

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, April 25, 2017

A regular meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 25, 2017; Mayor Sylvester Turner presiding, with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jerry Davis, Ellen Cohen, Dwight Boykins, Dave Martin, Steve Le, Greg Travis, Robert Gallegos, Mike Laster, Larry Green, Mike Knox, David Robinson, Michael Kubosh, Amanda Edwards and Jack Christie D.C.; and Randy Zamora, Legal Department; Marta Crinejo Agenda Director and Stella Ortega Agenda Office present. Council Member Karla Cisneros out of the City on City business.

At 1:39 p.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting to order and stated that Council would start with presentations. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Le, Gallegos, Laster and Edwards absent.

Mayor Turner stated that the Houston Metropolitan Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. was founded on October 26, 1974, in Houston and the chapter organizers began a journey of service and sisterhood that would benefit the citizens of the community, these agents of change have made significant contributions to Houston through its numerous philanthropic efforts, senior citizen support, neighborhood beautification and scholarship initiatives and during the past 43 years, the Houston Metropolitan Alumnae Chapter has established and maintained a demonstrated record of service that has resulted in the betterment of the community, the chapter has remained committed to its members and the ideals on which Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. was founded and this year, the chapter will celebrate 43 years of service, it continues to foster the spirit of sharing and caring, sisterhood and preparing the next generation of dedicated Delta women and on April 25, 2017, the Houston Metropolitan Alumnae Chapter will join several other Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. greater Houston chapters in celebrating their invaluable contributions to the community and the City of Houston commends the Houston Metropolitan Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. on its commitment to service through the principles, morals and integrity on which the sorority was founded and therefore, I, Sylvester Turner, Mayor of the City of Houston, hereby proclaim April 25, 2017, as Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Houston Metropolitan Alumnae Chapter Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Stardig and Le absent.

Council Member Boykins stated that KBR is proud of its long history in Houston and its many contributions to the city including philanthropic and community support and today, Houston remains its global headquarters and more than 3,000 KBR employees live and work in the Houston area and as a global corporate citizen, KBR believes it has a responsibility to the people and the communities in which it operates, it is committed to Zero Harm when it comes to Health, Safety, Security & Environment and these are core values for all of its employees and a key element in its Code of Business Conduct. KBR has reinforced its commitment to Zero Harm throughout the community through its philanthropic initiatives, to further enhance its long-time support for the Houston Fire Department (HFD), in 2016 KBR made a \$100,000 donation towards the purchase of new and innovative safety equipment for firefighters and this new equipment will assist them in deploying an aggressive fire attack, while allowing firefighters to remove themselves from harm's way and this year, KBR donated \$75,000 towards HFD's community outreach in an effort to support Houston firefighters and reduce fire related deaths, KBR's commitment to spread their ZERO HARM initiative to Houston firefighters and the citizens they serve, is a tribute to their corporate-social responsibility and on April 25, 2017, KBR will be recognized for its countless contributions to HFD and Houston and the City of Houston commends and appreciates KBR for its decades of service to our city and its residents, continuously impacting the lives of many through its philanthropic and economic endeavors and

therefore, Mayor Turner hereby proclaimed April 25, 2017, as KBR Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Stardig and Davis absent.

Council Member Kubosh stated that Jazz appreciation relies upon educators, societies, libraries, museums and musicians from across the country to promote and teach this unique cultural expression which has transformed America and inspired the world, as disc jockeys, radio station owners, show hosts, voice talents, music producers, promoters and managers, these Houston-based legends have celebrated and supported the indigenous music of jazz, which is the heart and soul of all popular music and Michael Harris has been a part of Houston radio since 1972, joining the KCOH radio team in 1974 and as the host of KCOH's "Person To Person" for more than 20 years, he has earned respect and popularity across the United States and he has served as the station's news director and hosted the popular "Gospel Melody Time." Don Patrick Samuel, Sr., began his professional career at KYOK Radio and continued at KCOH Radio as production director and announcer and his loyalty in demonstrating excellence in broadcasting has earned him numerous awards, including the prestigious Creole Heritage Zydeco Legend Award and the Houston Press Magazine award as the "Best Radio DJ" in Houston. Ralph Cooper, a fixture in Houston's sports and radio scene for nearly four decades has interviewed dozens of sports legends, including Jesse Owens, Joe Louis and Satchel Paige and Wash Allen started his radio career at 14 and had many years of successful broadcasting as an on-air personality, in the 70s, he was known as one of the top three broadcasters in the U.S. and was awarded Billboard's Annual Radio Programming Forum Award and Reverend Darrell Martin began Martin Broadcasting to bring Gospel to the airways and KWWJ is the first and flagship station of the Martin Broadcasting network and Legendary radio veteran, community advocate, producer, promoter, manager and businessman, the late Skipper Lee Frazier was involved with radio in Houston serving in various capacities, from disc jockey to owner and he produced the 1968 gold number one hit, "Tighten Up," for Archie Bell and the Drells, and he also managed the TSU Tornadoes, he was inducted into the Texas Radio Hall of Fame in 2004 and during Jazz Appreciation Month, on April 25, 2017, these jazz legends will be honored for their musical contributions and the City of Houston commends them for their extraordinary contributions to preserving the heritage and history of jazz and therefore Mayor Turner hereby proclaimed April 2017 as Jazz Appreciation Month in Houston, Texas. Council Member Stardig absent.

Council Member Travis stated that Multiple sclerosis (MS) is a chronic, unpredictable disease of the central nervous system that affects millions of lives, its progress, severity and specific symptoms are unpredictable, but advances in research and treatment are giving new hope every day to those affected and founded in 1946, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society is dedicated to ending the devastating effects of this disease and for cyclists and all those seeking a personal challenge and a world free of MS, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society organizes extraordinary rides around the nation for fundraising and the BP MS 150 is a two-day, 180-mile cycling ride organized by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society: Lone Star Chapter each spring. The BP MS 150 is the largest event of its kind in North America, and last year's event raised more than \$20 million for MS and featured over 13,000 cyclists, creating a 60 mile long pace line on the roads leading towards Austin and the 33rd annual BP MS 150 fundraising ride will take place April 29-30, 2017, marking the City of Houston BP MS 150 Cycling Team's fifth year of participation and the funds raised through this event fuel medical research and help local people through essential direct services that empower and increase independence and this year's City of Houston BP MS 150 Cycling Team consists of 75 riders from several city departments and offices of City Council. The City of Houston commends the team members for their commitment and extends best wishes for many more miles of safe riding on the road to the ultimate goal — a world free of multiple sclerosis and therefore, Mayor Turner hereby

proclaimed April 25, 2017, as City of Houston BP MS 150 Cycling Team Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Stardig and Boykins absent.

At 2:34 p.m. Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Robinson (on behalf of Council Member Cisneros) for the invocation and the Pledge and he invited Father Tim Gray to offer the invocation and Council Member Robinson led the Pledge of Allegiance. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Travis and Knox absent.

At 2:37p.m. the Roll was called. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Travis and Knox absent. Council Member Karla Cisneros out of the City on City business.

Council Member Kubosh 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 Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Travis, Robinson and Knox absent. **MOTION ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Green for a point of personal privilege; Council Member Green stated that they are being joined by the Houston Black Real Estate Association, the Local Chapter of the Real Estate Brokers and requested them to please stand to be recognized.

Mayor Turner stated that he wanted to say as they move forward this is the Public Session and advised the Rules of the Public Session.

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. Kathy Blueford-Daniel's, Ms. Sandra Small, Ms. Debbie Small and Joe Ballard out of order and seconded by Council Member Green, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Travis, Robinson and Knox absent. **MOTION 2017-0213 ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Green for a procedural motion, Council Member Green moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of adding Mr. Kevin Woo and Ms. Sunny Ni Tu to the list of speakers and seconded by Council Member Cohen, all voting aye, nays. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Travis and Robinson absent. **MOTION 2017-0214 ADOPTED**

At 2:41 p.m. Mayor Turner requested the City Secretary to call the List of Speakers.

Ms. Kathryn McNiel, 4711 Yoakum St., 77006, (832)651-0044 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Travis and Robinson absent.

Mr. Guy Hagstette, no address, no phone, had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Travis and Robinson absent.

Mr. Charles White, 8607 Martin Luther King Blvd., 77033, (713)292-3436 appeared and stated that he had to stop by today to offer a suggestion as an option for what is happening at the Sunnyside Multi-Purpose Center and his activism started back in 1974 and he had seen these types of issues go down 2 ways, that the City and the citizen are fighting each other or people in the community are fighting each other or even both and as an option, he would like to put together a focus meeting of about 150 to 250 people across the section that lives in the area and to see what might a consensus whether the Multi-Purpose stays or whether it goes and he

just wanted to suggested that and he also wanted to have Andy Icken in the meeting too. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Travis, Laster, Knox and Robinson absent.

Mayor Turner stated that he will take it under advisement and he can assure him the community and the Administration would not be fighting each other and they want to give the people what they want but he also wants them to bear in mind, if they ask for something and they get it, that they remember what they asked for 2 years down the road if things do not end up like they anticipated.

Ms. Selisa Sirls, 13204 Lexington Farm Dr., Appleretta, GA, 30004, (832)335-1380 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Travis, Laster, Knox and Robinson absent.

Ms. Rosie McCutcheon, 7321 Alba St., 77088, (832)904-1477 appeared and stated that she is a Mother of 5 and a Caregiver for 4 other children and over 14 years ago she made an mistake of being convicted for a crime and she knew serving time would be difficult for her family but she did not realize the Judge had also sentenced her to a lifetime of being under employed, poverty, lower wages and housing issues, they all need to work not only to sustain their family but also to sustain dignity to get a 2nd chance and to move ahead and 2nd chance also means of starting over, they need employment policymakers to step up to join them and to raise wages to offer basic benefits for mom's like her need, they all need to come together to make Houston a City where everyone cares for everyone. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Travis, Laster, Knox and Robinson absent.

Ms. Mitzi Ordonez, 29000 S. Gessner Rd., 77063, (713)927-5908 appeared and stated that she is Community Organizer with the Texas Organizing Project and she lives with her family in District F, they have reviewed the Financial Policies and it lacks and their allies believe that Developers a multimillion dollar tax rate should pay family living wages, hire locally and hire 2nd chances and good and affordable housing and they need these chances so that workers do not have to rely on governmental programs, so they can tackle the unemployment African American community, so that Hispanic families can make more money and so they can afford better education for their children, it is not just for workers, it is for everyone and they need them to stand up for their families. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Laster, Knox and Robinson absent.

Council Member Le questioned Ms. Ordinez.

Mr. Elias Sanchez, 3918 74th St., 77002, (832)618-3472 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Laster, Knox and Robinson absent.

Ms. Kathy Blueford-Daniels, P.O. Box 1624, 77251, (713)594-5643 appeared and stated that she was coming on behalf of the family and as a Community Leader, they are concerned about the traffic coming and going North of 610 on Homestead, in the 6600 block March 31st, their family member, father and friend was killed, he was run over and dragged for almost 2 blocks, the traffic coming over that bridge right after 610 going North on Homestead needs consideration for a light as well as a caution light, it was a hit and run, they have not found out who did it and they are asking humbling to consider to do a traffic study, so they can have a caution light coming off of that bridge and a stop light on Homestead and Bennington, it is 2 blocks away from an Elementary School and please consider doing a survey and looking at putting a light and caution sign there. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Travis, Laster and Knox absent.

Mayor Turner requested that Gary Norman speak with Ms. Blueford-Daniels to take a look at that and they would work with Council Member Davis, the District Council Member.

Council Member Davis stated that there is a study that is supposedly been conducted for this and he hates that this incident happened but hopefully they will get Public Works to take another look at that.

Ms. Sandra Small, 3926 Sayers St., 77026, (832)574-2838 appeared and stated that her son John Small's was killed on the 31st and she presented his memorial picture to Members of Council, it took 3 days before they heard anything from the Officers about her son being killed, they did not call, they did not do anything, in consideration to people who lost someone, they stood there on that site and did an interview and the cars where coming off that bridge, someones child is going to get killed, there really needs to be a light there and if they go there, they would see, please take into consideration that someone else's child is going to get hurt and 3 days after her son was killed, there was a bad accident there. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Travis, Laster and Knox absent.

Mayor Turner thanked Ms. Small for coming and voicing her concern, they will be taking a look at it.

Ms. Debbie Small, 3331 Autumn Bridge Ln., 77084, (713)898-5053 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Travis, Laster and Knox absent.

Mr. Joseph Ballard, 6302 Rocky Nook Dr., Humble, TX, 77396, (281)850-6388 appeared and stated that he was also here to speak on behalf of his little brother, John Small, that Friday he got off work, he worked everyday, he went to eat with his girlfriend and the restaurant was crowed, he dropped his girlfriend off at the front and went down the street to the Valero to get himself a beer and he still had his uniform on and they can see because of the camera that he left out of there with his beer, walking across the street and from what the eyewitness told him, they can see him coming across the street and they slowed down and then a truck came from behind them, doing 70, 80 miles per hour and as soon as the truck went around the eyewitness, the truck hit John and drug him almost 2 blocks down the road, his girlfriend is still getting BBQ and she did not know that he got hit, she had to have someone to come pick her up and go back to see where John left and her GPS told her that it was still at the restaurant and when she came back she saw all the ambulances and stuff, she did not know it was him, and they had to find out 3 days later and after his mother called him he got on the phone to make sure that was John and when they found out it was John, they gave them the information about the investigator, he tried to call but no one would answer and when he did call they gave him excuses and how they dropped the ball, said that he was sorry, that was unacceptable, he was killed on Friday and they did not notify them, they had to find out themselves and as soon as he contacted Channel 11 and then all the calls started to come in and they interviewed with Crime Stoppers on a Thursday, this is unacceptable. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Travis and Knox absent.

Mayor Turner questioned Mr. Ballard about when the accident happened and he would check and he apologizes, certainly the family should have been notified sooner and he does not know where the ball dropped and there is no reason for not notifying the family much sooner and he would find out what happened and with the traffic flow on Homestead and Bennington and they would look into that.

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. Kathy Gunter out of order and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Travis and Knox absent. **MOTION 2017-0215 ADOPTED**

Ms. Kathy Gunter, no address, (832)882-9775 appeared and stated that Mr. Small was someone's son, someone's father and she gives her condolences to the family, Homestead is a corridor from 5th Ward to Humble and there is a lot more traffic out there and thought about calling about it last year, they have contacted Council Member Davis's Office about it the same issue, they have not had any updates from Public Works, they called in January, March and she had the service request number, they called again in April and they spoke to Mr. Weatherford and they were supposed to get updates and if they had any updates because they have Houston Food Service there, a new Valero, a Texaco and there is just a lot of traffic out there and were requesting an update on the getting a traffic signal. Council Members Stardig, Travis and Knox absent.

Members of Council and Mayor Turner questioned Ms. Gunter.

Mr. Kevin Wo, no address, no phone appeared and stated he wanted to introduced Ms. Ni Tu.

Ms. Sunny Ni Tu, no address, no phone, appeared and stated that she is an actress from Taiwan and she was told a couple days ago that she should speak at City Hall in English and this is her 2nd time speaking in English and she came here because she was invited by the Houston International Festival that is coming up and she was happy that she received a Proclamation from Mayor Turner and that he is a wonderful Mayor and there are a lot of ways to build up a great communication between Taiwan and Houston and also a great opportunity with the Film Festival to meet with many other top film makers from different countries and it is a great way to show experience with each other. Council Members Travis and Knox absent.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Ni Tu.

Mr. James Hoop, 10903 Brittan Leaf Ln., 77034, (281)630-9085 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Travis and Knox absent.

Mr. David Tidmore, no address, no phone, appeared and stated that they need to have accommodations with people with disabilities when they come to City Hall and the contracts that they consider on construction for streets and sidewalks, to make sure they have it ADA approved because some of the places that they do is that they fix it but they do it by the ADA compliance and he also wanted to find out who was in charge of the paper machines, the free machines in Houston for the newspapers because they are not maintained and what he can see is that there is no one to take care of these machines and it is more blight to the City and he has no problem to show it to them and he still has not heard from his office about a meeting, so that is still on the table, they can go to lunch so they do not have to have a meeting at his office. Council Members Davis, Le, Travis and Knox absent.

Mayor Turner stated that he appreciates the invite and for him being here.

Mr. Robert Campbell, 5022 Kelso, 77021, (713)737-5326 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Le, Travis and Knox absent.

Mr. Richard Gardner, 1100 Elder, 77004, no phone, appeared and stated that he seen Mayor Turner at his Church and he also heard that he addressed the Firemen and said that they have

to do something and he knows that the Mayor is a man of faith and a man of action and that is the kind of Mayor that they need, now the criminalization of homelessness, laws that criminalize the homeless are immoral and offend their basic human rights and these laws also affect homeless Veterans for them to put their lives in harm's way to protect the constitution that they violate and he is really speaking on the 1st, 4th and 8th Amendments and add to the fact that a homeless person would never, ever be intimidated or motivated to do any of this behavior that they want them to quit doing by a threat of warning, ticket and jail and some of them will relish the fact of being incarcerated because they can have a chance to food and it puts them on something a lot softer then on concrete and to get out of the weather, it is almost rewarding them and he does know about this stuff because he is homeless because the last 8 years of his life, he had dedicated to getting the homeless off the street to help them, getting them into rehabs and contacting their families and he can tell them this criminalization of homelessness will not work and the last thing he wanted to speak about in regards to the people that come out to feed them and his experiences with homelessness not one single time that he have gotten sick that he ate from these people. Council Members Davis, Le, Travis and Knox absent.

Mayor Turner stated that Mr. Gardner, is it better to have people in a home, than being on the street and he certainly does want his assistance in helping them in getting people off the streets because he does not want to see them on the street and that is the goal, it is not trying to criminalize anybody but to move them off the streets and into a home.

Ms. Twoner Abbington, 3650 Burkner Rd., Apt. 317, Pasadena, TX, 77504, (713)208-9079 appeared and stated that she been a City Employee for 12 years for PWE, she is a Utility Worker or a Team Leader they gave her that position in May of last year and she is bring forth today some 2 copies of 2 Memo's and photos, she has 3 things hostility, dishonesty and her job is on the line her back is up against the wall, she had been to HR, to the Security, she had spoken to Management and all she gets is a Level 2 violence in the workplace and before she spoke to them, she did not have this, after she spoke with HR on the 20th which was 2 weeks ago she received a Level 2, cussing, inviting her to fight her in a parking lot, telling her to kiss their butts and she had reported this over and over and no one is doing anything, she is defending herself and she needs help and this had gone too far and if they look at the record at 2300 Federal Road she is the only employee that has the most write ups. Council Members Davis, Travis, Laster and Knox absent.

Mayor Turner questioned Ms. Abbington and advised her to speak with Jane Cheeks that is over HR for the City as a whole and see if they can get to the bottom of this.

Mr. Sean Bellinger, 30018 Saw Oaks Dr., Magnolia, TX, 77355, (713)775-5090 appeared and stated that he is Lead Artist that is at Six Foot a full service games based in Houston with Offices in LA and Berlin and is also an educator having taught skills related to developing and producing video games to students in the High School and College Level, his employer is the only Video Game Company that is developing Triple A titled games, Triple A is a classification used for games with the highest development budget and levels of promotion, the development of Triple A games is often associated with high economic risks and gains, requiring high levels of sales to be profitable and it also requires large teams for development and his Employer employees 200 people in this industry, Call of Duty and Halo are examples of Triple A. Council Members Travis absent.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Bellinger.

Mr. Christopher McDonald, 3918 Atascocita Rd., Humble, TX, 77396, (708)860-14132 appeared and stated that he was not going to reiterate what he colleague had said and is also

with the Gamers of Houston as well and he is an IT Manager for a Mortgage Company and he is slowly moving into Game Development, he just wanted them to know that Gaming Industry is not just about video games, it about people finding a creative way for people to get into, something new that just came along was virtual reality and if they do not know what it is, it is a device that they wear and it give them a 3D overview that is around them and Houston can also be known for having the best besides Oil and Gas, we have tremendous Hospitals and some of the technology that is used for making and producing games can also be used for medicine to explain with 3D imagining, they can use a 3D imaging to view a heart, so he thinks this can be of benefit to Houston and he also wanted to thank them for his time. Mayor Turner, Council Members Le, Travis, and Kubosh absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Members of Council questioned Mr. McDonald.

Mr. Jess Shields, no address, no phone, had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Le, Travis, and Kubosh absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Ms. Monique Reed, 13606 Walters Rd, Apt.6C, 77014, (832)508-2514 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Le, Travis, and Kubosh absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Ms. Veronica Blancett, 8903 Pecan Place Dr., 77071, (713)204-6511 appeared and stated that she needs their help and she is going to be 67 years old on a fixed income and she has been in her residents for almost 20 years and she lives alone and lives off of her monthly income, her water bill has been \$20 to \$30 dollars a month because she is hardly ever there and her life became a nightmare when she received a one month water bill that was over \$3,000 dollars and threatening if she does not pay it by a certain date it would be \$3,500 dollars, she had wrecked her vehicle, she did go to the VA because she is Veteran and they referred her to Congressman Green Office and Congressman Greens Office referred her to the City of Houston and then she needs to come back to Congressman Green Office after speaking with the City of Houston, lucky on the 11th of March Congressman Green was here and she spoke with him and she was going to speak on the 11th and a Member of Public Work named Gary Norman talked her out of it and leading her to believe that he was going to assist her with her concern, he filled out a form and had her sign and stated that he could not discuss her concern for relief unless she signed the form and she signed and everything that he had told her appears to be shady and out of desperation she called Mr. Norman to find out the status of her water bill after a week and he told her that he would check on it and he called her back on the next day and left a voice message that he would know something on Friday and she did not hear from Mr. Norman until Saturday when she received another huge bill. Council Members Martin, Le and Travis absent.

Mayor Turner questioned Ms. Blancett and requested for her to speak with Rhonda that is with the Mayor's Citizens Assistance and to also speak with Gary Norman and for them to report back to the Mayor's Chief of Staff for an update and a resolution.

Mr. Jake Miller, 9262 Friendship Rd., 77080, (713)417-8812 appeared and stated that he was born and raised here, he bought his first home at end of October in 2016 and he had been having water bills since than he has had water bills range from \$3.00 to \$215.00 and he called all of the numbers on them, water and sewer inquires, drainage industries, pay by phone, City Leaks and others and his water bill is not has high as the woman before him, he does not have \$200.00 a month for his water bill and this happened to his next door neighbor which she is an elderly lady and he had used all of his resources and he does not know what to do and they have been replacing waterlines in the neighborhood and he had been told that has nothing to do

with his water bill and the people that had been telling him that he does not know if they have creditability and again he not sure what to do. Council Members Boykins, Martin and Travis absent.

Mayor Turner questioned Mr. Miller and requested that he speak with Mr. Norman and speak with Mayor's Citizen Assistance Office and Council Member Stardig also questioned Mr. Miller.

Mr. Marion Scott, 1600 Louisiana, 77002, (832)453-2572 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Boykins, Martin and Travis 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 Boykins, Martin and Travis absent.

Mr. Bob Hall, 7957 Ridgeview Dr., 77055, (281)636-9613 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Boykins, Martin and Travis absent.

Ms. Synethia Hall, 1515 Sydnor St., 77020, (832)886-7771 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Boykins, Martin and Travis absent.

Ms. Nikki Luellen, 5802 Trush Dr., 77033, (713)305-3811 appeared and stated that on July 9th Albert Braziel was brutally murdered by 2 HPD Officers with his hands up in the air saying do not shoot and after 9 months the Mayor has not provided a video which Albert Braziel pointed a gun and this is slander and they demand a public apology, an investigation into the shooting of Albert Braziel which the Mayor said he would provide but has not and they demand that Cullen street be renamed to Albert Braziel street and they demand that Mayor Turner resign. Council Members Boykins, Martin and Travis absent.

Mr. Ronald Whitefield, 7522 LaSalette St., 77021, (832)882-5696 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Boykins, Martin and Travis 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. Council Members Boykins, Martin and Travis absent.

Ms. Sabrina Smith, 17111 Silverstorne Ln., Spring, TX, 77379, (281)865-4729 appeared and stated that she was reiterating what Ms. Leullen stated because it had been 9 months and on July 9th Albert Braziel was brutally murder by 2 HPD Officers with his hands up in the air, do not shoot and Mayor Turner stated that he pointed a gun to the HPD Officers and after 9 months has not produced a video, they demand that Mayor Turner apology to the family of Albert Braziel and demand all of the City Council to resign. Council Members Boykins, Martin and Travis absent.

Mr. Jeffrey Santori, 5950 North West Central Dr., 77092, (512)963-4524 appeared and stated that he is an organizer for the Labor Union for the AFL-CIO and their Members reside in all of their Districts, they are requesting for the Mayor and Council promote an economy that ensures all City Projects provide family sustaining wages and benefits and prioritize hire local. Council Members Boykins, Martin and Travis absent.

Ms. Shere Dore, 2601 Woodland Park Dr., 77077, (281)779-5996 appeared and stated that right behind her she has the homeless community with her and their homelessness have 17

days left before they are criminalized for basic survival and she does not know if they are aware but there is a housing crisis, HUD had stopped funding but the City passed a law that criminalized the homeless for having tent structures and she brought the homeless here for the Mayor to look them in the eye and tell them what are they supposed to do after May 12th if they chose not to go to a shelter and because of the HUD crisis if they would delay this Ordinance a little bit longer. Council Members Boykins, Martin and Travis absent.

Mayor Turner questioned Ms. Dore and she was yelling at the Mayor.

Mayor Turner advised the audience if there is one more disturbance, then they would be removed.

Ms. Emily Payton, 5700 Club Creek Dr., 77074, (832)443-8572 appeared and stated that one of her homeless ladies had a stroke and was dropped back off to live under Minute Maid because all the shelters she connected with me not accepting anyone and they were told that the shelters would make room but they are were turning away homeless stroke victims and also HPD is dropping its ball all over Houston, a lady tried to break into her house to try to kill her daughter and herself on Saturday and the cops did not want to do the paper work, victims are not protected and there is no justice for them, they need some help. Council Members Boykins, Martin and Travis absent.

Ms. Marian Wright, 709 Bayland, 77009, (713)899-7439 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Boykins, Martin and Travis 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 3:51 p.m. The City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 26, 2017, Council Members Boykins, Martin and Travis absent.

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, April 26, 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. Randy Zamora Legal Department, Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director present.

At 9:08 a.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting to order and stated they would move to the Mayor's Report. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Le, Travis, Gallegos and Edwards absent.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Turner stated that he has a presentation in recognizing their Youth Ambassador for the Month of April for the month and Legacy Onaiwu who is a model student from Saint Constantine School in Houston. Through her kindness and thoughtful advocacy, she promotes acceptance of autistic children and people with disabilities. Her advocacy against bullying reflects her commitment to improving the community. Her experiences show that when disabled youth are given access to inclusive education, with the support of their families and the community, they can have a fulfilling academic experience, the mission of the Mayor's Young Ambassador

Program is to provide elementary and middle school students the opportunity to develop leadership and citizenship skills while learning about city government. Members develop a sense of personal growth and achievement, a profound understanding of city initiatives and work to establish a rapport with community leaders and the citizens of Houston. Young Ambassadors will serve the city in their roles for one month, participating in various community service projects and special events and the City of Houston commends and congratulates Legacy Onaiwu on this momentous occasion and her outstanding commitment to her school and extends best wishes on a rewarding month and therefore, I, Sylvester Turner, Mayor of the City of Houston, hereby proclaim April 25, 2017, as Legacy Onaiwu Day Mayor's Young Ambassador of the Month in Houston, Texas. Council Member Stardig absent.

Mayor Turner further stated that he wanted to congratulate the Rockets last night on a win as they move on to the next series and lastly he spent Monday in Austin in dealing with the Pension issue and a lot of conversations with a lot of different Members and had an opportunity to visit with Lieutenant Governor, Senators and a number of Members on the House side and he anticipated fairly soon probably within a week's time movement taking place, both in the House and on the Senate and requested the Members of Council to reach out to their contacts in Austin to support the Houston Pension Bill and shortly after they adjourn for the day, they will be holding a Press Conference and the issues will be focused on Pension and Public Safety.

At 9:23 a.m. Mayor Turner requested that the City Secretary to call the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 1 through 22

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS - NUMBER 1

1. **TEXAN WASTE EQUIPMENT dba HEIL OF TEXAS** for Heil Replacement Parts and Repair Services for the Fleet Management Department - 3 Years with two one-year options \$1,770,320.30 - Fleet Management Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0216 ADOPTED**

ORDINANCES - NUMBERS 5 through 22

5. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Purchase and Sale Agreement between the City of Houston, Texas, Seller, and **ANGEL WIN, LLC**, Purchaser, for the sale of approximately 2.0432 acres of land located at 15085 Bellaire Boulevard, Houston, Harris County, Texas [Parcel No. SY11-058], for \$578,520.00 - **DISTRICT F - LE**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0272 ADOPTED**

10. **ORDINANCE** amending City of Houston Ordinance No. 2017-2 relating to the rescheduling or postponement of certain City Council meetings- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0273 ADOPTED**
11. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing the submission of an application for grant assistance to the **OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION FY2018 SERIAL CRIMES VEHICLE SURVEILLANCE AND TRACKING INITIATIVE 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 2017-0274 ADOPTED**
12. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing the submission of an application for grant assistance to the **OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION FY2018 CRIMINAL GANG/REPEAT OFFENDER APPREHENSION PROGRAM 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 2017-0275 ADOPTED**
13. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing the submission of an application for grant assistance to the **OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION FY2018 TECHNOLOGICAL POLICING TO HELP LOWER CRIME AND CATCH SERIAL CRIMINALS 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 2017-0276 ADOPTED**
14. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$443,462.00 out of FY2017 Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund for the purchase of Capital Equipment for the Houston Fire Department- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0277 ADOPTED**
16. **ORDINANCE** establishing certain areas of N. P. Turner Subdivision, Barkdull Street Manor, Waterhill Homes on Mt. Vernon Street, and Yeung Institute, LLC, Subdivisions, within the City of Houston, as a special minimum lot size area pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT C – COHEN**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0278 ADOPTED**
17. **ORDINANCE** establishing the north and south sides of the 1500 block of Lawson Street, within the City of Houston, Texas, as a special minimum lot size block pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT I – GALLEGOS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0279 ADOPTED**
18. **ORDINANCE** consenting to the addition of 6.068 acres of land to **NORTHWEST HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 36**, for inclusion in its district- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0280 ADOPTED**

19. **ORDINANCE** consenting to the creation of **HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 540-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0281 ADOPTED**
20. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$750,000.00 out of Metro Projects Construction DDSRF and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **TRAFFIC ENGINEERS, INC** for Negotiated Work Orders for Pre-Engineering of (Thoroughfares) Improvements- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0282 ADOPTED**
21. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$750,000.00 out of Metro Projects Construction DDSRF and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **RS&H, INC** for Negotiated Work Orders for Pre-Engineering of (Thoroughfares) Improvements- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0283 ADOPTED**
22. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$8,363,949.00 out of Street & Traffic Control & Storm Drainage DDSRF, \$2,773,851.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **STERLING DELAWARE HOLDING COMPANY, INC** for Greens Road Paving and Drainage Improvements; 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, CIP Cost Recovery, construction management, construction direct state costs and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Traffic Control & Storm Drainage DDSRF and Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT B – DAVIS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0284 ADOPTED**

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

2. **LANDSOWNE MOODY COMPANY** for Kubota, New Holland and SCAG Tractors and Mowers Replacement Parts and Repair Services for the Fleet Management Department - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$4,042,093.36 - Fleet Management Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0217 ADOPTED**
3. **L&T HEALTH SYSTEMS, LLC** to Furnish, Deliver and Install Health Station Kiosks for the Human Resources Department - \$157,800.00 - Health Benefits Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson and tagged by Council Members Kubosh and Le.
4. **INFORMATION BUILDERS, INC** for Software License Maintenance and Support for the Department of Public Works & Engineering - \$296,646.90 - Building Inspection Fund- was

presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson and tagged by Council Member Robinson.

6. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Lease Agreement between the City of Houston and **UNITED AIRLINES, INC.**, for certain premises at George Bush Intercontinental Airport/Houston **DISTRICT B – DAVIS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Green absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0285 ADOPTED**
7. **ORDINANCE** amending City of Houston Ordinance Nos. 2013-353 passed April 24, 2013, as amended, and 2016-340 passed April 27, 2016, as amended, which authorized the submission of the 2013 and 2016 Annual Action Plans to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, including the applications and budgets for the Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Program, the Community Development Block Grant Program, and the Home Investment Partnerships Program, among others- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Green absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0286 ADOPTED**
8. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing first amendment to contract between the City of Houston and **CAPITAL INVESTING IN DEVELOPMENT AND EMPLOYMENT OF ADULTS, LLC**, to provide up to \$200,000.00 in Community Development Block Grant Funds for the continuing administration, implementation, oversight and delivery of a Workforce Development Program- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Green absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0287 ADOPTED**
9. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing grant contract between the City and **THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES** under the Public Health Preparedness and Response Cooperative Agreement and the Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Disease Program; approving the acceptance and disbursement of funds thereunder - \$1,177,901.00 Grant Fund- was presented, Council Member Christie voting no, balance voting aye. Council Members Stardig and Green absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0288 ADOPTED**
15. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$175,000.00 out of General Improvement Consolidated Construction Fund, \$300,000.00 out of Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund, \$400,000.00 out of Police Consolidated Construction Fund, \$400,000.00 out of Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund, \$465,000.00 out of Parks Consolidated Construction Fund, \$28,759.00 out of Parks & Recreation Dedication Fund, and \$5,000.00 out of Reimbursement of Equipment/Projects Fund as an additional appropriation to the FY2017 Task Order and Job Order Contracting Program for Professional and Construction Services for General Government, Library, Police, Parks and Recreation Departments (Approved by Ordinance Number 2013-1093; 2013-1201; 2015-0610; 2016-0264)- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Stardig and Green absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0289 ADOPTED**

MATTERS HELD - NUMBERS 23 through 26

- 23. RESOLUTION** of the City Council adopting the Fiscal Year 2018 (July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018) Budget Schedule for the City Budgets - **TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LE**
This was Item 15 on Agenda of April 19, 2017- was presented,

Council Member Le presented the following written Motion to Amend Item 23:

I, Council Member Le move to amend Agenda Item No. 23 to revise the Resolution adopting the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Schedule as follows:

The Resolution is hereby amended by adding Section 4 thereto to read as follows:

“Section 4. Notwithstanding the above, this budget Schedule shall be rescinded on the event Pension reform legislation acceptable to the City in the sole discretion of the Mayor is not enacted during 85th regular session of the Texas legislature on or before May 31, 2017.”

after discussion, Council Member Martin moved to delay Item 23 and the Amendment until the end of the Agenda and seconded by Council Member Stardig, all voting aye, nays none.

MOTION 2017-0218 ADOPTED

- 24. ORDINANCE** amending Exhibit “A” of the City of Houston Ordinance No. 2015-642 to add four (4) Engineer Operator positions, delete four (4) Firefighter positions, and substituting the amended exhibit as part of the current Houston Fire Department Classified Personnel Ordinance; providing a repealer; providing for severability - **TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER STARDIG**

This was Item 25 on Agenda of April 19, 2017- was presented, all voting aye, nays none.

ORDINANCE 2017-0290 ADOPTED

- 25. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$3,228,000.00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF as an additional appropriation to Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **HALFF ASSOCIATES, INC** for the Storm Water Engineering Program Support (Approved by Ordinance No. 2015-0621, as amended); providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF - **TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER KUBOSH**

This was Item 31 on Agenda of April 19, 2017- was presented, all voting aye, nays none.

ORDINANCE 2017-0291 ADOPTED

- 26. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$750,000.00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF; approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **HUITT-ZOLLARS, INC** for Negotiated Work Orders for Pre-Engineering of Storm Water Drainage Improvements - **TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER KUBOSH**

This was Item 32 on Agenda of April 19, 2017- was presented, all voting aye, nays none.

ORDINANCE 2017-0292 ADOPTED

- 23.** The Amendment to Item 23 was presented,
I, Council Member Le move to amend Agenda Item No. 23 to revise the Resolution adopting the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Schedule as follows:

The Resolution is hereby amended by adding Section 4 thereto to read as follows:

“Section 4. Notwithstanding the above, this budget Schedule shall be rescinded on the event Pension reform legislation acceptable to the City in the sole discretion of the Mayor, is not enacted during 85th regular session of the Texas legislature on or before May 31, 2017.”

All voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0219 ADOPTED**

23. RESOLUTION of the City Council adopting the Fiscal Year 2018 (July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018) Budget Schedule for the City Budgets - **TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LE**
This was Item 15 on Agenda of April 19, 2017- was presented, as amended
after discussion a vote was called, all voting aye, nays none. **RESOLUTION 2017-0019 ADOPTED**

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

Members of Council announced events and discussed matters of interest.

There being no further business before Council; the City Council adjourned at 10:22 a.m. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, 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

