they going to do after the 30 days if there is no housing. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Green, Knox and Edwards absent.

Mayor Turner stated that they are going to continue to work with them between now and just say that if the ordinance passes tomorrow it does not become effected until 30 days thereafter but as even now they are going out there to talk to individuals on a case by case bases and try to assess what their needs are and to provide them with the goal in the next 6 months to place at least 500 in permanent supportive housing because that is a major step.

Ms. Dore was questioned by Council Member Kubosh.

Ms. Emily Payton, 9747 Club Creek Cr., 77071, (832)443-8572 appeared and stated that passing this Ordinance before providing housing and putting people back in the dirt is inhuman and passing this will basically make it illegal to be homeless and alive here and this City treats animals better than its people and she is here to say to vote no until you can find a place to where their people can go. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Laster, Green, Knox and Edwards absent. **NO QUORUM**

Ms. Earline Luellen, 5802 Thrush Dr., 77033, (713)305-3811 appeared and stated on July 9th Albert Brazil was killed by HPD Officers with his hands in the air screaming do not shoot and he was shot 14 times and still no justice has been served and on July 11th Mayor Turner stated that this case should be tried in Federal Court but no attempt to follow through with his statement and he also stated that Albert Brazil pointed a gun at the Police Officers but failed to produce that video and this had been 9 months and he also lied about Ms. Brazil did not wanting the

video to be released which she did and they are tried of the criminalization on the Black people and the homeless and they demand accountability from the City Council. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Laster, Green, Knox and Edwards absent. **NO QUORUM**

After the bell rang Ms. Luellen started to yell to read the rest of her statement.

Mayor Turner stated that he wanted to be very clear and he will not allow or tolerate rudeness and yelling in the Chamber and requested the Police Officers to escort her out.

President Joseph Charles, Post Office Box 524373, 77052-4373, Houston, TX, had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Laster, Green, Knox and Edwards 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 5:58 p.m. The City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 12, 2017, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Laster, Green, Knox and Edwards 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, April12, 2017 Mayor Sylvester Turner presiding, with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jerry Davis, Ellen Cohen, Dwight Boykins, Dave Martin, Steve Le, Greg Travis, Mike Laster, Karla Cisneros, Robert Gallegos, Larry Green, Mike Knox, David Robinson, Michael Kubosh, Amanda Edwards and Jack Christie D.C.; Mr. Ronald Lewis, City Attorney, Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director, Stella Ortega Agenda Office present.

At 9:06 a.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting to order and stated that they would move to the Public Hearing. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Le, Laster and Robinson absent.

1. **PUBLIC HEARING** to provide a Resolution of No Objection to the 4% tax credit application of **HOUSTON LEASED HOUSING ASSOCIATES V, LLLP** for an affordable housing community located at 9393 Tidwell Rd. - **DISTRICT B – DAVIS**- was presented,

   Ryan Bibbs, 601 Sawyer, 4th Floor, (832)394-6128 appeared and stated that he works for the Housing and Community Development and they are requesting a resolution of No Objection to the 4% tax credit application of HOUSTON LEASED HOUSING ASSOCIATES V, LLLP for an affordable housing community located at 9393 Tidwell Rd, the resolution of no objection will be submitted by the developer with an application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs requesting an award for the 4% tax credit for acquisition and development of the Lakecrest Village property and this resolution will require no funding from the City of Houston and the property is located at 9393 Tidwell and will have 224 units.

   Council Member Boykins questioned Mr. Bibbs.

   Mr. William Boulay, 2905 Northwest Blvd, No.150, Plymouth, MN, 55441, (763)452-3174 appeared and stated that he works with the Developer of this project and Mr. Bibbs already

covered most of it and that they are large affordable housing developers and they are active in many sites including Houston where they have 4 different properties and no City funding is required, but a resolution is required to complete the tax credit application and later this summer they will be closing and acquiring the property and getting a $10 million dollar rehabilitation that would invest in the tenant amenities, the site amenities and the site overall and they would own and manage this property for 15 to 20 years as a minimum.

Mayor Turner asked if there was anyone else that would like to speak on Item 1 and hearing none, requesting a motion to close the public hearing.

Council Member Cohen moved to close the Public Hearing to provide a resolution of no objection to the 4% tax credit application of HOUSTON LEASED HOUSING ASSOCIATES V, LLLP for an affordable housing community located at 9393 Tidwell Rd. and seconded by Council member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Cisneros absent. **MOTION 2017-0186 ADOPTED**

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Turner stated that the only Item that he wants to speak about is pension, back in 2015 between September and December 12, 2015 there were a lot of Television commercials running during that time and those television commercials were saying local control as it relates to pensions and the ads after ads were saying to the people in City of Houston to contact Austin and to tell them to recognize and allow Houston locally to address the pension issue, $100,000 of dollars were spent on that and the reason he is bring it up this morning because the Pension Reforms that they have in Austin were locally crafted and whether they agreed or disagreed but they discussed it around this horseshoe and they voted 16 to 1 and the deal in Austin pretty much tracks the term sheets that were presented to the employee groups and even through, by the Police, the Municipal Workers and even Fire voted on the term sheet and to put a note on the Fire, they voted 7 to 2 and they never retracted their vote and since the local pension reform was present what the next process was for the pension plan in Austin to be approved.

Members of Council questioned Mayor Turner.

Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Gallegos for point of personally privilege, Council Member Gallegos stated he wanted to take this time to recognized some High School Students from District I, the Houston CAN Academy and he hoped that they were enjoying the discussion that was taking place.

At 9:59 a.m. Mayor Turner requested that the City Secretary to call the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 2 through 18

ACCEPT WORK - NUMBERS 2 through 4

2. **RECOMMENDATION** from Interim Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of $2,520,607.39 and acceptance of work on contract with **TIKON GROUP, INC** for Safe Sidewalk Program - 13.06% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICTS D - BOYKINS and E – MARTIN**- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0187 ADOPTED**

3. **RECOMMENDATION** from Interim Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of $977,260.85 and acceptance of work on contract with **NERIE CONSTRUCTION** for Wastewater Collection System Rehabilitation and Renewal (WW4235-64) 0.40% over the original contract amount - **DISTRICTS D - BOYKINS; F - LE; G - TRAVIS; H - CISNEROS and I – GALLEGOS-** was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0188 ADOPTED**

4. **RECOMMENDATION** from Interim Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract of $3,793,402.86 and acceptance of work on contract with **PM CONSTRUCTION & REHAB, LLC**, for Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation by Sliplining and Pipe Bursting Methods (WW4257-135) - 3.74% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICTS A - STARDIG; B - DAVIS; C - COHEN; D - BOYKINS; E - MARTIN and K – GREEN-** was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0189 ADOPTED**

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS - NUMBERS 5 through 7

5. **ORDINANCE** appropriating $65,000.00 out of Contributed Capital Project Fund for Purchase of a Response Command Vehicles Replacement Parts for the Houston Fire Department- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0253 ADOPTED**

6. **KNAPP CHEVROLET, INC** - $642,180.00 and **CHASTANG'S ENTERPRISE d/b/a CHASTANG FORD** - $65,000.00 for Twenty-two Ambulance Cabs & Chassis, and a Response Vehicle through the Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Purchasing with Houston-Galveston Area Council for the Houston Fire Department
This item should only be considered after passage of Item 5 above- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0190 ADOPTED**

7. **RFD & ASSOCIATES, INC** for the Services of a Software Developer Analyst through the Texas Department of Information Resources for the Department of Public Works & Engineering $188,485.00 - Project Cost Recovery Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0191 ADOPTED**

ORDINANCES - NUMBERS 9 through 18

9. **ORDINANCE** finding and determining that public convenience and necessity no longer require the continued use of a 10-foot-wide water line easement and two 12-foot-wide fire hydrant easements, all located in the Tanglewood Apartments Addition, John D. Taylor Survey, A-72, Houston, Texas; abandoning the easements to SIC Ripple Creek, LLC, the abutting owner, in consideration of its payment to the City of $135,027.00, and other consideration - **DISTRICT G – TRAVIS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0254 ADOPTED**

14. **ORDINANCE** appropriating $750,000.00 out of Metro Projects Construction DDSRF as an additional appropriation; approving and authorizing first amendment to Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **JACOBS ENGINEERING GROUP, INC** for Negotiated Work Orders for Pre-Engineering for Street and Traffic (Thoroughfares) Improvements (Approved by Ordinance No. 2014-352)- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0255 ADOPTED**

15. **ORDINANCE** No. 2017-239, passed first reading April 5, 2017
ORDINANCE granting to **BOZE ENTERPRISES II, LLC dba OAKMONT MAINTENANCE & RENTAL**, **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. **PASSED SECOND READING IN FULL**

16. **ORDINANCE** No. 2017-240, passed first reading April 5, 2017
ORDINANCE granting to **M.A. REYES TRUCKING, a Texas Sole Proprietorship**, 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. **PASSED SECOND READING IN FULL**

17. **ORDINANCE** No. 2017-241, passed first reading April 5, 2017
ORDINANCE granting to **PUPO 66, LLC dba INSTANT SOLUTIONS, 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. **PASSED SECOND READING IN FULL**

18. **ORDINANCE** No. 2017-242, passed first reading April 5, 2017
ORDINANCE granting to **WELLKEPT PROPERTY SERVICES, LLC, a Delaware 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 - **SECOND READING-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **PASSED SECOND READING IN FULL**

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

8. **ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 40 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS,** relating to impeding the use of a roadway, blocking a sidewalk, and blocking the entrance or exit to a building; declaring certain conduct to be unlawful; containing findings and other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; providing for severability- was presented,

   Council Member Knox presented the following written motion to amend Item 8:

   Revise Sec. 40-27 (f)

   (f) It is a defense to persecution to prosecution under subsection (b) that the person impeding the roadway is authorized to do so under an authorization under an authorization issued by the City as required by Texas Transportation Code Section 552.0071 (a). ~~is an employee or agent of the city engaged in the solicitation of funds on behalf of a nonprofit corporation, group, or organization pursuant to a class A certificate issued under chapter 36, article V of this Code.~~

   After discussion, a vote was called on the amendment, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0192 ADOPTED**

   A vote was called on the Ordinance as amended, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Le and Green absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0256 ADOPTED**

10. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing first amendment to contract between the City of Houston and **MONTROSE COUNSELING CENTER, INC**, **dba THE MONTROSE CENTER**, providing up to $1,193,982.00 in Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Funds for the continuing administration and operation of an Emergency Rental Assistance Program, including Supportive Services, for low income persons living with HIV/AIDS - **DISTRICT C – COHEN**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0257 ADOPTED**

11. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing first amendment to contract between the City of Houston and **ACCESS CARE of COASTAL TEXAS, INC**, providing up to $440,015.00 in Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Funds for the continuing administration and operation of an Emergency Rental Assistance Program, including Supportive Services, for low income persons living with HIV/AIDS- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0258 ADOPTED**

12. **ORDINANCE** consenting to the creation of the **HARRIS COUNTY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 23** and the inclusion of certain lands within the district; consenting to the addition of 12.5268 acres of land for inclusion within the district- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0259 ADOPTED**

13. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Professional Services Contract between the City of Houston and **THE METHODIST HOSPITAL d/b/a HOUSTON METHODIST** for Human Cadaver Based Simulation Training for the Houston Fire Department; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options - $195,000.00 - General Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0260 ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner called on Council Member Cohen for a procedural motion; Council Member Cohen moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of taking Item 26 out of order at this time and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0193 ADOPTED**

Council Member Cohen made a motion that the Ordinance she presented be substituted for Item 26 and stated this substitute will take place of the Ordinance on file with the City Secretary, the correct version includes minor changes and ADA compliance and this ordinance was previous uploaded to Novus and she believe that they already had seen it but she has copies for anyone that had not seen it and seconded by Council Member Stardig, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0194 ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner stated that this is a part of the discussion; this is a technical adjustment because of a filing error.

MATTERS HELD - NUMBERS 19 through 40

19. **MOTION** by Council Member Stardig to amend Item 26 below to amend Section 21-61 of the Code of Ordinances to add the following:
(d) any item that cannot be easily transported by an individual alone
DELAYED BY MOTION #2017-171, 3/29/17- was presented and Council Member Stardig withdrew Item 19.

20. **MOTION** by Council Member Stardig to amend Item 26 below to add the following to Section 21-61 of the Code of Ordinances:
Police Officer means an officer of the Houston Police Department, or a peace officer as ascribed in section 1701.001 (4) of the Texas Occupations Code.
DELAYED BY MOTION #2017-171, 3/29/17 – was presented and Council Member Stardig withdrew Item 20.

21. **MOTION** by Council Member Gallegos to amend Item 26 below to add the following to definitions in Section 21-61 of the Code of Ordinances:
Doorway means an opening into a building designed for persons to walk through that normally contains a door and which may or may not abut a stoop, porch, canopy, vestibule. or stairway

Encampment means any one or more of the following:

(a) The unpermitted use of fabric, metal, cardboard, or other materials as a

tent or other temporary structure for *living accommodation purposes or for* human habitation; or

(b) The unpermitted use of a heating device; or

(c) The unpermitted accumulation of personal property that would not fit in a container three feet high, three feet wide, and three feet deep.

Public place means an outdoor area owned, managed, or controlled by the city to which the public has access, including public rights-of-way, parks, streets, sidewalks, *hike and bike trails. transit facilities.* underpasses, and parking lots.

DELAYED BY MOTION #2017-171, 3/29/17 – was presented, Council Member Gallegos withdrew Item 21.

22. **MOTION** by Council Member Gallegos to amend Item 26 below to add the following to Section 21-62 of the Code of Ordinances:

(a) Encampment in a public place, or doorway of a residential or commercial building in the city is unlawful

DELAYED BY MOTION #2017-171, 3/29/17 – was presented and Council Member Gallegos withdrew Item 22.

23. **MOTION** by Council Member Laster to amend Item 26 below to amend Article III, Section 21-61 of the Code of Ordinances:

ARTICLE III. ENCAMPMENTS

Sec. 21-61. Definitions.

As used in this article, the following words and terms shall have the meanings ascribed in this section, unless the context of their usage clearly indicates another meaning:

Encampment means the use of fabric, metal, cardboard, or other materials as (i) a tent or other temporary structure for human habitation: or (ii) as a device, mechanism, or foundation upon which a human may lie, recline, sit, knee, or stand

DELAYED BY MOTION #2017-171, 3/29/17 – was presented and Council Member Laster withdrew Item 23.

24. **MOTION** by Council Member Laster to amend Item 26 below to amend Article III, Section 21-61 of the Code of Ordinances:

Encampment means any one or more of the following:

(a) The unpermitted use of fabric, metal, cardboard, or other materials as; (i) a tent or other temporary structure for human habitation; or (ii) as a device, mechanism, or foundation upon which a human may lie, recline, sit, kneel, or stand;

(b) The unpermitted use of a *heating device;* or,

(c) The unpermitted accumulation of personal property that would not fit in a container three feet high, three feet wide, and three feet deep

DELAYED BY MOTION #2017-171, 3/29/17 – was presented and Council Member Laster withdrew Item 24.

25. MOTION by Council Member Knox to amend Item 26 below to insert the following under Section 21-62 of the Code of Ordinances and create Subsection (c):

Houston Police Department Calls for Service Citywide Panhandling Incidents

2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017 (Jan - Feb)
433	546	488	783	1,548	0

(c) All for-profit commercial activities under overpasses, excluding vehicular parking, not authorized and permitted by the City of Houston as of March 29, 2017 shall be prohibited. Enforcement of this section shall be applied under Section 21-63

DELAYED BY MOTION #2017-171, 3/29/17 – was presented and Council Member Knox withdrew Item 25.

26. ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 21 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS, relating to encampments in public places; declaring certain conduct to be unlawful and providing penalties therefor; containing findings and other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; providing for severability

This item should only be considered after passage of Items 19-25 above
DELAYED BY MOTION #2017-171, 3/29/17
This was Item 6 on Agenda of March 29, 2017- was presented, after a lengthy discussion, a vote was called on the Ordinance as substituted by Motion 2017-0194, Council Member Laster voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Martin absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0261 ADOPTED**

Council Member Stardig moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of withdrawing Items 27 to 38 and referring item 39 back to the Administration and seconded by Council Member Green, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **MOTION 2017-0195 ADOPTED**

27. MOTION by Council Member Stardig to amend Item 39 below to amend Section 28-46 of the Code of Ordinances to add the following:

Sec. 28-46. Aggressive panhandling; impeding the use of a roadway or sidewalk

DELAYED BY MOTION #2017-172, 3/29/17 – was presented and withdrawn by **MOTION 2017-0195**

28. MOTION by Council Member Stardig to amend Item 39 below to amend Section 28-46 of the Code of Ordinances to add the following:

Police Officer means an officer of the Houston Police Department, or a peace officer as ascribed in section 1701.001 (4) of the Texas Occupations Code.

DELAYED BY MOTION #2017-172, 3/29/17 – was presented and withdrawn by **MOTION 2017-0195**

29. MOTION by Council Member Stardig to amend Item 39 below to amend Section 28-46 (a) of the Code of Ordinances to add the following:

Sidewalk means that portion of a public street which is between the curb lines, or the lateral lines of a roadway, and the adjacent property lines and is improved and designed for, or is ordinarily used for, pedestrian travel

DELAYED BY MOTION #2017-172, 3/29/17 – was presented and withdrawn by **MOTION 2017-0195**

30. **MOTION** by Council Member Stardig to amend Item 39 below to amend Section 28-46 (a) of the Code of Ordinances to add the following:

    Impede means to render use of a roadway or sidewalk unreasonably difficult or dangerous.

    DELAYED BY MOTION #2017-172, 3/29/17 – was presented and withdrawn by **MOTION 2017-0195**

31. **MOTION** by Council Member Stardig to amend Item 39 below to amend Section 28-46 of the Code of Ordinances to add the following:

    (f) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, it shall be unlawful for a person to impede the use of a roadway or sidewalk. No police officer shall issue a citation, make an arrest or otherwise enforce a violation of impeding a roadway or sidewalk against any person unless the officer first request or orders the person to refrain from the alleged prohibited conduct and the person fails to comply

    DELAYED BY MOTION #2017-172, 3/29/17 – was presented and withdrawn by **MOTION 2017-0195**

32. **MOTION** by Council Member Gallegos to amend Item 39 below to add the following to Section 28-46 of the Code of Ordinances:

    Sec. 28-46. Aggressive panhandling; impeding the use of a roadway sidewalk

    DELAYED BY MOTION #2017-172, 3/29/17 – and withdrawn by Motion 2017-0195.

33. **MOTION** by Council Member Gallegos to amend Item 39 below to add the following to definitions in Section 28-46 of the Code of Ordinances:

    Doorway means an opening into a building designed for persons to walk through that normally contains a door and which may or may not abut a stoop, porch. canopy, vestibule. or stairway.

    Impede means to render the use of a roadway, or sidewalk unreasonably difficult or dangerous.

    Sidewalk means that portion of the public street which is between the curblines. or the lateral lines of a roadway, and the adjacent property lines and is improved and designed for or is ordinarily used for pedestrian travel.

    DELAYED BY MOTION #2017-172, 3/29/17 – was presented and withdrawn by **MOTION 2017-0195**

34. **MOTION** by Council Member Gallegos to amend Item 39 below to add the following to Section 28-46 (d) and (e) of the Code of Ordinances:

(d) Regardless of whether any request is made by the solicitee to the solicitor, no solicitor shall engage in solicitation within a distance of eight feet from any ATM, pay telephone, parking meter, parking fee collection box, transit facility, fuel dispensing device, or outdoor dining establishment, including, but not limited to, a sidewalk cafe. or a doorway of a residential or commercial building

(e) For the purposes of subsection (d) of this section, distance shall be measured from any extension of the solicitor's body, including without limitation any sign or other object being used or carried by the solicitor, to any part of the physical structure of the ATM, pay telephone, parking meter, parking fee collection box, transit facility, fuel dispensing device, or outdoor dining establishment, including but not limited to, a sidewalk cafe. or a doorway of a residential or commercial building

DELAYED BY MOTION #2017-172, 3/29/17 – was presented and withdrawn by **MOTION 2017-0195**

35. **MOTION** by Council Member Gallegos to amend Item 39 below to add the following to Section 28-46 (f) and (g) of the Code of Ordinances:

(f) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, it shall be unlawful for a person to impede the use of a roadway, or sidewalk. No police officer shall issue a citation, make an arrest or otherwise enforce a violation of impeding a roadway, or sidewalk against any person unless the officer first requests or orders the person to refrain from the alleged prohibited conduct and the person fails to comply.

(g) It is a defense to prosecution under this section that the person impeding the roadway, or sidewalk is an employee or agent of the city engaged in the solicitation of funds on behalf of a nonprofit corporation, group, or organization pursuant to a class A certificate issued under Chapter 36, Article V.

DELAYED BY MOTION #2017-172, 3/29/17 – was presented and withdrawn by **MOTION 2017-0195**

36. **MOTION** by Council Member Knox to amend Item 39 below to add the following to Section 28-46 (d) and (e) of the Code of Ordinances:

(d) Regardless of whether any request is made by the solicitee to the solicitor, no solicitor shall engage in solicitation within a distance of eight feet from any ATM, pay telephone, parking meter, parking fee collection box, transit facility, fuel dispensing device, a *standing vehicle in a moving inside lane of traffic,* or outdoor dining establishment, including, but not limited to, a sidewalk café

(e) For the purposes of subsection (d) of this section, distance shall be measured from any extension of the solicitor's body, including without limitation any sign or other object being used or carried by the solicitor, to any part of the physical structure of the ATM, pay telephone, parking meter, parking fee collection box, transit facility, fuel dispensing device, *a standing vehicle in a moving inside lane of traffic.* or outdoor dining establishment, including but not limited to, a sidewalk cafe

DELAYED BY MOTION #2017-172, 3/29/17 – was presented and withdrawn by **MOTION 2017-0195**

37. **MOTION** by Council Member Knox to amend Item 39 below to delete Section 28-46 (g) of the Code of Ordinances and re-letter any and all subsequent subsections

DELAYED BY MOTION #2017-172, 3/29/17 – was presented and withdrawn by **MOTION 2017-0195**

38. **MOTION** by Council Member Knox to amend Item 39 below to repeal the City of Houston Class A permit under Section 26-72 of the City of Houston Code of Ordinances and all its rights and privileges pertaining to permitting the solicitation of funds that includes among its means and methods the solicitation of vehicles on public streets.
DELAYED BY MOTION #2017-172, 3/29/17 – was presented and withdrawn by **MOTION 2017-0195**

39. **ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 28-46 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF HOUSTON**, relating to aggressive panhandling and impeding the use of a roadway; declaring certain conduct to be unlawful; containing findings and other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; providing for severability
This item should only be considered after passage of Items 27-38 above
DELAYED BY MOTION #2017-172, 3/29/17
This was Item 7 on Agenda of March 29, 2017- was presented and referred back to the Administration by **MOTION 2017-0195**

40. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Purchase and Sale Agreement between the City of Houston, Texas, Seller, and **SCRAP TRADING INTERNATIONAL**, **Purchaser**, for the sale of 5.033 acres of land located at 800 Dorsett Street, being a part of the John Brown Survey, Abstract Number 8, Houston, Harris County, Texas, for $865,000.00; approving and authorizing a Special Warranty Deed - **DISTRICT H - CISNEROS** - **TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER KUBOSH**
This was Item 7 on Agenda of April 5, 2017- was presented,

After a lengthy discussion, Council Member Kubosh moved to refer Item 40 back to the Administration and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0196 ADOPTED**

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

Members of Council announced events and discussed matters of interest.

There being no further business before Council; the City Council adjourned at 11:10 p.m. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Green, Knox and Kubosh absent. **DETAILED INFORMATION ON FILE ON THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY**

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

Anna Russell, City Secretary