

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, May 9, 2017

A regular meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 9, 2017; Mayor Sylvester Turner presiding, with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jerry Davis, Ellen Cohen, Dwight Boykins, Steve Le, Greg Travis, Karla Cisneros, Robert Gallegos, Mike Laster, Larry Green, Mike Knox, 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 Dave Martin absent on vacation. Council Member David Robinson absent on City business.

At 1:34 p.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting to order and stated that Council would start with presentations. Council Members Stardig, Le, Travis, Gallegos, Laster, Green, Knox and Edwards absent.

At 1:37 p.m. Mayor Turner requested for a 5-minute recess because guest that were receiving proclamations were still in security.

At 1:41 p.m. The meeting was reconvened and Mayor Pro Tem Cohen recognized Council Member Boykins for a point personal privilege.

Council Member Boykins stated he would like to recognize students from Saint Mary's Purification Catholic School, they have 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders and requested them to stand. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Le, Travis, Gallegos, Laster, Knox and Edwards absent.

Council Member Christie stated that Dr. R.C. "Father" Buckner founded Buckner Orphans Home in 1879 after seeing the needs of hurting and orphan children in post-Civil War Texas, it was Father Buckner's deep compassion for the hopeless and helpless that served as the driving force behind the ministry that would later become Buckner International, he constantly looked for innovative ways to deliver social ministries, including those to elders, combining his theological beliefs with a progressive social conscience and Buckner International today is an international Christian ministry serving people through a variety of programs designed to protect children and build strong families and these programs include foster care and adoption, family transition programs, community-based family preservation programs and retirement services for the elderly. It also provides humanitarian aid and crisis relief to poverty-stricken families in the U.S. and worldwide, Buckner International transforms the lives of Houstonians by focusing on improving the lives of individuals and families in communities that experience moderate to extreme poverty by providing a holistic ministry approach through the Buckner Family Hope Center, it provides single-parent families the opportunity to live in a safe, secure environment while completing their educational or vocational goals and learning the skills needed to become self-sufficient through Buckner Family Pathways and it offers foster care and adoption to children who have experienced neglect or abuse and through Buckner Foster Care and Adoption it also cares for seniors through the distinctive senior lifestyle offered by Buckner Parkway Place and through the life-honoring care of Buckner Hospice and on May 9, 2017, Buckner International will be honored in anticipation of the grand opening of its latest Buckner Family Hope Center location in Houston in 2018 and the City of Houston commends Buckner International for their commitment to helping Houston's most vulnerable and extends best wishes for continued success and therefore, Mayor Turner hereby proclaimed May 9, 2017, as Buckner International Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Travis, Gallegos, Laster and Knox absent.

Council Member Green stated that the Doric Temple No. 76 Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine North and South America and its Jurisdictions Inc. was founded on April 7, 1917, since its founding, the temple has grown, and its members have contributed to the social and political framework of Houston and the Doric Temple No. 76 has been instrumental in providing charitable benefits to the greater Houston area, by awarding scholarships to deserving youth through its Thomas H. Routt Foundation and its youth showcases, and collaborating with organizations like 100 Black Men of American to offer mentorship programs and participating in other philanthropic events and on May 9, 2017, the Doric Temple No. 76 will be recognized on the occasion of its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary and for its philanthropic efforts. The City of Houston commends and congratulates the Doric Temple No. 76 Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine North and South America and its Jurisdictions Inc. on this momentous occasion, celebrating 100 years of dedication to its members, Houston's youth and countless charitable contributions and therefore, Mayor Turner hereby proclaimed May 9, 2017, as Doric Temple No. 76 Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine North and South America and its Jurisdictions Inc. Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Travis, Laster and Knox absent.

Council Member Cisneros stated that the Astros Foundation is the official nonprofit team charity of the Houston Astros and seeks to harness the passion of baseball fans to support youth baseball and softball programs serving at risk children and teens, its cornerstone initiatives include the Community Leaders program, the Astros Urban Youth Academy and the Astros RBI Program and the Astros Community Leaders program is a partnership with the Astros Foundation, several corporate partners and the City of Houston to provide newly renovated baseball and softball fields to Houston-area children, the program provides young athletes with clean, beautiful ballfields on which they can play to help them develop physically and mentally and baseball and softball teach young players the importance of teamwork, perseverance and commitment; principles that will serve them not only on the field, but throughout their lives and since its inception, the Astros Community Leaders program has renovated 20 ballfields in eight parks and currently serves more than 2,500 children, in addition to year-round maintenance to the ballfields, additional features include player and coaching clinics, complimentary tickets to Astros games, free equipment and uniforms and visits from Astros players and front office personnel. The program won the 2016 Mayor's Proud Partner Award from Keep Houston Beautiful and on May 9, 2017, the Astros Foundation will be recognized for its dedication to Houston's at risk children and teen athletes and the City of Houston commends and appreciates the Astros Foundation for its contributions to Houston's youth, as they are truly appreciated by the many children and teens who have benefitted from their generosity and therefore, Mayor Turner hereby proclaimed May 9, 2017, as Astros Foundation Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Stardig and Davis absent.

At 2:09 p.m. Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Boykins for the invocation and the Pledge and he invited Cynthia Woods to offer the invocation and Council Member Boykins led the Pledge of Allegiance. Council Members Stardig and Davis absent.

At 2:14 p.m. the Roll was called. Council Members Stardig and Davis absent. Council Member Dave Martin absent on vacation. Council Member Davis Robinson absent on City business.

Council Member Cohen moved to adopted the minutes for April 11-12, 2017 and delay the last two meetings and seconded by Council Member Green, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Stardig and Davis absent. **MOTION ADOPTED**

At 2:15 p.m. Mayor Turner requested the City Secretary to call the List of Speakers.

Ms. Sasha Legette, 5630 Birchmont Ave. Apt. C, 77091, (832)598-4549 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins and Gallegos absent.

Ms. Constance Luo, 3411 Cummins, 77027, (832)494-8406 appeared and stated that she is a Community Organizer with the Texas Organization Project, she is 25 years old, she lives in District C and she was present to speak about economic development and District C is bursting with economic activity in food access and many of their TOP Members and low income neighborhoods live from pay check to pay check in food deserts, this is a story of 2 Houston's and she urges Council to pass so financial policies ordinance that benefits low wage workers and their Members deserve a clear answer from Council on the economic injustice in Houston, what is the timeline and what is their plan in addressing their concerns. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins and Gallegos absent.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Luo and Mayor Turner stated that they are pushing for much more livable wages and benefits and he spoke about that in the State of the City that was last week on Thursday and with respect to affordable housing, there is 2 parts; first, there still a number of houses with blue traps on their roofs from Hurricane IKE and since this Administration had been in Office they had replaced close to 450 homes that do not have the blue traps anymore and then with respect to the \$46 million that has been identified and that was previously unappropriated, number of those dollars have been advocated to build affordable homes, providing rent assistants and number of other things and that plan is being outlined and he looks forward in working with TOPS and building complete communities where we do not have a City of haves and have nots.

Mr. Enrique Hernandez, 2412 Russell St., 77026, 9281)777-6554 **(TRANSLATOR)** appeared and stated that he is a construction worker and he lives in District B and he was present to speak about the economic development in the City and he was working in construction building cement walls and he had an accident that sent him to the hospital and he went to therapy and paid for it out of his pocket because the company did not cover health insurance or workers cop and he went back to work before he was supposed to even through he was instructed to rest because he had to provide for his family and after 3 months he was fired because it was hard for him to do the work when he was instructed not lift heavy weight and he is asking Council to pass a financial policy ordinance and to include programs that require training. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Boykins and Gallegos absent.

Mayor Turner questioned Mr. Hernandez.

Mr. Jeff Santori, 5450 Northwest Central Dr., 77092, (512)963-4524 appeared and stated that he is Organizer for the Labor Union and their Union represents many members that live in each of the Council Members Districts and they are requesting the Mayor and the Council promote an economy that would ensure City projects that would provide sustainability wages and benefits for families, prioritize local City subsidized projects in neighborhoods with less than average poverty, expand affordable housing and require hearings for projects that are seeking tax breaks and incentives and too often deals are done before the public could comment on developments that are receiving tax breaks. Council Members Davis, Boykins and Green absent.

Mr. Sean McGlasson, 4427 ½ Jefferson St., 77023, (281)413-7594 appeared and stated that he is here in support of the Houston homeless community who had been criminalized with the passing of the Encampment Ordinance, they deserve direct answers from the Mayor, how will they find housing for the homeless now that housing vouchers have been frozen, where are

these promised outdoor shelter going to be built and when, what are people supposed to do after May 12<sup>th</sup> where they can be ticketed or thrown in jail for their tents and cooking equipment and how we claim that this City is welcoming when we treat the less fortunate this way and he request that they delay the original Ordinance date May 12<sup>th</sup> or to amend that Ordinance and he understands it is complex issue but he knows that they can do better. Council Members Davis, Boykins and Green absent.

Ms. Ashley Ellis, 7000 Westview Dr., 77055, (281)415-2813 appeared and stated that she wanted to bring a matter of public concern to the horseshoe, on July 9, 2016 Albert Braziel was brutally murder by the Houston Police Department with his hands in the air saying do not shoot and an autopsy that was just released yesterday and it shows that he was shot 16 times and after 10 months no justice had been made for him or his family, on July 11<sup>th</sup> Mayor Turner stated that this case should be tried in Federal Court but had made no attempt to follow up on his statement and Mayor Turner also stated that Albert Braziel pointed a gun in their face but after 10 months he still had not produced that video and he claims that Mrs. Braziel did not want the full tape to be released but she did and listed a list of demands. Council Members David, Boykins and Green absent.

Mr. Raymond Brackens, 4320 Leeland Apt. No.15, 77023, (504)722-9157 appeared and stated that he is a Member of the Texas Organizing Project and he lives in District I and he is here today to speak about the urgency for family sustaining wages and he works with CIGNA since 2013 and he currently make \$10.50 an hour and he lives from pay check to pay check, he rarely parties and he shops for his clothes at a theft store, he and his family moved here after Hurricane Katherine to start a new life and they urge Members of Council to pass a financial policy ordinance that requires developers that are getting tax breaks to provide sustaining wages for families and he had come to Council for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time and he thinks they deserve to know what is going on with the financial policies ordinance and if they all take a stand with working Houstonians to require developers in their future workforce. Council Members Davis, Boykins and Green absent.

Mr. Nathanael Vlachos, no address, no phone, appeared and stated that on July 9, 2016 Albert Braziel was brutally murdered by 2 Houston Police Officers and he was shot 16 times when he had his hands in the air and asking them do not shoot at him and that very day a white man that was middle age had a shoot out with HPD and he was arrested without a scratch on him and clearly there is something wrong with this picture and he is here with many others to tell them that they are paying attention and they are planning to hold Police and the City Government accountable on this issue, want to hear in detail what Mayor Turner has done to address this murder, he promised a Federal Case that had yet to materialize and if Mayor Turner truly claims to represent all of Houstonians than he needs to show it and if he cannot back that claim up they will work hard to elect someone else who will and a good first step would to name a street after Albert and issuing an apology from the Mayor to Mrs. Braziel and they will keep returning until they get answers and to stop ignoring it and do the right thing. Council Members Davis and Boykins absent.

Mr. Eric Debruin, 5129 Claremont St., 77023, (214)478-8233 appeared and stated that he is present to speak about Houston Police, for the last couple of years he been part of an Organization called H-Town Cop Watch and they patrol and observe stops of HPD Police and usually in that time they were focused in the Alief neighborhood and over the last few years they have seen a number of stops which Black Folks have been taken out of their vehicle and handcuffed while their vehicles had been searched and nothing had ever been found at least from what they have seen and they had been given reasons such as they do not have IDs and

the stops were conducted because they have no front licensed plates and he is asking because these are the type of Policing result in an Albert Braziel based on race and he is asking an ordinance that provides for transparency with HPD and so they can see the statistics of who they are searching and why they are searching them. Council Members Davis and Boykins absent.

Ms. Bobbie Hoskins, 2706 Foster Hill, Kingwood, TX, 77345, (832)445-4956 appeared and stated that she only has 2 questions and her first question is for Mayor Turner, why did he lie about Mrs. Braziel when he said that she did not want the videos released of her husband death and her second question is what does he plan on doing to the homeless that are not going to be immediately in compliance with the Ordinance. Council Members Davis and Boykins absent.

The audience started to say “ still no answers and this is a joke”

Ms. Debra Colin, 3338 Drew St., 77004, no phone, had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis and Boykins absent.

Ms. Laisi U, 5722 St., 77007, (972)375-7745 appeared and stated that she and many of her neighbors have concern about parking situation on Larkin street which the zip code is 77007, it is very difficult for the residents and visitors to find parking and they also have difficulty backing in and out with their cars, the street is already narrow it is pretty much a one-way street and she is here to voice her concerns and hopefully they can provide some solutions for her neighborhood. Council Members Davis and Boykins absent.

Mayor Turner advised that Ms. U to speak with Mr. Rene Louis that is with the Mayor's Citizen Assistant Department.

Ms. Deborah Elaine Allen, P.O. Box 263252, 77027, (713)264-0127 appeared and stated that Police brutality, the Police are killing these Black men and they are killing to limited the growth of the pollution and continued to address her opinion. Council Member Davis absent.

City Secretary advised that Ms. Colin's stepped out and did not hear her name being called, she will speak next.

Ms. Debra Colin, 3338 Drew St., 77004, no phone, appeared and stated that she really wanted to have a one on one with Mayor Turner and she really does not like talking in public, she really wants to know what he is going to do about the tents because she has multiple health issues, she takes up to 20 different medicines, she not supposed to be exposed to the sun for a long period of time and she not supposed exposed to the night air and if he takes the tent away, he might as well take a knife and shove it in her heart because he is going to kill her, she just got over PCP Pneumonia and she barely came out of this, she was running a fever of 104.7, they put her on ice and they told her if they waited for another hour her brain would have been fried because her fever was so high, she cannot live out on the streets without any kind of protection and since she had that tent all of her belongs had been safe from the rain, the thefts, she has 7 battery packs and has gone through 7 cell phones, she came out here as a visitor, she been here for 3 years with no ID and she cannot get any help because she is from out of State, she was adopted and does not have a Birth Certificate and she has to go through a lot of red tape just to get her Birth Certificate, it's not \$10.00 its \$40.00 for her because she has to go through a lot of red tape. Council Member Davis absent.

Mayor Turner requested for Ms. Colin to talk with Rhonda of the Mayor Citizens Assistance Office.

Mr. Barry Blumenthal, 1124 Fugate St., 77009, (281)658-4762 appeared and stated that the area he is speaking about is called Skater Alley which and it was dedicated to Mayor White's family in 2008 and he is with PUSH Public Use Skate Parks for Houston and they advocated to get this Skate park built, they raised the money and worked with the City of Houston to come up with the operating procedures and also worked with the Greenspoint Development District to promote and get that park rolling and the area in question is in Skater Alley and what happened about a year ago the Buffalo Partnership installed loose gravel as part of their landscaping and maybe also part of flood control and in the Skate Board world loose gravel is dangerous and he did tell the project manager at the time that this is very dangerous and this area is used by beginners that really do not want to go to the skate park and is also used for expert street skaters and with gravel there is no warning and they cannot see it many times because once they hit it they go straight down and he told the project Manager that he wanted soil to be place in this 50 yard area and maybe a 10 point break to catch the gravel, he has sent so many e-mails and its gone on deaf ears and he had spoken with everyone and they say that they are going to fix it but it never happens. Council Members Boykins and Edwards absent.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Blumenthal.

Mr. Donald Burns, 13021 Donegal Way, 77047, (713)882-0307 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Boykins, and Edwards absent.

Ms. Levenia Burns, 6510 Turtlewood St., 77049, (832)285-2919 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Boykins, and Edwards absent.

Ms. Annie Johnson, 7015 Hopper, 77016, (832)967-4186 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Boykins, and Edwards absent.

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

Mr. Thurman Olds, 3217 Marigold, 77009, (713)224-6778 appeared and stated that he is here to speak about the noise levels of an outdoor concert that was held at White Oak Music Hall on Sunday April 30<sup>th</sup> he and his wife came from out of town and they experience the noise first hand from 8:30 p.m. to about 9:50 p.m. and he has lived in his neighborhood for 20 years and his house is 3 blocks Northwest of White Oak Music Hall, they are almost in the back area of the neighborhood, when they unpacked they wanted to relax and watch TV in their living room, they normally set the volume at 12 on TV and easily able to hear the TV but with the music they could not hear it because the music was inside their house, so they had to raise the volume to the TV to 18 but even with the volume at 18 they still could hear the noise and so they still raised the volume to 24 and at that level they can finally understand what was being said on the TV, the music was constant and it sounded like it was right behind them and he gave them an example to help them understand and when he went outside and went to each corner the music was even louder and each corner of his property he took a decimal reading that he download off of the internet and he used that it determine if he should call the Police to report it, the decimal reading never exceeded 75 decimals but what his point was that they could not even sit in their own house in comfort to listen to their own TV without clearly listening to the music from White Oak Music Hall. Council Members Greens, Kubosh and Edwards absent.

Mr. Craig Brown, no address, (346)779-6273 appeared and stated that they had seen him talk before and he his sensitive to the homelessness, he does not come here often anymore because he plays behind the scenes but he needs to say something today, there is a lot of differences in the this room but there is a better leadership here then Washington D.C. and he is

ready to do anything it takes to help on both sides, he had made promises and the reentry program was having trouble with jobs and he would volunteer to hand walk anybody to a job if it takes all day, they have been supportive of him, he thinks that they can work all of these things out because the funding is there, he wants them to work it out and work together and there is nothing they cannot accomplish if they work together. Council Members Green and Edwards absent.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Brown.

Mr. Alex Sherwood, 17111 Silverthorne Ln., Spring, TX, 77379, (832)681-6316 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Green and Edwards absent.

Mr. Emmanuel Castillo, 1308 Dynor St., 77020, (713)791-4547 appeared and stated that he was here to get some answers for the homeless community, from the recent Ordinance and Laws have criminalized them and they are just trying to survive, they cannot feed more than 5 individuals at a time, panhandling has been banned along with tents and heating equipment for their food and this situation was made more serious when Congress halted Housing Vouchers, Mayor Turner, you said it yourself during the State of the City address that with the Housing Voucher being frozen, the Way Home will only be able to house 249 chronically homeless individuals and September 500 was the original goal, the homeless shelter that are already in place are full and promised outdoor shelters have not been built, where and when will they be built, City Council overwhelming voted in favor in the Encampment Ordinance and will go into effect this Friday, why criminalize the tents when the homeless have nowhere else to go, Mayor Turner the homeless community needs direct answers and how would they feel if they had to fit all of their belongs in a 3x3 box and how would they like it if their tents were taken away and have no place keep your things and HPD already harasses the homeless and by the passing of this Ordinance they will have all of the more reasons and he is requesting that the Mayor and Council Members relook at the Ordinance and will they pull the original date of May 12<sup>th</sup> until the Housing situation improves or wait until the outdoor housing is built and with this housing crisis they are going to be facing more homelessness and the time is to act now. Council Members Travis, Green and Edwards absent.

Council Member Boykins thanked him for coming and stated that a last week group had an opportunity to visit with him and hear the concerns from him and his focal concern was the date after the 12<sup>th</sup> which was the 13<sup>th</sup> and he had an opportunity to speak with Marc Eichenbaum to have more dialog and questioned Mr. Castillo about the meeting.

Mr. Mario Valera, 6500 Dunlap St., 77074, (281)841-1396 **(NEEDS TRANSLATOR)** appeared and stated that he lived in Houston for 40 years, beautiful City and for the last 20 years he had been investigating the homeless community, he knows the trouble and he has the solution, he would like to have more time to speak the next time he comes here to explain his solutions and explain how to move all the homeless and make them legal that is across the City of Houston and he had done this several times, they have made a flea market and they recycle the materials and he needs the help from the Mayor to help with his trait skills to be able to sell around the City without being penalized and the next time he comes he can explain his strategy but needs more time. Council Members Travis and Green absent.

Mr. Will Hawkins, no address, (318)344-2483 appeared and stated that he heard their prayers earlier and what they need for this homeless problem and for the City growing problem is right in front of their face, instead of pushing them out and their going to into the different neighborhoods and most of them stay Downtown to feel safe but he knows the reason why they

do not want them Downtown was because where people stay is congested, so if they build a buildings for them so where they can stay and at the same time they can work and clean up the City and by cleaning up the City they are doing their part and the City is taking care of them by building the building that they are staying at and there is a lot of empty building that are detraiting that can be constructed so instead of them pushing them out and overlooking them they can put them to use and instead of using City Workers to do the work, they can use them and save money for the pensions and when they push them out and they go into the different neighborhoods, the crime will rise and with HUD cutting the Housing Voucher, there will be a lot more homeless people. Council Members Travis and Green absent.

Ms. Evelyn Trant, 3338 Drew, 77004, no phone, appeared and stated that she was speaking on behalf of the homeless population, first thing putting them in jail is not going to solve the problem and pushing them away is not a solution to the problem and being in the shelters, they are trying to keep their families together and when the shelters call CPS on them when they are doing everything they can to protect their children and their families, it's not right, there is not enough room in all the shelters, its cold, there is no way people can be and stay healthy to be able to go look for jobs or do what they need to do to get themselves off of these streets, there are other cities in this State, Austin and Corpus Christie that she knows of that have things in place to get the homeless off the streets, they want them to leave this City that they call home, she loves this City, she was born in Pasadena and refuses to leave here, what are they supposed to do when it rains, all these businesses that are Downtown that have awning for them to be under but they are not allowed to be under between the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. during business hours so where do the go when it starts to rain, the Public Library and the Library is getting tired of them and other places they do go, they are getting tired of them, they need help from Mayor Turner, the funding is there, release the funding and they are turning to Mayor Turner for answers and he is not answering anything, not answering any questions and all he does is says thank you when people come up here and it is not fair to them. Council Members Travis and Green absent.

Ms. Mary Taylor, 1403 Fashion Hill Dr., 77088, (281)445-0682 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Travis and Green absent.

Ms. Michelle Harris, 12731 Braeswood Glen, 77072, (832)876-0339 appeared and stated that she lives in District F in Alief and she has been a homeowner for over 17 years and here lately things have been changing in their subdivision across the street from her a tenant had moved in and that tenant has a lot of traffic for that house and what they park in front of her mailbox and they are on the driving route and when they park in front of her mailbox, she does not get any mail, the mail man will not stop, they pass it by and they will get their mail later and on Friday, her daughter was there and she asked the mail lady did they have any mail for them and the mail lady said yes but because of her neighbors had parked in front of their house and her daughter and her neighbor had words, she called the Police, the non-emergency number to see what can be done because all she wants to be done is get her mail delivered and she was told that they would call her back and told her that these people have every right to park where they want on the street and she understands that but do they have a right to block her mailbox and park there, she had called the HOA and they cannot do anything, the Police said that they cannot do anything and she does not want to have an altercation with her because she is not rational and at her stage of her life for she and her husband just want to live in peace and she is asking is there anything that can be done to help her even a no parking sign in front of her house, so these people cannot block her mailbox. Council Member Boykins, Travis and Laster absent.



Council Member Le stated that he understands what she is talking about and he is going to have his staff speak to her and for them to sit down and see about a resolution to make sure that her neighbors will not do it again.

Council Member Davis moved to suspend the rules to add Ashely Wood to the speaker list and seconded by Council Member Stardig, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins, Travis and Laster absent. **MOTION 2017-0230 ADOPTED**

Mr. Joseph Omo Omuari, 3939 North Frwy, Apt. 210, 77022, (832)815-7006 appeared and stated that he is not saying that anyone is lying but Mr. Mayor was fortunate from his record in 2012 that he inherited \$100 million dollar worth of homeless grant opportunity by Mayor Parker and these social programs are not just for the poor it for the poor and make sure that the rich stay rich and voiced his opinion about funding and helping with the less unfortunate and read a letter that he sent to the City of Houston but has not received a response. Council Members Travis and Green absent.

Council Member Boykins moved that the rules be suspended to add Erum Butt to the list of speakers and seconded by Council Member Kubosh, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Travis and Green absent. **MOTION 2017-0231 ADOPTED**

Ms. Erum Butt, no address, no phone, appeared and stated that she is the President of One Nation and she thinks that most of the people here have heard of a Foundation that her father created and it was non-profit foundation that has helped the Women's Center and her father had helped the homeless for many years and she is asking from Council to help the homeless, she comes from a good family and she does have a heart and she knows that every single person in this room has a heart, give them a chance, give them something that they asked for, something they need from people here and do not shut them down because they are not like those around the table, she is asking, is give them a chance, she has not been in their position and she wished that everyone that is around this table get into their shoes, take a 3x3 box and put their stuff in there and to explain to these people behind her and Mr. Turner, this is her home, they need help from them and all she ask is to give them something even a food shelter, if they cannot get shelter, she would like them to help her buy a piece of land so that they can put them with their tents so that Council does not have to worry and if they give it to her organization and she will help them and if they are not going to help, she wants to take her father's name and his steps because she had learned from him and she requested for one week or one day to please walk in their shoes and explain what is going to happen to them. Council Members Travis and Green absent.

Ms. Deidre Scott, 212 Tabor St., 77009, (713)835-4834 appeared and read a poem and stated Mr. Turner when was elected Mayor for America's 4<sup>th</sup> largest City, she was so proud and hopeful, she voted for him, she anticipated for a strong and compassionate leader for the marginalized and downtrodden in a world where people who look like him often do not get an opportunity or do not live long enough to raise to position of honor and respect and then a few weeks ago she wanted to make everyone hear this because she knows that he said it because she was listening to him, a few weeks ago she saw him on the news and she asked him if his friends call him Sly and he used the word enabling the needed and asking people to not to give money or food to panhandlers and the hopeless, she was so disappointed, sadden and angry. Council Members Travis and Green absent.

Council Member Christie thanked Ms. Scott for coming and that stated he is with this Mayor almost daily and he is not extolling the hours that he spends asking businesses for summer jobs for people without jobs, he had 100 Clergy asking for help from Housing to help supplement the

Vouchers that were not given from the Federal Government, he talks to the State Legislature, the County, City Officials trying find solutions for hunger and homelessness, he does this everyday.

The audience started to clap and make noise and the Mayor asked Officers to restore order and asked for Ms. Scott to stop talking until the audience calms down and he is requesting that they restore order to the Chamber and if they are not going to respect the quorum for Officers to remove them from the Chamber.

Mr. R.J. Bobby Taylor, P.O. Box 202021, 77220, (832)870-7673 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Travis and Green absent.

Mr. Leighton Ngai, 5722 Larkin St., 77007, (832)216-8842 appeared and stated that he is a resident of Cottage Grove West and read a letter of appreciation, a letter of support that they received from District C for a protest of a late hour establishment and an alcohol establishment and thanked Council Member Cohen that was dated April 27, 2017 that firmly supports the protest of Hidden Good LLC application for the late hour and alcohol permit and they offer their appreciation for her help and he listed of others that helped them and the letter shows that she is an Elected Official that cares for the quality of life for the Cottage Grove Community. Council Members Travis, Gallegos and Green absent.

Council Member Cohen thanked Mr. Ngai for coming and sitting for the last couple of hours, for coming forward and being so complimentary of her staff and other Members of the City Departments who have done what they were supposed to do.

Mr. Marion Scott, 1600 Louisiana St., 77002, (713)987-3324 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Travis, Gallegos and Green absent.

Mr. John Johnson, 7102 Wendermere St., 770088, (832)453-1900 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Travis, Gallegos and Green absent.

Mr. Thomas Grogan, 1711 Village Townhome Dr., Pasadena, TX, 77504, (281)723-2336 appeared and stated that on July 9, 2016 Albert Braziel was gunned down by 2 HPD Sergeants and what is official stated is that he pointed a gun at the Officers them made them open fire and the nearby security camera is unclear and does not support that claim and the Police vehicle did not have a dash camera and the Police Body Camera was not turned on until after the shooting, 13 seconds is all that it took, this is an exchange they know all too well and it needs to change, he is not an Officer and he cannot speak the difficulty to make literally life and death situations at a moment's notice but all he can say and feel as a citizen that the latter seems to be disproportionately of people of color, Black people are being murder by the people that are supposed to help them and many White People still wonder why mistrust is so prevalent, probably when a White person like Keith Swanson decides to shoot at the Police and he is met with a SWAT Team who they negotiated with him and he is arrested with no injuries, so why wasn't the same consideration given to Mr. Braziel and the criminal justice system is plagued with racism and it is time to admit to that, time to admit that the Police are not perfect and admitting to fault is the first of a long uphill battle to get to get rid in the criminal justice system of its racism and it time for HPD admit that they murdered this man and he reviewed his demands. Council Members Travis, Gallegos and Green absent.

Ms. Rachel Scheider, no address, (206)319-8323 appeared and stated that she is from District C and she is here to ask the Mayor and City Council to follow through on promises to investigate the murder of Albert Braziel by the Houston Police Departments Officers, on July 9, 2016 which many people already have shared, Albert Braziel was shot 16 times which they now know with his hands in the air screaming do not shoot and on the same day he was murdered; that Keith Swanson a middle age White man had a shootout with Police and the SWAT team came negotiated with him and left that situation with no injuries, the ongoing brutal treatment of African Americans by the police Department is unacceptable and the equally unacceptable is the grieving family and friends of Albert Braziel remain in the dark about the status of the investigation or criminal proceeding in relation to the murder, it had been almost a year since Albert was killed and there had been no meaningful public discussion on his death by the City and she is here to ask the Mayor take decisive action in order to prove his commitment in making Houston a safe place for African Americans to live specifically and Mayor Turner please publicly apologize to the family and use whatever means at his disposal to open an investigation into the shooting and she ask that the Officers be charged with murder and that the City be open and transparent about action being taken and she requested that the street be renamed for Albert Braziel. Council Members Le, Travis, Gallegos and Green absent.

Nikki Luellen started yelling and cussing toward the end of Ms. Scheider statement and Mayor Turner requested that the Officers take her out now and keep her out and she is banned for coming here again.

Ms. Hannah Thalenberg, 6415 Jefferson St., 77023, (832)356-4762 appeared and stated that she is resident of District I and as an organizer and testified before in addressing all forms of oppression that prevent people from exercising their right to maintain bodily autonomy to have or not to have children on their own terms and to live and raise their families in healthy communities and she is here to urge them to live out their values and she knows that some of them are pro-choice and have been champions for reproductive freedom and for that she applauds them and they care about people's dignity and their right to make their own decisions concerning their reproductive health and certainly they also care about the dignity of the homeless folks and their struggles to keep their head above water and care about their ability to provide a modicum of safety for themselves when there are no options available because HUD has frozen the vouchers and shelters are turning people away and there is no affordable housing, hopefully they care about that and that there is an entire movement watching their moves. Council Members Boykins, Le, Gallegos and Green absent.

Ms. Bonita Juarez, 2615 Sockeye Dr., (832)368-4816 appeared and stated that her problem is small compare to everyone else's, she is the HOA President for West Orem, they are a new community and she was present because of Parking violations there are a couple of streets where people are parking on both sides of the streets and it makes it difficult not to get into an accident when making a right-hand turn and left-hand turn without seeing who coming on the other side the worse street is the one that she lives on Sockeye, at the Stop Sign and people park on both side of the street and many of the residents have gotten hit and told her because is the President of the HOA and she is requesting that the City to put up some signs and the HOA is willing to pay for the no parking signs or to designate only one side of the street be for parking and her District Council Member is not here unfortunately and she had emailed him and the Mayor, they really need some help and they are at their wits end Council Members Le, Gallegos and Green absent.

Mayor Turner advised Ms. Juarez to speak with Ms. Laura Cunningham because she is with ARA.

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 Le, Gallegos and Green 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 Le, Gallegos and Green 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 Le, Gallegos and Green absent.

Ms. Nikki Luellen, 5802 Thrush Dr., 77033, (713)305-3811, was previously present but was removed from the Chamber. Council Members Le, Gallegos and Green absent.

Ms. Sabrina Smith-Sherwood, 17111 Silverstorne Ln., Spring, TX, 77379, (281)865-4729 appeared and stated she wants to make sure everyone can hear her, this is the 7<sup>th</sup> weeks since she had been here speak about Albert Braziel and she is not going to reiterate what everyone had said because they have all been here and how they think that the Police Officers need to be indicted for murder, she had watched them belittle people and she watched them ignore a woman that was harassed by the HPD in her home and they have said anything to them and all they have done is lie. Council Members Le, Gallegos and Green absent.

As Ms. Smith-Sherwood finished her statement she walked off yelling and cussing and Mayor Turner requested that she be removed from the Chamber and she is no longer going to be allowed in the Chamber.

Ms. Shere Dore, 2601 Woodland Park Dr., 77077, (281)779-5996 appeared and stated that this is her 5<sup>th</sup> week coming here and fighting for the homeless community and there had been a lot of emotion and stress poured into pushing back for this Encampment Ordinance and the homeless were told yesterday that they were being evicted from Wheeler or to be arrested by Sunday if there are still there so since when did they go from non-tenant to evictions and she has been calling local shelters daily and they are all full, so do not tell here that the homeless can go there, they have anti-feeding ordinance, anti-encampment, anti-panhandling Ordinance and they have had several homeless people come in here and cry to tell them how hurt they are and not one Council Member has come forward to say anything human to these homeless individuals and the one lady that was supposed to help one of the homeless ladies that spoke earlier, did not help her whatsoever. Council Members Le, Gallegos and Green absent.

Mr. David Barker, 1701 Joanna Dr., 77055, (832)898-7280 appeared and stated that Council Member Kubosh previously stated in Council Meetings that he was assisting in trying to find places for the homeless to go, has anything come of that, have any of the Council Members found places in their District for the homeless to go other than where they are right now, how can they in a week, enforce this City Ordinance on Sunday that he established and he told Mayor Turner that he had a great system here but it was the timing and there is no way to find affordable housing now that the Housing Vouchers had been frozen. Council Members Le, Gallegos and Green absent.

Ms. Emily Payton, 5700 Club Creek Dr., 77074, (832)443-8572 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Le, Gallegos and Green absent.

Mr. Ashton Woods, no address, no phone, appeared and stated that the last time he addressed Council he had little bit of an outburst and he asked to leave it in the past, it may not feel like they are criminalizing and attacking but they are and as a former homeless person and as someone who he was thinking of Mr. Braziel there so much going on and this is not right, he had support many of them and he is disappointed and they need to review these Ordinance. Council Members Le, Gallegos, Green and Kubosh absent.

Council Member Davis stated that everyone says the Mayor but most of them voted on this and it is not only the Mayor and he cannot speak on behalf of everyone else but the reason why that some of them supported it because they are hearing from their constituents and he understands it may not be the popular thing to do and however he may want to contextualize it but it is somewhat of a means in getting a balance.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Woods.

The City Secretary advised that Mr. Alex Sherwood was outside when his name was called and he will be next on the speaker list.

Mr. Alex Sherwood, 17111 Silverthorne Ln., Spring, TX, 77379, (832)681-6316 appeared and stated Council Boykins while they are talking about facts, he wanted to talk about facts that he told him last week which he held up his phone and it was a recording that Council Member Boykins stated "that it is a lot of Federal Money and it's going to effect a lot of Black and Brown folks that are counting on those vouchers which would increase homelessness on the streets" and stated if Council Member Boykins could not hear, he repeated that Council Member Boykins said on that recording and stated that what they were calling it was like an in between a compromise between the homeless and the other people, the compromise would be the tenant Ordinance because that itself was too far and not even fulfill the promise that he made that do not even have the housing to place the people and it is beyond wrong and it was a political decision because saying that your constituents said something, that is a political reason not a good decision and he been sitting here and watching them ignore peoples like Ms. Dore and he does not think that they can afford to ignore them because it will not sustainable for them and it is so hard for him to look at Members of Council. Council Members Le, Gallegos, Laster, Green and Kubosh absent.

Council Member Davis stated that he appreciates being ostracized by them because he thinks that is one of the reason they are here for and when they are saying that they saying you people but they are reciprocating the same language which he do not believe is fair but that is ok, because they have the right to voice their opinions and they have the right to do what he was tasked to do as a Council Member for his District, it not a political thing, it's a thing he took an oath too to abide by and he does appreciate him coming up because that is what this society is about to be able to have multiple sides trying to come together to come up with a solution. Council Members Le, Gallegos, Laster, Green and Kubosh absent.

Mayor Turner stated that there is one more speaker that was here that stepped out.

Ms. Synethia Hall, 1515 Sydnor St., 77020, 9832)886-7771 appeared and stated that she would like to say people in America of color are going through very horrible situations but she wanted them to know this not the case, in fact this is just a trial and the people with the darker views do know the trail and let's not react in the trial but be proactive of trials because they are a beautiful people. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Travis and Laster 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 4:12 p.m. The City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 3, 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, May 10, 2017 Mayor Sylvester Turner presiding, with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jerry Davis, Ellen Cohen, Dwight Boykins, Steve Le, Greg Travis, Mike Laster, Karla Cisneros, Robert Gallegos, Mike Knox, Michael Kubosh, Amanda Edwards and Jack Christie D.C.; Ronald Lewis, Legal Department, Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director and Stella Ortega Agenda Office present. Council Member Dave Martin absent on vacation. Council Member David Robinson and Larry Green absent on City business.

At 9:12 a.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting to order and stated they would start with the Mayor's report. Council Members Le, Travis, Gallegos and Knox absent.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Turner stated that there were a few things he wanted to highlight this morning, next Friday on May 19<sup>th</sup> is Bike to Work Day and for those who are interested, 136 employees have already signed up to participate and the Golden Helmet winners from last year was the Houston Health Department and are currently in the lead with 59 employees signed up.

Mayor Turner stated he wanted to talk little bit about the Pensions, on May the 1<sup>st</sup> the Senate voted out the Houston Pension Solution on a vote of 25 to 5, then on Monday, the House side, they voted out the Houston Pension Solution which he thinks it was 112 to 28 and then yesterday, about 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. the House voted on it again, on the third reading, to do 2 votes and that passed 115 to 30 something on yesterday, there were 3 Amendments, that were reviewed as unacceptable, the Bill will now go to a Conference Committee and it is their hope that the Amendment that Representative Bohac put on would add about \$27 million dollars annual cost to the City and described each of the Amendments but the process continues and it moves forward and he anticipates there being some action in the next couple of weeks.

Mayor Turner further stated he wanted to talk about the Budget and he hopes that everyone has gotten the proposed budget and he knows it all of them are going through that and he wanted to hit some highlights because he knows they have a lot of time to go over it in the next few weeks, the Budget Short Fall is \$123 million dollars and that is in large part of debt services that increased in 2017-2018 and they knew the Debt Service was spiked in 2018 and last year was \$258 million and this year is about \$310 million and you had a debt service cost increase from last year by \$52 million dollars and then you have your other employee contractual cost that are factored in and what they will find in the booklet as they go through it and he will speaking with them individually, there are Department reduction of about \$49.6 million dollars and there is a Fund Balance draw down of about \$39 million dollars, there is a onetime land sale for about 12.5 million dollars and the budget before you will maintain a Fund Balance of 9.3 % which equals out to about \$186 million dollars that they will keep in the Fund Balance, there are 4 Police Cadet Class in this budget, there are minimum layoffs in this budget and they eliminated about 60 vacant positions that have been vacant for a while, they fully pay their pension cost

and this is assuming that this Pension goes through that they fully pay the Pension cost within this Budget and they maintain their commitment to Rebuild Houston.

Members of Council questioned Mayor Turner about the proposed Budget.

Mayor Turner thanked all of the Council Members for going to Austin and it is historic for the City at this point and they are one step away from finalizing it but it does not solve all of the issue but it put them in a better position.

Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Stardig for a point of personal privilege, Council Member Stardig stated that Members of the Houston Apartment Association are present and requested them to stand to be recognized.

Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Boykins for a point of personal privilege, Council Member Boykins he would like to welcome to Houston Lindy Young and as well as Yanti Sontoezya.

Mayor Turner stated the reason why Council Member Robinson is not present is because he is on mission representing them in China and wishing him the best.

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

### **CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 2 through 28**

#### **ACCEPT WORK** - NUMBER 2

2. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$2,096,046.52 and acceptance of work on contract with **D.L. ELLIOTT ENTERPRISES, INC** for Waterline Rehab and Replacement Project - 0.71% under the original contract amount (WA11179-02)- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none.  
**MOTION 2017-0232 ADOPTED**

#### **PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS** - NUMBERS 4 and 5

4. **THE FIBAR GROUP, LLC** - \$406,400.00 and **THE LETCO GROUP, LLC** - \$123,500.00 for Surface Materials for Playgrounds and Jogging Trails for the Houston Parks & Recreation Department - 3 Years with two one-year options - General Fund- was presented, moved by

Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none.  
**MOTION 2017-0233 ADOPTED**

5. **BUBBLE TECHNOLOGY INDUSTRIES, INC** to Furnish and Deliver Radiation Detection Backpacks for the Houston Police Department - \$96,300.00 - Grant Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0234 ADOPTED**

**ORDINANCES** - NUMBERS 9 through 28

9. **ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 44 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, relating to Hotel Occupancy Tax; containing findings and other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; providing for severability; containing a savings clause- City Secretary advised that Item 9 had been pulled by the Administration and will not be considered.
11. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing grant contract between the City and the **DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES** under the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Cooperative Agreement Grant Program; approving the acceptance and disbursement of funds thereunder- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0317 ADOPTED**
12. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and the **FIFTH WARD ENRICHMENT PROGRAM, INC** in connection with My Brother's Keeper Houston Local Action Plan; providing a maximum contract amount - \$330,000.00 - Essential Public Health Fund- City Secretary advised that Item 12 had been pulled by the Administration and will not be considered.
15. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing submission of an electronic application for grant assistance to the **STATE OF TEXAS THROUGH THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION** for the FY 2018 Records 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 2017-0318 ADOPTED**
16. **ORDINANCE** establishing the north and south sides of the 700 Block of Bomar 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 C – COHEN**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0319 ADOPTED**
17. **ORDINANCE** extending the provision of **SECTION 28-303 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, to certain improved single-family residential lots in the **CANDLELIGHT FOREST SUBDIVISION, SECTIONS 1 AND 2**, to prohibit parking vehicles in the front or side yards of such residences - **DISTRICT A – STARDIG**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0320 ADOPTED**



18. **ORDINANCE** extending the provisions of **SECTION 28-303 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, to all improved single-family residential lots in the **SOUTH ACRES ESTATES SUBDIVISION, SECTION 5**, to prohibit parking vehicles in the front or side yards of such residences - **DISTRICT D – BOYKINS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0321 ADOPTED**
19. **ORDINANCE** consenting to the addition of 28.898 acres of land to **MILLS ROAD MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT**, for inclusion in its district- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0322 ADOPTED**
20. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Interlocal Lease Agreement between **HARRIS COUNTY (Owner)** and the City of Houston (Tenant) to lease Suite 148 in the Delta Building located at 10555 Northwest Freeway - **DISTRICT A – STARDIG-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0323 ADOPTED**
22. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing sole source agreement between the City of Houston and **BIBLIOTHECA, LLC** for Book Management and Security Services for the Houston Public Library (Approved by Ordinance No. 2017-0113); providing a maximum contract amount - 5 Years \$2,500,000.00 - General and Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Funds- City Secretary advised that Item 22 had been pulled by the Administration and will not be considered.
28. **ORDINANCE** awarding contract to **GRAVA, LLC.** for Concrete and Asphalt Restoration Work; setting a deadline for bidder's execution of 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 testing services, and contingencies relating to the construction of facilities - \$3,262,817.90 - Enterprise Fund (WA11142-04)- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0324 ADOPTED**

### **END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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

1. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for payment of \$917,400.00 to the **HARRIS-GALVESTON SUBSIDENCE DISTRICT** for 2017 groundwater withdrawal permit fees - Enterprise Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0235 ADOPTED**
3. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$2,949,621.85 and acceptance of work on contract with **PORTLAND UTILITIES CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, LLC** for Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation by Sliplining and Pipe Bursting Methods (WW4257-119) - 0.78% under the

original contract amount - Enterprise Fund - **DISTRICTS B - DAVIS; C - COHEN; H - CISNEROS and K - GREEN** - was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0236 ADOPTED**

6. **AMEND MOTION #2007-259, 3/7/2007, as amended, TO INCREASE** the spending authority from \$38,588,900.00 to \$44,588,900.00 for Chemical, Inorganic Metal Salt Coagulants for the Department of Public Works & Engineering, awarded to **BRENTAG SOUTHWEST, INC (Formerly ALTIVIA CORPORATION)** - \$6,000,000.00 - Enterprise Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0237 ADOPTED**
7. **RESOLUTION** of the City Council prescribing the date, time, and location of a Public Hearing on the City Budgets for the time period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018; authorizing notice of such public hearing and making other provisions related to the subject **HEARING DATE - 9:00 A.M. - WEDNESDAY - MAY 24, 2017-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **RESOLUTION 2017-0020 ADOPTED**
8. **ORDINANCE** supplementing and amending the City of Houston, Texas Combined Utility System Ordinance 2012-483; authorizing the remarketing and purchase of the Combined Utility System First Lien Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2012B; authorizing the Mayor and City Controller to approve the amounts, interest rates, mode, prices, and terms of the remarketed Series 2012B Bonds and certain other matters relating thereto; approving an investor letter; authorizing the execution and delivery of a continuing covenant agreement and other documents and instruments necessary or convenient to carry out the remarketing of the Series 2012B Bonds, and matters incident thereto; approving the engagement of certain professionals in connection with the foregoing; authorizing and ratifying other actions; making certain findings with respect thereto; containing other provisions relating to the subject; and declaring an emergency- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0325 ADOPTED**
10. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing first amendment to contract between the City of Houston and **GOODWILL INDUSTRIES OF HOUSTON** providing up to \$175,000.00 in additional Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Funds for the continuing operation of a supportive services program- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0326 ADOPTED**
13. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing grant contract between the City and **TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY** for Cooperative Reimbursement Contract for State Agencies and Local Governments for Ambient Air Monitoring; approving the acceptance and disbursement of funds thereunder- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0327 ADOPTED**
14. **ORDINANCE** denying the application of **CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC**, for approval to amend its Distribution Cost Recovery Factor filed with Houston, Texas,

on April 6, 2017- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0328 ADOPTED**

**21. ORDINANCE** amending Ordinance 2015-0721 to increase the maximum contract amount to the Pension Actuarial Consulting Services Agreement between the City and **RETIREMENT HORIZONS, INC** - \$450,000.00 - General Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0329 ADOPTED**

**23. ORDINANCE** awarding contract to **COMMERCIAL CHEMICAL PRODUCTS, INC dba POOLSURE** for Water Management Maintenance Repair Services for Parks & Recreation Department; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options \$2,883,433.08 - General Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0330 ADOPTED**

**24. ORDINANCE** awarding contract to **PHILADELPHIA MIXING SOLUTIONS, LTD.** for Mixer Maintenance and Repair Services for Department of Public Works & Engineering; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$5,312,300.00 - Enterprise Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0331 ADOPTED**

**25. ORDINANCE** awarding contract to **ASSOCIATED LANDSCAPE SERVICES, L.C.** for Grounds Maintenance and Landscaping Services for the Department of Public Works & Engineering; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$444,901.70 - Enterprise Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0332 ADOPTED**

**26. ORDINANCE** awarding contract to **SOUTHERN TIRE MART LLC.**, for Tire Repair Services for the Fleet Management Department; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one year options - \$1,421,820.00 - Fleet Management Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0333 ADOPTED**

**27. ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Professional Services Contract between the City of Houston and **UNDERGROUND PLANET ART STUDIO, LLC d/b/a UP ART STUDIO, LLC** for Traffic Signal Control Cabinet Murals for the Mayor's Office of Cultural Affairs; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years - \$350,000.00 - General Fund- was presented,

After a lengthy discussion, a vote was called, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0334 ADOPTED**

**MATTERS HELD** - NUMBERS 29 through 31

**29. MOTION** by Council Member Cohen/Seconded by Council Member Robinson to adopt recommendation from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$2,454,772.43 and acceptance of work on contract with **DCE CONSTRUCTION, INC** for South Post Oak Paving and Drainage from Beltway 8 to FM 2234 2.48% over the original contract amount and under the 5% contingency amount - **DISTRICT K - GREEN** - TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GREEN

This was Item 3 on Agenda of May 3, 2017- was presented, all voting aye, nays none.  
**MOTION 2017-0238 ADOPTED**

- 30. MOTION** by Council Member Cohen/Seconded by Council Member Davis to adopt recommendation from Chief Procurement Officer to award to **AVOLVE SOFTWARE CORPORATION** for approval of spending authority for sole source purchase in the total amount not to exceed \$1,498,602.61 for Named Enhanced Support for the Department of Public Works & Engineering - Building Inspection Fund - **TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MARTIN**

This was Item 10 on Agenda of May 3, 2017- was presented, all voting aye, nays none.  
**MOTION 2017-0239 ADOPTED**

- 31. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$5,502,000.00 out of HAS Consolidated ITRP AMT Construction Fund; approving and authorizing Construction Manager-At-Risk Contract between the City of Houston and **AUSTIN GILBANE**, Joint Venture, for the IAH Mickey Leland International Terminal (Project No. 826) - **DISTRICT B - DAVIS** - **TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GREEN**

This was Item 21 on Agenda of May 3, 2017 – was presented, all voting aye, nays none.  
**ORDINANCE 2017-0335 ADOPTED**

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

Members of Council announced events and discussed matters of interest.

There being no further business before Council; the City Council adjourned at 10:16 a.m. Council Members Davis, Le, Travis, Knox and Kubosh absent. **DETAILED INFORMATION ON FILE ON THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY**

**MINUTES READ AND APPROVED**

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Anna Russell, City Secretary

