

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, May 16, 2017

A regular meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 16, 2017; Mayor Sylvester Turner presiding, with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jerry Davis, Ellen Cohen, Dwight Boykins, Dave Martin, Steve Le, Greg Travis, Karla Cisneros, Mike Laster, Larry Green, Mike Knox, David Robinson, Michael Kubosh, Amanda Edwards and Jack Christie D.C.; and Randy Zamora, Legal Department; Marta Crinejo Agenda Director present. Council Member Robert Gallegos out of the City 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, Davis, Le, Travis, Laster, Green, Robinson, Kubosh and Edwards absent.

Council Member Cisneros stated that Safe Walk Home/Northside, originally the Northside Mothers Group, was created in May 2016 by Stella Mireles-Walters in memory of young Josué Flores, an 11-year old student who was brutally murdered as he walked home from middle school on May 17, 2016 and today, Safe Walk Home/Northside consists of almost 100 area volunteers who have completed both training with local police a course in first aid as members of a community Certified Emergency Response Team (CERT), Safe Walk Home/Northside's primary goal is to help ensure the safety of all children as they walk to and from school every weekday and its network of trained volunteers keep watch on area children from their front yards, busy intersections, sidewalks and cars as they drive to and from work every weekday, Safe Walk Home/Northside volunteers work closely with the police force, school officials and community leaders not only as a means of support, but also to help ensure that its goal to keep our community safe is met, on May 16, 2017, Safe Walk Home/Northside will celebrate its first year of service to the community. The City of Houston commends all those involved in Safe Walk Home/Northside for their commitment to improving the safety of our youth and extends best wishes for continued success and therefore, Mayor Turner hereby proclaimed May 16, 2017, as Safe Walk Home/Northside Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Le, Travis, Laster, Green, Robinson and Kubosh absent.

Council Member Martin were recognized for the next presentation and Council Member stated that San Jacinto College has been a leader in higher education in Houston and the Texas Gulf Coast region since 1961, providing affordable, high quality education to the citizens of East Harris County, Texas, it operates four campuses serving approximately 30,000 students each semester in seven major areas of study, including university transfer and job training programs and San Jacinto College is committed to student success and ensuring that students transfer to a four-year university to continue their higher education path or begin working in a rewarding career with the necessary workforce training, credentials and skills. It has experienced an increase of 161.7 percent over the last 10 years in the number of certificates and associate degrees awarded, with more than 7,000 certificates and associate degrees awarded during the 2015-2016 academic year, San Jacinto College works closely with partners across many different industries to develop curriculum and ensure students are job ready upon graduation. It also has re-imagined the student learning experience by implementing innovative initiatives that focus on helping students succeed in and out of the classroom and on May 16, 2017, San Jacinto College will be honored for its recognition of the Aspen Prize Rising Star award for being one of the top five community colleges in the nation and Council Member Boykins the City of Houston commends and congratulates San Jacinto College on this momentous occasion and extends best wishes for the future success of the school and its students and therefore, Mayor

Turner hereby proclaimed May 16, 2017, as San Jacinto College Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Stardig, Travis and Cisneros absent.

Council Member Knox stated that Empty Bowls Houston is a grassroots effort to fight hunger implemented to benefit the Houston Food Bank, one of the nation's largest food bank distribution networks aimed at alleviating hunger and Empty Bowls Houston has raised \$745,685 for the Houston Food Bank since its inception, which translates to more than 2.2 million meals for hungry Houstonians and 18 southwest Texas counties and on June 3, 2017, Empty Bowls Houston will host its 13th annual luncheon and fundraiser, presented by Whole Foods Market in collaboration with local ceramists, wood turners, blacksmiths and artists working in all media and the Houston Center for Contemporary Craft, lunch attendees will receive a lunch of soup and bread from Whole Foods Market and then select from hand-crafted bowls donated by Houston area ceramists and craft artists as a reminder of all the empty bowls in our community. The event is sponsored by Whole Foods Market, Houston Center for Contemporary Craft, Ceramic Store, Archway Gallery, The Mad Potter, LD Systems, Slow Dough Bread Co., GoodPop, Katz Coffee, Charity Gigs and Edible Houston Magazine and the City of Houston commends this year's 13th annual Empty Bowls Houston luncheon sponsors for having the commitment and dedication to feeding the hungry in our community and extends best wishes on a rewarding luncheon and therefore, Mayor Turner hereby proclaim June 3, 2017, as Empty Bowls Houston Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Travis and Cisneros absent.

At 2:08 p.m. Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Martin for the invocation and the Pledge.

At 2:13 p.m. the Roll was called. Council Member Robert Gallegos out of the City on City business.

Council Member Cohen moved to adopted the minutes for April 18-19, 2017 and delay the last two meetings and seconded by Council Member Knox, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION ADOPTED**

Council Member Boykins moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing Mr. Marty Lancton out of order and seconded by Council Member Kubosh, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0240 ADOPTED**

Council Member Knox moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of adding Mr. Halim Mustafa to the list of speakers and seconded by Council Member Kubosh, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0241 ADOPTED**

At 2:14 p.m. Mayor Turner requested the City Secretary to call the List of Speakers.

Mr. Myson Baxter, 21603 Greengate Dr., Spring, TX, 77388, (281)736-5300 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called.

Ms. Catherine Castillo, no address, (832)361-9873 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called.

Ms. Caitlin Macintyre, 8310 Leader St., 77036, (908)319-3565 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called.

Mr. Joseph Smith, 6305 Derril Ln., 77082, (832)372-1624 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called.

Mr. Marty Lancton, 1907 Freeman St., 77009, (713)223-9166 appeared and stated that he was the President of the Houston Professional Firefighters Association and he is here today because he is disappointed to advise the City Council that they are at impasse on their Contract negotiations with the City of Houston after 60 days of negotiations which is outline in the State Statue, they have committed thousands of hours on preparations on their end for these negotiations, contrary, the Mayor's statements from yesterday, the City did walk away after a misleading offer of a 2 week extension as the City's negotiators sort out the extension, the Negotiators and the City Legal denied knowledge of anything forth coming on the City's Budget Proposal as they did so they already knew that Turner's Administration had proposed a \$24 million dollar cut to the HFD budget, while at the same time recommending increases to the HPD budget, the Firefighters have earned the right for fair pay and working conditions, they have replied deferred raises and since 2011 Firefighters have only received 3% and their counterpart at HPD since 2011 have received over 20% after FY19 it will be 26.5% they have received in raises, contrary to the Mayor's claims the State Legislatures, Houston Firefighters are not well paid and in fact they are one of the lowest paid major City Fire Departments in the Nation, pay is not the only challenge that the Houston Firefighters are facing, they are losing Firefighters to other Departments after spending millions in training them and as they know as well that their fleet and facilities are declining to dangerous levels because the City is not replacing equipment and properly maintaining the fire stations without actions soon by the City, all this will impact their ability to deliver service to the Houstonians that pay for and deserve the service and they are here requesting City Council Members to encourage the City to allow a third party Arbitrator to resolve this impasse once and for all before the contract expires, while the City has ensured the HPD and Municipal employees would be given raises and a Pension bail out on the shoulders of Firefighters and Firefighters will begin a 4th year without a new contract if that does not happen and they are disappointed in the Mayor's Negotiation Team has forced them to seek arbitration mediation or even litigation against the City, they are at a loss as why the City refuses to propose a sensible contract and they are the only group out of the three groups that the citizens have voted on.

Mayor Turner stated that before he recognizes anyone in the que, Marty, are you aware that the Firefighters Pension cost is 33.2% of the Firefighters payroll and is he aware with the absent of a Pension reform that next year that the Firefighters Pension cost will be 50% of payroll and he and his organization are joining with the Firefighters Pension Board and fighting against Pension reform, so if there is not Pension reform and they do not know if they are going to get it yet and the cost goes from 33.2% of payroll to 50% then the question becomes where does the money come from and it is also true that they are asking for a pay raise of 21%.

Mr. Lancton stated it was actually 23.3% within 3 years and he has given 18 years to his service to the community as a Firefighter and what he can tell him factually when it comes to the pension was in October they were very clear about supporting whatever it was that need to be done that Austin can take care of any deal that the City and the Pension Board came up with and what he does know that the Bill that is before the State legislature is not what the Firefighters agreed too and that why he had not been quiet about and they cannot support yet again punitive measures being put on the back of Firefighters without recognizing the fact that the Firefighters have done more with less and 3% in 6 years and HPD is 60% ahead of them on every rank.

Mayor Turner wanted to simply say this, there have been a lot of factual misinformation that they have put out and he wanted to make the record clear since he had come the Pension cost is now 33.2% and in the absent of Pension reform which he, others and the Firefighters Board are fighting, the payroll will be 50% of payroll and the reality is when there is a retirement

and they been with the Fire Department for 5 or 35 years, they get 160% of their active pay and if they are with the Fire Department for 40 years they get 200% of their active pay and those are the facts and he had listen to whole a lot of the their social media which is factual wrong but since he came here and now his is asking for a pay increase of 21% while they fight them to lower their Pension cost, unlike Police and Municipal workers and Fire to this very day continue to refuse to provide the actuary data to verify the cost, they continue to refuse to give them that information and on top of that, they want the Pension cost to remain high, they want a 21% pay raise and they are constantly going to the media about equipment failing, so they want brand new equipment which he can understand that, they want a 21% pay raise and they want the Pension to remain like it always has been and he wanted to say to him, he continues to be a strong supporter of every Firefighter out there and it totally unrealistic to expect for everything to remain the same and to expect a 21% pay raise on top of that but if they can find a way or any City Council can find a way that they can do all of those 3 things that they and others are requesting he is all ears.

Council Member Boykins asked Mr. Lancton when does the contract expires and Mr. Lancton stated that contract by State Statue expired on Saturday night at 12 a.m.

Then the Mayor stated that it expires on June 30th and under the provisions they were operating it expires June 30th and in terms of contractual negotiating time period that expired on May 12th and in any party at that time can request a 2-week extension if the other side agrees and on May 12th, they did ask for the extension and the Firefighter refused the 2 week extension and recognizing the Pension situation had not been settled yet and they cannot finalize any negotiation when they have the element out there that might drive up the cost and the Firefighters elected to walk away from the claim and claiming that the City walked away and the City did not, the City asked for a 2 week extension pending the resolution of the Pension issue in the State Legislature in a letter.

Mr. Lancton stated with all respect to the Mayor, he was in the room and the Mayor's team, the Negotiation Team not only wanted to leave at 2:00 p.m. on a Friday and they even have it on video if anyone wants to see it so the truth can come out and Mayor Turner interrupted him to request his staff to give them the letter and Mr. Lancton continued to state that the State Statute requires that the parties agree to any of the extension in contract negotiations and what he will tell them at 2:00 p.m. on Friday there are 8 hours for the ground rule, they met limited times and the agreement was that all parties work as long and diligent as possible and they have 8 articles the City gave them that they were ready to agree to and at 2:00 on Friday the City says they do not have anything else to do for the day and he stated to them they have articles that they spent a lot of time, hours going through and requested for them to go through them and not at anytime during the beginning of the negotiation was Pension was mention at the table and at 4:00 p.m. the Negotiation Team once again requested that they stop negotiation because they do have anything else to do which they just sent them 8 articles and when they requested at 4:00, they told the negotiation team that they are here to 6:30 p.m. and the final words from the City Negotiation Team to the Firefighters turn the lights out when they are done, that is what happened, that is the problem that the Firefighter are having, they came prepared knowing that they are going to negotiate a contract and that has not been done since 2014 so to paint the picture that the Firefighters have walked, that is inaccurate.

Mayor Turner stated that he can say to him publicly is that he is speaking to the Chief Negotiator that they remain at the table, they are still at the table, if they want to meet tomorrow, they will meet tomorrow.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Lancton about the contract at length and Mayor Turner received the letter that was sent to the Firefighters and he read it out loud to keep this whole conversation factual. Council Members Knox and Christie absent.

Mayor Turner further stated that people are going to do what they think they have to do but while he is Mayor, he is in going to make tough calls and tough decisions and the only question that he wanted answered is what is the best interest of this City and that is how he will proceed and may the chips fall as will they may and the Contract is to expire on June 30th and he will make the necessary decisions to deal with every Department and the nothing that is subject to remain the same as it currently is and he is the Mayor and this Department will go forward.

Ms. Maryland Whittaker, 9014 Livings, 77028, (713)635-8547 appeared and presented information and stated that she is here on behalf Northeast East Houston Community because they have so many trucks parking lots in their area and she had been told that there is nothing that the City can do about it but their neighbors which is made of other Civic Clubs and they are here together to ask them to find a way to stop them from coming into their neighborhood and on the information she presented there are 29 truck parking lots in the radius of 4 miles and as they speak there is more land being cleared in their areas so they can put more and they cannot tell her that there is nothing that anyone can do to stop the parking lots from coming in their neighborhood, Mr. Davis and Mayor Turner they need help, they want those parking lots out of their area and some of them are being built right next door to a resident house, surely there is something they can do and they are not going to take no for an answer and they are going to come back and back until they get something done. Council Members Green and Knox absent.

Mayor Turner and Members of Council Ms. Whittaker questioned and Mayor Turner stated that he was going to work closely with Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis and requested that Gary Norman take a look at this, give him an analysis and advise what they can to out there.

Mr. Reginald Patrick, 2626 Loop West, Apt. No.150, 77054, (713)665-4049 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Green and Knox absent.

Mr. Ronald Whitfield, 7522 LaSalette, 77021, (832)882-5696 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Green and Knox absent.

Mr. Dennis Mathews, 15602 Windy Cove Dr., 77095, (832)647-6170 appeared and presented information and stated that he is an Independent Game Developer in the Houston Texas area and he been in the Gaming Industry for the last 15 years and he is coming here representing Gamers of Houston which is a new organization that had been here before and they are trying to promote and help get more support to get Game Develop next in the City of Houston and as they explained before the Austin Texas area is booming in Game Development and there is no reason Houston cannot do it as well and he had presented a document of a new program that he developed that is called Houston Codes, it an innovation program designed to highlight talented people and companies while connecting them to industries and opportunities through a series of ideation labs, hackathon, mentor sessions and pitch competition and think of it like hackathon spread out over 2 months and it a program that does not require immediate funding and it is more about connecting independent studios connect to larger corporations. Mayor Turner, Council Members Boykins, Laster, Green and Knox absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Council Member Travis questioned Mr. Matthews.

Mr. William Baker, 210 Gober, 77017, (281)906-5554 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Boykins, Laster, Green and Knox absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Ms. Anna Light, 2727 Revere St., 77098, (512)587-8377 appeared and stated that she is the owner of Interloop Design and moved here from Austin about 4 years ago and she believes that they are inspired by the universe or God and if they listen they would have the idea that would place to fit their purpose and they would response and when they respond they would be supported, she believes in humans and we were created to be loved and often it just as hard to receive love as it is to love, she is here today to share an idea of the homeless building for the homeless and her inspiration was given to her one day when she was sitting in traffic in Montrose and her ex-business partner and herself were debating on the direction on their business and she was asking God what should she do with all of her talent, if she does not want to be a designer and just at that moment a homeless man was crossing the street and she saw this grocery cart and it must have been piled high as 10 feet and it was 6 feet wide and it had handmade tools that were attached to his cart, it was amazing engineering structure and she thought to herself that was a cart and he took this cart from the sidewalk down the bumpy hill and across Montrose and up the curb and ended up across the other side of Montrose to a gravel road and it impressed her because she saw him do this in a short amount of time and she thought that he was smart and later that week she saw a couple building a structure out of wood which that gave her another idea and she asked herself if that was even legal and she thought that was interesting and in her business to deal with construction because she has to go into homes and when she goes into these home she see huge buckets of waste that are outside of these homes for example if someone does not like the color of their toilet, they throw it into the trash. Council Members Cohen, Boykins, Laster, Green and Knox absent.

Member of Council questioned Ms. Light.

Mr. Ray Breeding, 7026 Lost Thicket, 77085, (832)902-1102 appeared and stated that he was present to speak on behalf of the homeless community and they are requesting the Council and the City of Houston to look for and designated area for the homeless and he been in this ministry since 1997 and he is the sole Founder of Soul Winner for Christ Outreach & Neb of Integrity Ministry and he had been homeless himself and he understands that the law that they passed is a good law but his concern is that if they can put those that are still on the street in a designate an area and they can still provide help to those that are out on the street because a lot are not going to go into a shelter but they must still help those people regardless who they may be because they are human and he is here to stand for the homeless community for the simple fact that they need them because the City of Houston is supposed to be a loving City and they are supposed to help those that are on the streets as well and he understands that a lot of them are there by choice and they do not want to get off the street because they do not want to take responsibility and what he had come to learn from being a Minister of God that he should not look at them that way and he should help them because it could be him again or it can someone in this Chamber. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Gallegos, Laster, Green and Knox absent.

Mayor Turner stated that they are continuing to look at low level shelters and they are open to any suggestions and open to any suggestions on possible locations because it is their intent to help assist and they have met with many Faith based believers last week and also requesting for their assistants and requested that he would give Sean Quitzau his contact information and he would be more than happy to visit with him to come up with suggestions.

Mr. Emmanuel Castillo, 1308 Sydnor St., 77020, (713)791-4557 appeared and stated that he first want to address what was brought to his attention this morning, he believes that this Chamber belongs to the great citizens of Houston and without citizens of this great City, they would not have this Chamber and he believes that each and everyone of them that sits here should give everyone that comes up here their full attention, he had taken pictures and videos and they are not receiving that from their Council Members, they have Council Members on their phone, over there chatting, back there laughing and that is not what we the people voted for and that is not what they want from the City Council, they want leaders that are willing to address issues that are concerning their population of homelessness right now, they want issues to be resolved on Police brutality which they deserve their attention, he did not vote for them to come up here to talk to each other, he voted for them because he was under the impression that they would lead them, to lead them to a great City with success and they are seeing that, Mayor Turner promised many things to this City and he voted for him and he failed them and he failed many people in this City and he even donated to his campaign and if God can give him the right to take back that money, he would do so; the second thing he wanted to address was that Mayor Turner stated he had reduced homelessness within a 5 year period, he said that shelters were available to the homeless community, he walks day and night with his fellow colleagues and he sees so many of them in hunger and thirst. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Gallegos, Laster, Green and Knox absent.

Council Member Travis stated that he did vote for him and he does not appreciate him for coming up here to lecturing him or anybody else about this and maybe he does not realize that everyone up here has a computer or a phone that can act like a computer and when they are sitting up here looking at their phones and when these ladies were here talking about their issue regarding trucks going through their neighborhood and they are looking them up trying to find those trucks and where those places happen to be and they do 60 to 70 hours per week and he comes up here and talks about things he thinks he knows but he really does not and there are people out in the audience that have a real concern and real concerns that they can address and when he comes up here disrespecting the Council Member and the Mayor, he is wasting their time.

Ms. Dineta Frazier, no address, 1-877-257-1678, had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Gallegos, Laster, Green and Knox absent.

Mr. Craig Coleman, 3810 Faulkner St. Apt.2, 77021, (832)516-5503 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Gallegos, Laster, Green and Knox absent.

Ms. Pat Hartwell, 2415 Division, Apt.B, 77004, (713)566-0044 appeared and stated that she thinks it was Council Member Travis does not treat her with such disrespect, that was ridiculous from a professional, last week on May 10th there was a peaceful walk protest and this action was because of Governor Greg Abbott signing of the SB4 and people that are not familiar with this Bill, it gives City Law Enforcement the right to stop any person and ask for citizenship papers and they know the Mayor and the City was familiar with this Bill because Mayor Turner has refused to declare the City a Sanctuary City, they are very disappointed in this even through Mayor Turner the City of Houston is more diverse than the City of New York and because of this racist SB4 herself along with others peacefully walked from Harwin to the Attorney General Office and they walk to the building were the Child Support Office is and the reason they went there because when these men are deported and they are paying child support, that means that the State of Texas would take over the care of the children and she asked him what he was

doing and he just stared at her and finally a large Cop came toward her if and ask she was an Attorney or she worked with the Police which she is not, she had been around Politics for a while and she support Mayor Turner when he was in the Legislature and he helped them with a lot of things and she does appreciate it and now the buck stops with him. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Laster, Green and Knox absent.

Mr. Jeff Cumby, 3416 Huisache Blvd. Pearland, TX, 77581, (832)755-7488 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Laster, Green and Knox absent.

Mr. Andrew Johnson, 8115 Glenloch Dr., 77061, (928)707-1945 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Laster, Green and Knox absent.

Mr. Dennis Woodward, 943 Thornton Rd., 77018, (713)290-8961 1945 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Laster, Green and Knox absent.

Mr. Travis McGee, 5747 Lakefield Dr., 77033, (832)488-7709 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Laster, Green and Knox absent.

Ms. Cynthia Pharms, 4700 Wenda, 77033, (713)557-8100 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Laster, Green and Knox absent.

Ms. Sandra Massie-Hines, 8380 El Mundo St., 77054, (832)374-5585 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Laster, Green and Knox absent.

Mr. John Noflin, 12903 Brent Rock Dr. Apt. 703, 77082, (832)208-1498 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Laster, Green and Knox absent.

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

Mr. Halim Mustafa, no address, no phone, had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Laster, Green and Knox absent.

City Secretary advised that a speaker that was called earlier was now present and listed under the 2 minute and would be called next.

Ms. Caitlin Macintyre, 8310 Leader St., 77036, (908)319-3565 appeared and stated that recently she had the honor in speaking with Mrs. Braziel, she was struck by her bravery, her courage, her willingness to get justice for her husband, she was applaud by the way she had been treated by the City after her husband was murdered by 2 Police Officers nearly a year ago and since then she seen her husband's name be dragged into the mud and had to endure listening to the Mayor publicly claim that Albert Braziel pointed a gun at the Officers even though there is no evidence of this and the only video of the actually shooting shows Officers killing Mr. Braziel by shooting him 16 times when his arms were in the air, the Officers failed to turn on

their body cameras before exiting their vehicles and they heard a lot of excuses about that, a man is dead, Mayor Turner, you stated that you would give a full investigation and his family is still waiting, has one been requested, has action been taken, where are the results of the investigation for the public to see and the Mayor and City Council owe the Braziel family a public apology and action. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Laster, Green and Knox absent.

President Joseph Charles, Post Office Box 524373, 77052-4373, Houston, TX, appeared and requested more time and stated his subject was absolute Marshal Law, Salaries, Revoked, H/City, Texas/State, and Government Systems and continued to voice his personal experiences. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Laster, Green and Knox absent.

Ms. Nikki Luellen, 5802 Thrush Dr., 77033, (713)305-3811 appeared and stated that on July 9, 2016 a middle age White man named Keith Watson had a shootout with HPD and a negotiation team was called in and he was arrested with no injuries and later that night a Black man named Albert Braziel was shot looking for his horse and the HPD Officers rolled up to him and shot him 16 times, Mayor Turner lied about Mr. Braziel that he pointed a gun at the Police and after 10 months he has not retracted his statements, he had lied about the Federal Investigation into the shooting and he lied about Mrs. Braziel did not want the tape to be release which she did, they demand immediately the Mayor to resign and listed her demands and finally she demands that the street he was killed on be renamed to Albert Braziel. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Laster, Green and Knox absent.

Ms. Sabrina Smith-Sherwood, 17111 Silverstone Ln., Spring, TX, 77379, (281)865-4729 appeared and stated the Mayor is willing to fix a sidewalk for a child but cannot do the right thing for a grieving widow with 7 beautiful children that they lost their father to Police brutality, this is her 8th week that she had appeared before them, she had watch them entertain a middle age White man that wanted to encamp the homeless and she had watch him belittle people who wanted to help them and she been here for 8 weeks and he had nothing to say to her and all he had done was is lie and because of all these reason she is demanding that all of them to resign. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Laster, Green and Knox absent.

Ms. Synethia Hall, 1515 Sydnor St., 77020, 9832)886-7771 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Laster, Green and Knox absent.

Note: During the public session motions were offered to extend time for questions of various speakers, and votes taken, which were not prepared in written form and may be viewed on HTV Houston or on disc.

At 4:03 p.m. The City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 16, 2017, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Laster, Green and Knox 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 17, 2017 Mayor Sylvester Turner presiding, with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jerry Davis, Ellen Cohen, Dwight Boykins, Dave Martin, Steve Le, Greg Travis, Karla Cisneros, Robert Gallegos, Mike Laster, Larry Green, Mike Knox, David Robinson, Michael Kubosh, Amanda Edwards and Jack Christie D.C.; Ronald Lewis, Legal Department, Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director present.

At 9:06 a.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting to order. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Martin, Laster, Green and Robinson absent.

Mayor Turner stated that he is the Ice man for today for San Antonio and as the City Secretary told him a few minutes ago, "this is what you get for betting, there is always a payday" and today is payday, the Mayor from San Antonio challenged him and he accepted the challenge and San Antonio was successful getting passed the Houston Rockets for this year and so he is in a San Antonio Spurs jersey and for everyone to take a good look now and forever hold their peace because it is going to be gone in a few seconds and just like Superman, let him go into his booth and he will be back.

At 9:10 a.m. Mayor Turner stated that they would move to the Mayor's Report.

MAYOR'S REPORT - Anti-Human Trafficking

Mayor Turner stated that he wanted to remind everyone about Bike to Work Day which is this coming Friday and registration starts at 7 a.m., and the yoga starts at 7:30 a.m., the free food and drinks begins at 8:15 a.m. and please encourage everyone to participate.

Mayor Turner stated that the Ordinances had taken into effect in regards to homelessness and panhandling, they been working with the Coalitions for the Homeless and other organization for the last couple of months and talking for people over and over again and they will continue to talk, they have not issued any citations because they continue to talk to them on a one on one bases, their goal was to house 500 people in 6 months in permanent housing which is the most effective strategy and there was a temporary setback from the money coming from HUD and the Voucher program being stopped and he believes that they found the ways funding in the \$2.1 million dollars that they needed; City had been sued by ACLU in regards to the Ordinances which they are trying to strike a delicate balance to meet the needs for people that are on the street.

Mayor Turner gave an update on the Pension Bill which is in the Conference Committee and when it comes to a final resolution it goes to the Legislature within a week's time.

Mayor Turner stated that Minal Patel Davis has been doing an amazing job on Human Trafficking and invited her to the podium to outline the strategies to take on this issue, the City had received regional and National attention on how the City of Houston is approaching and taking on Human Trafficking and he wanted to her here to give a report so that Members of Council would know what is taking place and to see what she and her team are doing also along with the HPD and other agencies.

Ms. Patel Davis reviewed report to Members of Council the Anti-Human Trafficking Strategic Plan, which is available in the Office of the City Secretary and Members of Council questioned and thanked her for giving them this report and she provided the number to report anything which is (888)377-7888 and that is the Hotline and introduced the Police Officers that are working on the Trafficking problem

Mayor Turner further stated that there been a lot of conversation for the last several days the Wanna Cry virus, the City Cyber Security Professionals have been proactively tracking the release that was stolen by the hacker group Shadow Broker for some time know and the City Team had been patching since mid-April and continued to explained what the City Team was doing in preventing the virus on City and listed all the employee that were working around the clock in order to protect the City from that virus.

Mayor Turner stated on the last subject matter, he wanted to speak about Housing and where the City is going from here, there had been a recent article with respect to TIRZ Housing Funds, as they go forward under this Administration he had asked Tom McCasland to do several things, to repair and to build affordable housing to make sure they are available for people who need them as far as their dollars can go and when it relates to blue tarps that have been on peoples roofs since 2008 and they have repaired over 450 already, they need to have a clearer definition on affordable housing and for him to put forth a definition that they all can agree on, to make sure developers that are receiving dollars like the TIRZ dollars for example, that these units are available for families that qualify and that they just do not give out dollars to developers and in the end after they are built that those building are sold at market rate and that the affordability remain on the units for good period of time; for the Lara Lots that the City gets that they purchase for the Lara Lots Program, those lots must be maintained by the City and they must put affordable housing on them in a timely fashion; also to provide annual Financial reports on TIRZ Housing dollars coming in, a report on those dollars they have received and what they have done with those dollars and the money that they have expended and the balance remaining; as they move forward and do these steps collectively, he knows that they would have more affordable housing and to also have a clear definition on affordable housing means.

Members of Council discussed the Plan for Affordable Housing.

Council Member Robinson moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of considering Item 1 out of order and seconded by Council Member Christie, all voting aye, nays none.

MOTION 2017-0242 ADOPTED

1. **REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment of **C. J. MESSIAH**, as Director of the **GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT**- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0243 ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner invited C.J. Messiah to the podium and stated that Clyde J. "C.J." Messiah, Jr., was appointed as Director of the General Services Department for the City of Houston and he had the pleasure of working with C.J. over the last year, he is a man of his word and knows how to get the job done, and he is confident in his ability to lead this Department and look forward to working with C.J. and the great City employees that work in the General Services Department to ensure that the lights come on in our buildings and that our facilities are clean, well-maintained and secure and " Mr. Messiah has served as interim director of the department since November 2016 and joins the Mayor's executive team with more than two decades of law enforcement experience and he had been the deputy assistant director in charge of security for the General Services Department since June 2016. As Director of the General Services Department, Mr. Messiah is tasked with coordinating the preparation, implementation and monitoring of the department budget, training employees and establishing policies and procedures for the department. Mr. Messiah has more than 23 years of experience with the Houston Police Department and served as Sergeant of the Mayor's Protection Detail Division for 11 years, Mr. Messiah also served as Technical Sergeant, Staff Sergeant and Airman Sergeant in the United States Air Force. He is a Veteran of the U.S. Air Force and has worked as a security consultant with the Major-League Baseball Organization for 16 years and the General Services Department oversees maintenance, construction and security management services for more than 400 city facilities.

Members of Council thanked Director C.J. Messiah for his willingness to serve and Mr. Messiah requested that the staff that were present stand to be recognized.

At 10:31 Mayor Turner requested that the City Secretary to call the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 2 through 28

MISCELLANEOUS - NUMBERS 3 through 6

3. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment to the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER EIGHTEEN, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS, FIFTH WARD ZONE:**

Position One - **RICHARD R. FARIAS**, reappointment, for a term to expire 7/20/2017

Position Two - **HARVEY CLEMONS, JR.**, reappointment, for a term to expire 7/20/2018

and to serve as Chair for a term ending 12/31/2017

Position Three - **KATHY FLANAGAN-PAYTON**, reappointment, for a term to expire 7/20/2017

Position Four - **ELEANOR D. JONES**, reappointment, for a term to expire 7/20/2018-

Position Five - **STEPHEN J. "JAMIE" BRYANT**, appointment, for a term to expire 7/20/2017- City Secretary advised that Item 3 had been pulled by the Administration and will not be considered.

5. RECOMMENDATION from Police Chief for extension of Injury on Duty Leave for **Sergeant ROY HANEY**- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis and Travis absent.
MOTION 2017-0244 ADOPTED

6. RECOMMENDATION from Police Chief for extension of Injury on Duty Leave for **Officer JILL HESSELD AHL**- the City Secretary advised that Item 6 had been pulled by the Administration and will not be considered.

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS - NUMBERS 8 and 9

8. ORDINANCE appropriating \$688,201.12 out of Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund for Purchase of Scott AirPaks and Replacement Parts for the Houston Fire Department- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis and Travis absent.
ORDINANCE 2017-0336 ADOPTED

9. **AMEND MOTION NO. 2014-801, 8/13/2014, TO INCREASE** spending authority from \$3,028,183.00 to \$3,785,228.75 for Scott AirPaks and Replacement Parts for the Houston Fire Department

This item should only be considered after passage of Item 8 above- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis and Travis absent. **MOTION 2017-0245 ADOPTED**

ORDINANCES - NUMBERS 19 through 28

19. **ORDINANCE** establishing the west side of the 2600-2800 block of Morrison Street within the City of Houston, Texas as a special minimum building line block pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT H – CISNEROS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Travis absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0337 ADOPTED**
20. **ORDINANCE** establishing the west side of the 2600-2800 block of Morrison 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 H – CISNEROS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Travis absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0338 ADOPTED**
21. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Lease Agreement between the City of Houston and **FEDERAL EXPRESS CORPORATION** for certain premises at George Bush Intercontinental Airport/Houston - **DISTRICT B – DAVIS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Travis absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0339 ADOPTED**
23. **ORDINANCE** consenting to the addition of 5.91 acres of land to **KINGSBRIDGE MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT**, for inclusion in its district- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Travis absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0340 ADOPTED**
25. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$800,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund as an additional appropriation; approving and authorizing first amendment to Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **FREESE AND NICHOLS, INC** for Design of Groundwater Facility/Re-Pump Station/HVAC & Ventilation System Improvements at various locations (Approved by Ordinance No. 2014-0523); providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS A - STARDIG; B - DAVIS; E - MARTIN and G – TRAVIS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Travis absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0341 ADOPTED**
27. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$5,057,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **LEM CONSTRUCTION CO., INC** for Ground Water Facility/Re-Pump Station Improvements - Package 1; setting a deadline for the Bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering, testing, CIP Cost Recovery, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS A - STARDIG; E - MARTIN and F – LE**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Travis absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0342 ADOPTED**

- 28. ORDINANCE** awarding contract to **REYTEC CONSTRUCTION RESOURCES, INC**, for FY17 Local Drainage Project Work Order Construction [Contract 2]; 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, testing and construction management, relating to construction of facilities financed by the Stormwater Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Travis absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0343 ADOPTED**

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

- 2. REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following to the **BUILDING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION**:

Panel A:

- Position A1 - **WARD W. ARENDT**, reappointment, for a term to expire 12/31/2018
Position A2 - **JOE H. MORENO**, appointment, for a term to expire 12/31/2017
Position A3 - **JACKSON CHANG**, reappointment, for a term to expire 12/31/2018
Position A4 - **JENIFER RENÉ POOL**, reappointment, for a term to expire 12/31/2017
Position A5 - **MARK ALAN PARTHIE**, reappointment, for a term to expire 12/31/2018

Panel B:

- Position B1 - **WATTS T. MCKEE, JR.**, reappointment, for a term to expire 12/31/2018
Position B2 - **VICTOR L. CARDENAS, JR.**, reappointment, for a term to expire 12/31/2017
Position B3 - **PETER EICHENLAUB**, appointment, for a term to expire 12/31/2018
Position B4 - **MICHAEL E. CRAMER**, reappointment, for a term to expire 12/31/2017
Position B5 - **VIRGINIA LEE DUKE**, reappointment, for a term to expire 12/31/2018

Alternates:

- Position a1 - **THEODORE D. SIMS**, reappointment, for a term to expire 12/31/2018
Position a2 - **ADAM KIEHNE**, reappointment, for a term to expire 12/31/2017

Position a3 - **NOLA J. LUSK**, reappointment, for a term to expire 12/31/2018

Position a4 - **ALPHONSO DELANEY**, appointment, for a term to expire 12/31/2017

Position a5 - **THOMAS E. BRENTS**, reappointment, for a term to expire 12/31/2018

Position a6 - **DOUGLAS E. HAMMEL**, reappointment, as an Alternate, for a term to expire 12/31/2017

Position a7 - **EILEEN SUBINSKY**, appointment, as an Alternate, for a term to expire 12/31/2018

Was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Christie, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Travis absent. **MOTION 2017-0246 ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner stated that Jennifer Pool was the only one present that was just appointed and he recognized and thanked for the willingness to serve.

Members of Council thanked them for their willingness to serve.

4. REQUEST from Mayor for appointment or reappointment of the following to the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER THREE, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS (MAIN STREET MARKET SQUARE ZONE)**, for terms to expire December 31, 2018:

Position Two - **CURTIS V. FLOWERS**, reappointment

Position Four - **KEITH EDWARD HAMM**, appointment

Position Eight - **JAMES B. HARRISON, III**, reappointment-

Was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **MOTION 2017-0247 ADOPTED**

Members of Council thanked them for their willingness to serve.

7. **RECOMMENDATION** from Interim Director General Services Department for approval of final contract amount of \$1,758,993.00 and acceptance of work on contract with **GADBERRY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC** for TIGER Project #1 - White Oak Path: Alabonson Rd. to Antoine Dr. Link - 2.87% over the original contract amount and under the approved 10.0% **DISTRICT A – STARDIG**- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0248 ADOPTED**

10. **PERKINELMER HEALTH SCIENCES, INC** for Victor X4 Multimodal Plate Reader and DELFIA Plate Washer for the Houston Health Department - \$65,036.34 - Grant Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0249 ADOPTED**

11. **PCMG, INC** for approval of spending authority in the total amount not to exceed \$420,572.00 for Learning Management System Software Licenses and Installation Services from the GSA Schedule 70 Contract through the Cooperative Purchasing Program for the Human Resources Department- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0250 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 - \$1,320,000.00 - Essential Public Health Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0344 ADOPTED**
13. **ORDINANCE** disannexing approximately 3 acres of undeveloped land in the vicinity of the intersection of I-45 North and Rankin Road, located within the Municipal boundaries of the City of Houston, Harris County, Texas - **DISTRICT B – DAVIS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0345 ADOPTED**
14. **ORDINANCE** finding and determining that public convenience and necessity no longer require the continued use of New Bridge Street, from Bingle Road west 575 feet; vacating and abandoning said street to **F. L. TUCKER, LTD. and GLAD TIDINGS ASSEMBLY OF GOD HOUSTON, INC**, the abutting owners, in consideration of owners' payment of \$163,122.00 to the City and conveyance to the City of right-of-way for and construction of a cul-de-sac, located in the Rosslyn Addition, Joseph Bays Survey, A-127, Harris County, Texas, and other consideration - **DISTRICT A – STARDIG-** was presented and tagged Council Member Stardig.
15. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and the **UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON** for Sales Tax Report Services; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$100,000.00 - General Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0346 ADOPTED**
16. **ORDINANCE** amending Ordinance No. 2017-334 (Passed and adopted on May 10, 2017) to include the City Controller's Certification of funds page; confirming the passage of Item No. 27 on City Council Agenda dated May 9-10, 2017 pertaining to the Professional Services Contract between the City and **UNDERGROUND PLANET ART STUDIO, LLC d/b/a UP ART STUDIO, LLC** via Ordinance No. 2017-334- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0347 ADOPTED**
17. **ORDINANCE** awarding contract to **BFI WASTE SERVICES OF TEXAS, LP dba ALLIED WASTE SERVICES OF HOUSTON/REPUBLIC SERVICES OF HOUSTON** for Non-Hazardous Waste, Collection, Transportation and Disposal Services for Various Departments; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$5,418,102.72 - General, Enterprise and Other Funds- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0348 ADOPTED**
18. **ORDINANCE** accepting the proposal from **AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL GROUP**, through **NATIONAL UNION FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY of PITTSBURGH, PA.**, a Member Company, and approving and authorizing purchase of Crime Insurance for Public Employee Dishonesty \$46,018.00 - Property and Casualty Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0349 ADOPTED**
22. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$976,013.00 out of Airports Improvement Fund and awarding construction contract to **JAMES CONSTRUCTION GROUP, LLC** for the Reconstruction of

Taxiway RA at George Bush Intercontinental Airport/Houston (Project 797); 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 contingencies and engineering testing services relating to construction of facilities financed by such funds - **DISTRICT B – DAVIS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0350 ADOPTED**

24. ORDINANCE appropriating \$300,000.00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **EJES INCORPORATED** for FY17 Local Drainage Project Work Order Design (Contract 3); providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0351 ADOPTED**

26. ORDINANCE appropriating \$2,463,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **D. L. ELLIOTT ENTERPRISES, INC** for Water Line Replacement in Glen Iris Area; 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, testing, CIP Cost Recovery, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS D - BOYKINS and K – GREEN-** was presented and tagged by Council Member Green.

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

Members of Council announced events and discussed matters of interest.

There being no further business before Council; the City Council adjourned at 11:30 a.m. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Gallegos, Green, Knox and Kubosh absent.
DETAILED INFORMATION ON FILE ON THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

Anna Russell, City Secretary

