

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

A regular meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 18, 2017; Mayor Sylvester Turner presiding, with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jerry Davis, Ellen Cohen, Dwight Boykins, Dave Martin, Greg Travis, Karla Cisneros, Robert Gallegos, Mike Laster, Larry Green, Mike Knox, David Robinson, Michael Kubosh, Amanda Edwards and Jack Christie D.C.; and Randy Zamora, Legal Department; Marta Crinejo Agenda Director and Stella Ortega Agenda Office present. Council Member Steve Le absent on vacation.

At 1:36 p.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting to order and stated they would start the presentation. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Travis, Gallegos, Laster, Green, Knox, Kubosh and Edwards absent.

Council Member Stardig stated that Kendra Willis is an ambitious single mother with a spinal cord injury due to a tragic shooting and she is currently working for Galena Park Independent School District and Pasadena Independent School District where she manages and teaches special needs and general population school age kids grades K-12, she is the proud owner of Sugar Gallery, making an assortment of cakes and pies weekly and for the holidays, her highest accomplishment however is her daughter Kyndall and since her injury, Kendra Willis has had an enormous amount of adversities becoming independent, raising her daughter and pursuing financial freedom, remaining resilient through it all and she has been accompanying her daughter across the country as she competed in dance and cheer competitions and large on stage productions and Kendra Willis' future goals are to become a motivational speaker and publish a book, sharing her evolutionary expertise with her peers, as Ms. Wheelchair Texas 2017, Kendra Willis' duties are numerous, each year, she has the opportunity to travel, make public appearances and conduct radio, print and television interviews in the fulfillment of her responsibilities and these include promoting awareness of the need to eliminate architectural and attitudinal barriers, educating Texans on disability issues and informing the public of the achievements of people with disabilities across our great state and on July 25, 2017, Kendra Willis will be honored for her many outstanding achievements and the City of Houston commends Kendra Willis for her dedication and commitment to educating and spreading awareness regarding disability issues and extends best wishes for continued success and therefore, Mayor Turner hereby proclaimed July 25, 2017, as Kendra Willis Day Ms. Wheelchair Texas 2017 in Houston, Texas. Council Members Travis, Gallegos, Laster and Edwards absent.

Council Member Cohen stated that the Meyerland Area is found on both sides of Brays Bayou at the southwest corner of Loop 610 and its many neighborhoods include Meyerland, Marilyn Estates, Barkley Square and Maplewood. Many institutions of Houston's Jewish community are found here, including several temples and the Jewish Community Center and the northeast corner of the community includes the redeveloped Meyerland Center retail development and the area was developed beginning in the 1950s. Recently, a deteriorated apartment complex was torn down for the construction of new luxury homes, reflecting the continued high demand for homes in the area, a Super Neighborhood is a forum where residents and stakeholders can collaborate on neighborhood issues and work with city officials to be more responsive to community needs. The people of Meyerland are currently working to formalize the Greater Meyerland Super Neighborhood #31 to be officially recognized by the City of Houston and on July 25, 2017, the City of Houston will formally recognize Greater Meyerland Super Neighborhood #31. The City of Houston commends all those involved in the Greater Meyerland Super Neighborhood #31, especially Harrold Harris, Alan Lipman, Kay Swint and Barbara Marcus, and extends best wishes for continued success and therefore, Mayor Turner hereby proclaimed July 25, 2017, as Greater Meyerland Day Super Neighborhood #31 in Houston, Texas. Council Member Travis absent.

Mayor Turner stated that he takes great pleasure in presenting this special certificate of Graduation for the Minority Women, Small, and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program to 3 of the 4 partners of McConnell & Jones LLP, Mr. Ira Wayne McConnell, Mr. Thomas Jones Jr. and Ms. Sharon Murphy and Mr. Odysseus Lanier could not be here today, certified as a MBE in July of 2003 McConnell & Jones LLP has reached a remarkable milestone and officially graduated from the City MWBE program effective May 6, 2017 and during these 14 years as MBE McConnell & Jones LLP had been awarded a total of 9 City of Houston contracts, one as the certified Prime Contractor and 7 as MBE Sub Contractor, the firm has received over \$5,250,000.00 in subcontracting opportunities and as of now graduating MWBE Program and graduation on a job well done and in recognition of their successful graduation from the City of Houston for the Minority Women, Small, and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program, this special City of Houston Diploma to McConnell & Jones LLP issued on this 25<sup>th</sup> day in July of 2017. Council Members Davis and Cisneros absent.

At 2:09 p.m. Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Kubosh for the invocation and he invited Pastor Arnie Casais to offer the invocation and Council Member Kubosh led the Pledge of Allegiance.

At 2:13 p.m. the Roll was called. Council Member Steve Le on vacation.

Council Member Cohen moved to adopted the minutes for June 27-28, 2017 and to postpone adoption of the balance of the minutes and seconded by Council Member Knox, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Boykins for a point of personal privilege; Council Member Boykins stated that last night there was a very disturbing story where Ms. Scott a 91 year old lady, a Senior in the South Park area which is in District D was evicted from her home and the Constables Office was doing what they are paid to do, it was a disturbing site they were taking her furniture out of her house and placing it on the curb and he received a call and they went to the scene trying to move forward to make a compromise, the update that he wanted to give was that they were given some Angels that came to the rescue to help address this issue, a lot of people called the City of Houston and volunteered but this one particular person has come and put in time and effort and assembled a group of people including donors from stores and a hotel put her up, gave food for her, clothes for her and it was a bad situation but it is turning positive and he wanted the City of Houston to know that they are working it out and this young lady is Rene Jefferson which he had never met before she had just turned this negative issue into a positive one and he wanted to publicly thank her.

Council Member Kubosh moved to suspend the rules to hear Ms. Tomaro Bell out of order and seconded by Council Member Laster, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Stardig and Green absent. **MOTION 2017-0468 ADOPTED**

At 2:17 p.m. Mayor Turner requested the City Secretary to call the List of Speakers.

Mr. Rod Smith, 21 Waugh Dr., 77007, (713)629-7080 appeared and stated that he is a business owner, property owner in this wonder City that he truly loves, he had never been involved in City Politics up until now but when he caught wind of the 15-year Recycling proposal, he had to get involved and step up to help stop this bad deal and he thought he could help since he had been in the trash collection and recycling business in the past 12 years but since Mayor Turner had a change of heart that they do not visit this for now, however, since the sudden change of last Friday, now they have a greater opportunity in front of them to consider and that is to privatize the entire Waste Collection and the Recycling that the City currently is performing and save the

citizens some really money and one thing that he had learned in the past when he was in business and worked for the big trash hollers is that government should no be in the trash collection and recycling business and when he was in the business many people may know that there is not secret when private industry takes over trash collection and recycling there is at least a 25% saving to the tax payers and the citizens of this City deserve the best possible deal and the timing could never be better than now and the administration before them, they have left you guys some really prizes, they all know about the 5 billion dollar pension that Mayor Turner gets to deal with and the one that he really loves is the Astrodome that was open in 1965 and that they still owe 30 million dollars and 2 million dollars to maintain it;

Mayor Turner advised Mr. Smith that Harris County owns the Astrodome.

Mr. Smith further stated that they sold the Astrodome as the 8<sup>th</sup> Wonder of the World and he wondered who got rich on that deal and the City cannot afford anymore bad deals, they need to securitize everything now and what they been doing and what they are doing in the future. Council Member Green and Robinson absent.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Smith.

Ms. Tomaro Bell, 3248 Charleston St., 77021, (713)825-8449 appeared and stated that on Friday the 14<sup>th</sup>, she received a text from the Solid Waste Department asking them to come last Tuesday to speak in support of the Recycling Contract and she did not reply and they called her on Monday and asked her if she was going and she really did not know anything or vetted it and she does not come to support Items she does not know but since they called her, she stated that she would be there on Wednesday because she wanted to learn a little more about it and she came here last Wednesday and she concurs with Council Member Christie and was one of the best Council Meeting she been to in years, she applauds all the Council Members but team reflects leadership and she applauds the Mayor and as rare as it is, when she speaks about process she wants the same people that looked at it to look at this process because she learned way more she needed to know about the process and she is quite concerned about the PWE Director, the Capital Improvement Bond Project and what they are asking for falls under PWE. Council Member Green absent.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Bell.

Mayor Turner stated that the Director is on Administrative Leave and he thinks in all fairness and candor, he would appreciate it if she would give the administration the opportunity to investigate it before in public chastising him when he is on Administrative Leave and he thinks everyone deserve that.

Ms. Ada Edwards, 1033 Theresa St., 77051, (713)501-3786 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Member Green absent.

Mr. Daniel Hernandez, 7342 Lamar, 77011, (713)923-4790 appeared and stated and ask that they excuse his voice as he is having an issue with Cancer, he wants to rent a property and about 8 months ago his tenant moved out of the apartment and he started to make some minor's repairs and couple weeks later a City Inspector came to inspect the property and he got some violation sticker and in his opinion since he was not doing anything that required an inspector he did not pay attention to it and 2 weeks later he put on another one, 2 weeks later another one and 2 weeks for 4 tickets and he called him after the fourth one and he told him that he would have to pay a \$250 fine for each violation he put on his property and he wonders what he wanted on the fourth one to call him and tell him that he had to pay such a fine and in the past he had problems

with Inspectors and in 2011, he pulled out all the permits he need for his business and even after he had done all the requirements the City Inspector came out with telling him he needed another permit, he had to call his Council Member and he had to speak with the top Supervisor and it turned out that he did not need that permit, they were trying just to get money from him, in regards to the garage apartment he must acknowledge that he ended up doing more than the electrical part than he thought and he had been talking to a Mr. Kevin and he told him that he would have to pull a permit for electrical which he is willing to do and he just here asking them to not to ask him to get more permits that he needs for the job that he had been doing and 4 years ago he replaced a couple of pieces of plywood and 5 years ago he replace a couple of boards on the siding and the City Inspector also put stickers on his property and in his opinion replacing couple of pieces of plywood or siding does not require a City Permit. Council Member Green absent.

Mayor Turner questioned Mr. Hernandez about the inspector coming out and citing him on failing to have 3 permits and then you are saying the permits were unnecessary and he requested that Gary Norman with PWE to speak with Mr. Hernandez and to check and make sure what they are asking is unreasonable and to make sure it is consistent on what the requirements are.

Mr. John Branch, 4430 Castor, 77022, (310)710-4181 appeared and stated that he was Community Development Commissioners for 10 years for the City of Houston and when they had a Community Development Commissioners they decided where the money would go for community development in their communities and he fought very hard for the 2.5 million for the Independent Heights Police Store Front and that money was earmarked for Independent Heights and that is where the money should stay and he already knows what they Mayor is going to say, 10 years ago, they fought and asked for the old Fire Station to be a Community Center and it was sold and he knows that he was not the Mayor, for the past 6 to 8 months they have been asking for the Independence Heights Store Front to be a Community Center and he told them he got them and everytime the Mayor saw him, he would tell him "I got you" that he had been knowing him for a long time, and they came for one item and that is the Police Store Front as a Community Center, he knows how Politics work, they have the recommendation on how and what they were going to use it for, what the utilities they would going to pay and all the Mayor had to do is pick up the phone and say it is a done deal and give it to them, he never did and week ago he discovered that the independence Heights Police Store Front was being put up for sale, 2.5 Million dollars was invested into that property and if it is sold is it going back to the General Budget or is that money earmarked for Independence Heights. Council Members Davis and Green absent.

Upon question by Mayor Turner and Mr. Branch advised that is what his Council Member is saying is that it is up for sale and all indications that it will be on the Agenda next week to be sold,

Mayor Turner advised him that he had to take a look at it and he also stated that before he be leaves and had been told that the City does not own the property and they are checking on it and that it is owned by Weingarten, it is not own by the City of Houston.

Council Member Cisneros stated that what she had read and received from GSD is that HPD declared the reference property surplus and is seeking Council Approval to consider 803 Crosstimbers to is the City's needs and available for sale.

Ms. Edna Douadi, 10902 Roark Dr., 77099, (713)412-4002 appeared and presented information stated that she is with Globe Electric Supply company and she represents a small minority company, she had been a City of Houston Vendor since 1976 and she is here to address 4 points which she disturbed to everyone the information and sent everyone an e-mail, one, is that she request for previous Administration to post the informal bids that are under \$25,000.00 online and the City had been giving her excuses like they are looking for new software, second, the City OBO

Department putting goals or lack thereof on City bids on the supply bids, and currently what they have is a sub-contracting opportunity that only applies to construction in the supply sector and in the supply business there is no sub-contracting opportunity, third, she was asking the OBO Department to put more goals and not to allow or give waves to large Manufactures who prefer to be direct and the last thing she was asking for the City about the Hire Houston First because the previous Administration promised her to do local preferences which does help small companies and she does not thinks its fair and really applies and she also wants them implement discretionary bids or set a side bids for small companies to only participate only. Council Member Davis, Martin, Cisneros, Laster, Green, Knox, Kubosh and Christie absent.

Ms. Debbie Sieck, 12727 Huntingwick, 77024, (713)385-5249 appeared and stated that she just wanted a chance to come before them so that they can see her, she works at a school and is unable to make the meetings most of the time, she loves her home and its her biggest investment and she worked at a high school as a Counselor for the last 17 years, she brought her townhome right after she got divorced and she chose it because it was the most affordable thing in the best area and at the time of the purchase the complex and it never had flooded and the reputation for being well cared for, the first flood happened in 2009 and they said it was a freak of nature, she did not have flood insurance because she was not in a flood plain and she was forced to take out a home improvement loan to do the reconstruction and on a side note she made her final payment on that loan on July of 2016 after her third flood, she flooded again on Memorial Day Flood and the Tax day Flood and she did have flood insurance for both of those and the stories of bad contractors, time away from work and everytime it rains she gets scared and presented pictures which she has all of her furniture on bed risers and she decided after the third flood she was going to try to sale her townhome which is beautiful she might add because she spent time and energy in making it beautiful and she did not have one offer and people do not want to buy property that had flooded three times as a result of this, 3 units in her townhome complex are empty or leasing and none of them are leasing, the townhome directly in front of her is in foreclosure because the people just walked away and this effects everyone she know and it is effecting her job as a Counselor and she is here to really ask for their help, she attends all the Flood Meetings and all the TIRZ Meetings and asked them to consider them. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Laster, Green, Knox and Kubosh absent.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Sieck at length.

Mayor Turner stated that he appreciates her being here and he is open to any of the Council Members with any suggestions on where they can come up with the additional dollars.

Mr. Zafar(Zaf) Tahir, 16 Shadow Ln., 77080, (713)504-0156 appeared and stated that he came he, to thank the Council for their actions portraying Houston as a World Class City and he stands here as a proud Founder Member of Islamic Art Society and advocates on their behalf, Arts in Islamic Worlds and City of Houston, under the shining example of how the City is at the forefront of not just in the Western World but the entire World and as the City that is proud of the multifaith and multicultural environment and in Houston they just do not associate national original ethical art but they go beyond and they challenge the foundation on which they stand on their traditions, arts, culture, languages, they include them in their fold and give them space in their corridors and listen to their history and able to see their inhibitions, their fears, their visions and their future plans simply by looking at their paintings and in this City they just tolerate the cultural, they respect them, they just do not talk about diversity, they practice them and in the word from the Mayor, “We do not Build walls, we build relationships” and what a powerful statement that he witness first hand when he visited the Mayor as a delegate to the UK and Germany, it’s a very powerful statement, he is not artist but the exhibits in City Hall that are there today speaks volumes about

the mindset for this City but this support that they are showing in City Hall is above and beyond their expectations, they want to thank all of the City Employees that helped them and he especially thanked a list of people because they have worked very hard to bring this exhibitions to City Hall and today they will have a reception at 5:00 o'clock and they would like to see all the Council Members there because this is a wonderful opportunity to showcase Houston and good for the environment. Council Members Davis, Martin, Travis and Laster absent.

Members of Council questioned and thanked Mr. Tahir.

Dr. Khawaja Azimuddin, 51 Manor Lake Estates Dr., Spring, TX, 77379, (832)457-0740 appeared and stated that he is a surgeon and his passion is Arts and on behalf of the Islamic of Arts Society he would like to thank the Mayor and the Council Members for the opportunity to speak in front of this Council today, the Islamic Arts Society means to share the rich heritage of arts in Islam, over 200,000 people of the Muslim Origin live in the greater Houston area, they organized events to celebrate their culture and to promote the positive image of the Muslim Community among Houstonians, Art is a universal language and helps build bridges and promoting Islamic Arts they are inspiring to promote mutual understanding and to broaden the Houston Community together, the Islamic Arts Society organizes exhibitions in schools, museum and galleries, they do art classes, live art demonstrations that are very popular among the audience and they attract large crowds of people, their flagship is the Islamic of Arts Festival in the fall every year that attract over 5,000 people and it brings people together with diverse backgrounds, faith and cultures for a fun, festive and education day, the Islamic of Arts Society is grateful for the opportunity to display their Art in City Hall and they are thankful that the Mayor is going to preside over the ceremony at 5:00 p.m. in the Legacy Room and some of the Art that they will see, will be by 40 people from the local areas that have a passion for the Islamic Arts and he welcomes all Council Members and everyone that is present to join them in the ceremony. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Green, Knox and Edwards absent.

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

Mr. Joshua Bullard, 3328 McGowen St., 77004, (832)258-7511 appeared and stated that he wanted to share something with the Mayor which he had spoken to his predecessors about over the years, between he and the Mayor it had always been political but it had never been personal because he like the Mayor and he knows that he told everyone that he is a millionaire and that was only because he told everyone first back in the 90s when he ran on the Multimillion dollar platform, he was just following his lead and the point is that he had been trying to get a meeting with him for almost 2 years and that is 2 years too long and they need the Taxi business in Houston to be an open entry system and they need the rates to be lowered and he knows that a lot of taxi drivers do not want that and he would not lead the Mayor in a wrong direction and he really needs him to move forward with an Executive Order to Open Entry the Taxi System and let Council vote on bring the rates down, so that Seniors can get service. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Travis, Laster, Green, Knox and Edwards absent.

Mr. Byron Thomas, 11514 Sandstone Canyon Dr., Humble, TX, 77396, (713)299-7798 appeared and presented information and stated that he is a United States Veteran and he currently works for the Michael Debakey VA Medical Center, he is here to address the do not rehire letter in his professional file, he was fired by the last Administration after 10 years of service with the City of Houston, they wove of web of deceit concerning his firing and in the information provided is a history of what happen but at the end of the day he was fired for incomplete conviction on his

initial application and they went back 10 years because they could not really fire him for selling City Property but that is what the do not hire list is and that is what the letter says which is untrue and why he is here he just wants that letter to be removed so he can move forward with his life and he lost everything because of the action that they took, he is still recovering and he was not where he was, not where he wants to be but he is alright and he is requesting for them to take that do not rehire letter out of his file. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Travis, Cisneros, Laster, Green and Edwards absent.

Mayor Turner stated that they would take a look at it.

Mr. Sebastian Osudke, 7143 Osage St., 77036, (713)366-6829 appeared and stated the issue that he is faced right now whether that he is human, is he a human being, should he be protected by the same laws that protects others and the issue is yes and he is requesting for Council Members to send help to send a Inspector to his house because he lives in a place where his landlord bullies him, he lives in a place where his landlord does not think he is human, he presented pictures of his landlord that bullies him, presented a picture on where he lives and if they go to his house now they would see flies, smell rotten stuff, there are no light in his bedroom and his kids do not have light in their room, then he presented items that are peeling off in his house that does not cost that much and then showed a picture of his landlord and how he fixes things around the house, when there is no water and the water is leaking, his landlord will go to the main city water pipeline to attach it off and that is how he fixes his house but he cannot get a Health Inspector from the City to his house because this is a crime and then presented pictures of himself fixing his fence. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Cisneros, Green and Edwards absent.

Mayor Turner questioned Mr. Osudke and advised if he was in a Section 8 Housing that he got from the Houston Housing Authority and was advised that he was right about the House in Section 8 and he wanted the landlord to make the necessary repairs to the home and he asked him what his payments were per month and Mayor Turner asked who is handle this and Rene with the Mayor's Citizen Assistance Department advised that they responded with the landlord and the tenant have both responsibilities with the up keep of house and there was an Inspector that was supposed to come out yesterday to come and investigate the situation.

Mayor Turner stated further stated when the response says that they both have responsibilities that is like saying that is non-starter because it does not work, if the house is refer through the Housing Authority they have to assume a greater role in it, they just cannot pass it and asked them to make direct contact with the Houston Housing Authority, they need to go out and take a look at this and they need to assign responsibility.

Mr. Emmanuel Thomas, 702 Weber, 77090, (832)931-1469 appeared and stated that he spoke to Mayor Turner on a Sunday morning live show a few months ago and he reassured him that the New Chief Acevedo would be coming out and helping out with the crimes in the community and right now he wants to give the accommodation and he has a lot of respect because he had done that, he had seen him on numerous occasions out there at the scenes and he also wanted to tell the Mayor that he had done a lot for many years and he knows that he will not make everyone happy and to continue doing what he is doing, the other thing that they are asking for is to help them out in the Greenspoint area, to do some activities at their parks or community patrols, they need some help with the sidewalks. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Laster and Green absent.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Thomas.

Ms. Renee Green, no address, (713)416-7295 appeared and stated that it saddens her that she has to come down here to speak, for years she had asked the Police Department to come to her home because of vandalism and mischief and she had even come to the Mayor's Office and spoke with his staff and since then her home was foreclosed on and again she reached out to the City for help with no one came to help her, she had to move her stuff into storage because she could not find a place she liked and could afford and recently she moved in Senior Independent Living Apartments Complex and recently she tried to move her furniture out of storage, she was so surprised in a month time the rates that she was quoted was crazy, outrageous, for 2 hours it was like \$200 something dollars, hourly rate \$100 something dollars and she cannot afford that when only month and half ago their rates were \$39.00 and she wants to know if there is any regulation on these moving companies and how they are allowed to get away with this robbery and she only had a few days to get it out and she needs help. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Laster and Green absent.

Mayor Turner and Council Members Robinson questioned Ms. Green.

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, Laster and Green absent.

Mr. Craig Brown, no address, (346)314-1616 appeared and stated that he lives in the 290 and Tidwell area and he stays at extended stay hotel, they have been robbed 3 times in 8 months by gun point and more activity and they have security and he just needs help, he does what he can, he even walks the parking lots at night to try to help and 2 workers from that hotel were put to the ground at gun point at 2:30 in the afternoon, he needs help and these people are like family to him and he feels like he needs to say something and whatever they can do please help him. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, and Green absent.

Council Member Stardig questioned Mr. Brown.

Ms. Arveyiel Fortilla, 1110 Sydnor, 77020, (832)817-9132 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, and Green absent.

Mr. Roberto Varela, 5959 Guhn Rd., 77040, (713)299-7226 appeared and stated that Mr. Brown already said that need to be said regarding that area which is a very high crime, he been working there for a year and the only thing he had not seen is the Police reaching out on the business community and he understand that there is a budget to follow and he wants the Police to reach out to the business community because it would help the crime decrease and he understands that crime is everywhere but in that area they been robbed at gun point within 9 months, three times and his employees do not want to come to work anymore. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin and Green absent.

Mayor Turner and Members of Council questioned Mr. Varela.

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 and Green absent.

Mr. Marion Scott, 1600 Louisiana St., 77002, (713)783-9292 appeared and presented information which he reviewed and advised that the owner of the Jamie House Inc., a boy's home where he



was brain damaged on purpose and continued to voice his personal problems and opinions. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Green and Kubosh 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 4:00 p.m. The City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, July 26, 2017, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Green and Kubosh absent.

At 8:23 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, July 26, 2017 Mayor Sylvester Turner presiding, with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jerry Davis, Ellen Cohen, Dwight Boykins, Dave Martin, 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, City Attorney, Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director and Stella Ortega Agenda Office present. Council Member Steve Le absent on vacation.

At 9:09 a.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting to order and stated that there is a number of people that is in the audience today and he wanted to welcome them all to City Hall and before they get started he wanted to acknowledge his daughter.

Council Member Davis moved that the rules be suspended to consider Items 2-4 out of order and seconded by Council Member Cohen, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent.

**MOTION 2017-0473 ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Knox for a point of personal privilege, Council Member Knox stated that it was a very depressing day for him today because he is going to lose one of his key Staff which is his Deputy Chief of Staff, Karla Holesy and he wishes her the best and then he introduced his Administrated Coordinator that will be taking her place.

2. **CONFIRMATION** of the reappointment of **ADRIAN PATTERSON** for Position 10 of the **HOUSTON MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES PENSION SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES** - 3 years- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **MOTION 2017-0470 ADOPTED**

3. **REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following individuals to the **HOUSTON FIRST CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

**Class A terms to expire December 31, 2018:**

Position One - **ALEX BRENNAN-MARTIN**, reappointment

Position Two - **BOBBY V.P. SINGH**, reappointment

Position Three - **JAY TATUM**, appointment

Position Four - **PAUL J. PUENTE**, reappointment

**Class B terms to expire December 31, 2019:**

Position Five - **RYAN MARTIN**, appointment

Position Six - **ELIZABETH GONZALEZ BROCK**, appointment

Position Seven - **SOFIA ANDROGUÉ**, appointment

Position Eight - **JAY S. ZEIDMAN**, appointment-

was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0471 ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner stated with respect to those that are on the list what they tried to do is to bring in people with a wealth of experience and knowledge and who will be a tremendous plus for Houston First but ultimately be a tremendous plus for Houston as a whole and he introduced the Members appointed and their Positions.

**4. REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following individuals to the **NEAR NORTHWEST MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

- Position One - **MAZEN STIEH**, appointment, for a term to expire June 1, 2021
- Position Two - **KAMAL HUSSEIN**, appointment, for a term to expire June 1, 2021
- Position Three - **MARVALETTE HUNTER**, appointment, for a term to expire June 1, 2021
- Position Four - **HEIDI SHEESLEY**, reappointment, for a term to expire June 1, 2021
- Position Five - **GENE CRIPPS**, appointment, for a term to expire June 1, 2021
- Position Six - **JAMES KILPATRICK**, reappointment, for a term to expire June 1, 2019
- Position Seven - **RONALD RICHARDSON**, reappointment, for a term to expire June 1, 2019
- Position Eight - **VALSCHKIA L. DABNEY**, appointment, for a term to expire June 1, 2019
- Position Nine - **ROBERT R. BURCHFIELD**, reappointment, for a term to expire June 1, 2019
- Position Ten - **DHARAMDAS "DAN" NANKANI**, appointment, for a term to expire June 1, 2019-

Was presented, moved by Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis,

Council Member Stardig stated that she appreciates this slate of nominees for the appointment and reappointment to the Near Northwest Management District Board of Directors and as they know she been asking for this to come forward and the Director behind him can tell how many years for this to come forward so that they can make this official but she did express her concerns about one of the appointments which is Position Number 3 who is now is Mayor's Turner Chief of Staff and the Legal Department advised she will be required to abstain from any vote or discussion for a City of Houston Contract or Assessment, she will have to abstain from too much and it would not be productive for her or the Board and moved to divide the question to consider Ms. Hunter separately and move forward with the rest of the slate and have further conversation about Position 3 and was seconded by Council Member Kubosh.

After discussion Mayor Turner stated that she may be the Chief of Staff but she is one of the largest Property Owners if not the largest Property Owner in this particular area for quite some time and served on the Board and still does and this is nothing new and there is no conflict and they have had this conversation and if there is no conflict, there is no reason for her not to be able to serve especially since she is one of the largest property owners in this Management District and he does opposed the Motion to divide the Question.

After a lengthy discussion, Council Member Kubosh withdrew his second to the motion to divide the questioned and Council Member Stardig stated that she will withdraw her Motion

to divide the questioned and a vote was called Item 3 all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0472 ADOPTED**

At 10:02 a.m. Mayor Turner moved to the Mayor's Report.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Turner invited Juliet Stipeche and Jane Cheeks to the podium and stated that they led the Hire Houston Youth program and Ms. Stipeche presented a power point report by the Mayor's Office of Education to Members of Council of the Hire Houston Youth and requested all the Interns for this Summer Program to stand to be recognized.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Stipeche and Ms. Cheeks.

Mayor Turner further stated that the goal is to number one is to provide an opportunity for every kid in this City that desires to work during the summer and the reality from this program there are kids that are coming from outside of the City, there are kids that come as far out as Galveston or Montgomery County that are participating in this program and number two, the goal will always be to make this program reflective of our communities and to extend their reach as broadly as they can and to reach every person in every community in every neighborhood that desires a summer job and he thanked the whole team for their commitment and dedication and passion to the Program.

Mayor Turner stated that he wanted to turn to this final item and he will make it brief but it is important in view what happen in San Antonio a few days ago, he wanted to make a brief report as it relates to human trafficking and human smuggling and what happen in San Antonio was truly tragic and he knows that Minal Patel Davis is here today along with people with the HPD and he invited them to the podium and just in case Members of Council have any questions; in 2017, HPD reports 109 cases in Human Trafficking charged, 36 in which there was compelling prostitution charges and in the prior year there were 155 Human Trafficking case charged, 72 of which were compelling prostitution charges; in the 2017 up till today HPD reports that there were 9 cases of Human Smuggling charges and in the prior year there were zero Human Smuggling cases that were charges, unlike smuggling, Trafficking victims can be U.S. citizens, they do not need to be transported across a political border and the crime is one of exploitation, not consent; despite what the term implies, Trafficking do not require movement, Trafficking victims does not consent to being sold for a commercial sex or labor act and that distinction needs to be drawn today and regardless of smuggling or trafficking, the events themselves are horrible and the results can be the loss of life in both and in both they are certainly unacceptable and they should do everything they can to prevent and he wanted to provide at least that information and he is sure what people wanted to know the activity in the City of Houston to this date.

Members of Council questioned representations from the Houston Police Department.

At 11:05 a.m. Mayor Turner moved to the Public Hearing.

### **HEARINGS**

1. **PUBLIC HEARING** on a proposal for the City of Houston to enter into an amended and restated strategic partnership agreement with Kingsbridge Municipal Utility District in Harris and Fort Bend Counties; and on a proposal by the City of Houston to annex for limited purposes certain territory

within said district- was presented, the City Secretary advised that no one had reserved time to speak for the Public Hearing and Rupesh Koshy with the Planning Department would make the following remarks:

Mr. Koshy stated since January 2001, the City has approved 351 Strategic Partnership Agreements with 237 Municipal Utility Districts generating approximately \$405.5 million in revenue for the City as of June 2016. The Finance Department reports that \$52.5 million of that amount was from FY 2016. The revenue from SPAs now represents 8.2 percent of the sales tax collection for the City.

This is the first of two required public hearings. The second public hearing is scheduled for August 2nd. Following the second public hearing, the Planning Department will be seeking Council approval for the SPA and the limited purpose annexation on August 23rd, 2017. If approved, tax collections will begin on January 1st, 2018.

For the Utility District included in this hearing, Kingsbridge MUD, the city will levy a 1 percent sales tax, which it will divide evenly with the District. The area includes commercial territory only: A Home Depot and a Whataburger outlet. There are no residents in the area to be annexed.

For this MUD, the City will amend an existing agreement by adding new territory. There is no territory outside the MUD to be included in the annexation.

That completes my report, I'm happy to take questions at this time.

Mayor Turner asked if there was anyone present who wanted to speak about this particular Public Hearing and seeing none, requested a Motion to close this Public Hearing.

Council Member Robinson moved to close the Public Hearing and seconded by Council Member Green, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis, Boykins and Martin absent.

**MOTION 2017-0473 ADOPTED**

### **CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 6 through 50**

#### **MISCELLANEOUS - 6**

6. **RECOMMENDATION** from Fire Chief for Extension of Injury on Duty Leave for **Firefighter EMT RANDALL PARKER**- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent.  
**MOTION 2017-0474 ADOPTED**

**ACCEPT WORK** - NUMBERS 8 AND 10

8. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering, for approval of final contract amount of \$3,506,597.20 and acceptance of work on contract with **MCKINNEY CONSTRUCTION, INC**, for Water Line Replacement in the Hammerly Area - 0.56% under the original contract amount - Enterprise Fund - **DISTRICT A – STARDIG**- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **MOTION 2017-0475 ADOPTED**
10. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering, for approval of final contract amount of \$2,008,542.13 and acceptance of work on contract with **HUFF & MITCHELL, INC**, for Rehabilitation to Large Diameter Water Lines, Valves and Appurtenances, Package No. 11 - 0.43% over the original contract amount - Enterprise Fund - **DISTRICTS A - STARDIG; B - DAVIS; C - COHEN; D - BOYKINS; E - MARTING; F - LE; G - TRAVIS; H - CISNEROS and K – GREEN**- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **MOTION 2017-0476 ADOPTED**

**PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS** - NUMBERS 12 AND 13

12. **FERGUSON WATERWORKS** for Plastic Meter Boxes and Covers for the Department of Public Works & Engineering - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$1,337,328.23 - Enterprise Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **MOTION 2017-0477 ADOPTED**
13. **SMITH PUMP COMPANY, INC** for Pump Repair Services for Department of Public Works & Engineering - \$55,169.00 - Enterprise Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **MOTION 2017-0478 ADOPTED**

**ORDINANCES** - NUMBERS 15 through 50

15. **ORDINANCE** finding and determining that public convenience and necessity no longer require the continued use of Rodeo Square Drive, from Dairy Ashford Road west to its terminus; Rodeo Square Court, from Rodeo Square Drive north to its terminus; and West Branch Drive, from 140 feet, more or less, north of Bellaire Boulevard North to its terminus; vacating and abandoning said streets to Falls of Bellaire, L.P., the abutting owner ("owner"), in consideration of owner's payment of \$185,870.00 to the City, conveyance to the City of utility easements and right-of-way and construction of a cul-de-sac, all in the Rodeo Square Plat, H.T. and B. Railroad Company Survey, Section 13, A-405, Harris County, Texas, and

other consideration **DISTRICT F – LE**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0528 ADOPTED**

19. **ORDINANCE** authorizing the Director of the Mayor's Office of Public Safety and Homeland Security (Director) to electronically submit applications for subrecipient grant assistance and execute and accept subrecipient grant agreements with the State of Texas Office of the Governor relating to the FY2017 Homeland Security Grant Program funding from the Urban Area Security Initiative and the State Homeland Security Program; declaring the City's eligibility for such grants; authorizing the Director to act as the City's representative in the application process, to request and/or accept the grants and manage and expend the grant funds as awarded, and to apply for and accept all subsequent awards, if any, pertaining to the program including amendments or modifications to these agreements or any subsequent documents necessary to secure the City's grant funding through the life of these grant awards- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0529 ADOPTED**
20. **ORDINANCE** authorizing the submission of an electronic application for grant assistance to the United States Department of Homeland Security for the FY2016 Countering Violent Extremism Grant in accordance with the FY2016 Countering Violent Extremism Grant Program; declaring the City's eligibility for such grant; authorizing the Director of the Mayor's Office of Public Safety and Homeland Security to act as the City's representative in the application process, to accept the grant and expend the grant funds as awarded, and to apply for and accept all subsequent awards, if any, pertaining to the program- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0530 ADOPTED**
21. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing settlement and release agreement to settle a lawsuit styled **BENARD v. OFFICER FERDINAND RODRIGUEZ**; Cause No. 4:15-CV-00734, in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Houston Division - \$85,000.00 Property & Casualty Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0531 ADOPTED**
22. **ORDINANCE** amending City of Houston Ordinance No. 2016-0649 to increase the maximum contract amount for Professional Services Agreement between the City of Houston and **THE SEGAL COMPANY (MIDWEST) Inc ("SEGAL")** for Expert Witness Services - \$200,000.00 Property & Casualty Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0532 ADOPTED**
27. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing a contract between the City of Houston and **CAREER STEP, LLC** for an emergency medical tracking system for the Houston Fire Department; providing a maximum contract amount - \$178,000.00 - 3 Years with two one-year options - Equipment Acquisition and General Funds- the City Secretary advised that Item 27 have not been received but if received during the meeting, it will be considered at the end of the Agenda.
29. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing a Treated Water Supply Contract between the **CITY OF GALENA PARK, TEXAS** and the City of Houston, Texas- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0533 ADOPTED**
39. **ORDINANCE** amending Ordinance Number 2015-749 to include the acquisition of one additional parcel for the North Corridor Plant Consolidation Package 1A Project; authorizing

the acquisition of fee simple title interest in or easement to one parcel of land required for the project and situated in the Malcolm McAuley Survey, Abstract 577 in Harris County, Texas, and in Lot 4 Block 1 of George W. Harbin in Harris County, Texas, by gift, dedication, purchase and the use of eminent domain in further authorizing payment of the costs of such purchase and the use of such purchases and/or eminent domain proceedings and associated costs for relocation assistance, appraisal fees, title policies/services, recording fees, court costs, and expert witness fees in connection with the acquisition of fee simple title interest in or easement to the parcel of land required for the project - **DISTRICT B – DAVIS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0534 ADOPTED**

40. **ORDINANCE** consenting to the addition of 10.336 acres of land to **EL DORADO UTILITY DISTRICT**, for inclusion in its district- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0535 ADOPTED**
41. **ORDINANCE** consenting to the addition of 9.696 acres of land to **HARRIS-FORT BEND COUNTIES MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 5**, for inclusion in its district- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0536 ADOPTED**
42. **ORDINANCE** consenting to the addition of 2.8509 acres of land to **HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 24**, for inclusion in its district- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0537 ADOPTED**
43. **ORDINANCE** consenting to the addition of 5.918 acres of land to **HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 120**, for inclusion in its district- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0538 ADOPTED**
44. **ORDINANCE** consenting to the addition of 95.82 acres of land to **HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 429**, for inclusion in its district- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0539 ADOPTED**
45. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing second amendment to Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **COBB, FENDLEY & ASSOCIATES, INC** for Pre-Engineering of Storm Water Drainage Improvements (Approved by Ordinance No. 2013-0370, as amended)- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0540 ADOPTED**
46. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$\$819,871.00 out of Metro Projects Construction DDSRF Fund; approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **H T & J, LLC** for 34th Street Paving Project: Hempstead Road to East of Bolin Road; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Metro Projects Construction DDSRF - **DISTRICT A – STARDIG-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0541 ADOPTED**
47. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$713,755.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **ZARINKELK ENGINEERING SERVICES, INC** for Gravity Sewer Line Adjustment; providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT E –**

**MARTIN-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent.  
**ORDINANCE 2017-0542 ADOPTED**

49. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$5,099,231.00 out of Water and Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding contract to **SYNAGRO of TEXAS-CDR, INC** for 69th Street WWTP cleaning and evaluation; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering and testing, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water and Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund (WW5227) - **DISTRICT H – CISNEROS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0543 ADOPTED**

50. **ORDINANCE** No. 2017-515, passed first reading July 19, 2017  
ORDINANCE granting to **SOUTHERN VACUUM, a Texas sole proprietorship**, the right, privilege, and franchise to collect, haul, and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions; and making certain findings related thereto - **SECOND READING-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **PASSED SECOND READING IN FULL**

#### **END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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

5. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Library Department to adjust costs to reflect fees on new services in the Library's Fee Schedule- was presented, moved by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **MOTION 2017-0479 ADOPTED**
7. **RECOMMENDATION** from Interim Director Department of Public Works & Engineering, for approval of final contract amount of \$21,961,148.69 and acceptance of work on contract with **SER CONSTRUCTION PARTNERS, LLC**, for Fulton Paving and Drainage from Tidwell to Parker Road - 2.16% over the original contract amount - Enterprise Fund - **DISTRICT H – CISNEROS-** was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **MOTION 2017-0480 ADOPTED**
9. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering, for approval of final contract amount of \$3,017,622.11 and acceptance of work on contract with **DCE CONSTRUCTION, INC**, for Water Line in Kickerillo Area Project - 1.08% under the original contract amount - Enterprise Fund - **DISTRICT G – TRAVIS-** was presented and tagged by Council Member Travis. Council Member Boykins absent.



- 11. OUTLAND TECHNOLOGY, INC** One Underwater Remote Operating Vehicle for the Houston Police Department - \$184,760.40 - Grant Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis and tagged by Council Member Christie. Council Member Boykins absent.
- 14. ORDINANCE** amending and ratifying Ordinance Nos. 2015-77, 2014-895, & 2013-89, relating to the Series G, H-2, & J Commercial Paper Programs pertaining to the authorized purposes of such commercial paper programs; and making findings relating thereto and declaring an emergency- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0544 ADOPTED**
- 16. ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing License Agreement between the City and **CONDUENT HEALTHY COMMUNITIES CORPORATION** for the Implementation, Maintenance and Support Services for the Healthy Communities Institute Platform; providing a maximum contract amount \$147,000.00 - Health Special Revenue Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0545 ADOPTED**
- 17. ORDINANCE** amending Ordinance 2017-0055 to increase the maximum contract amount; approving and authorizing first amendment to the agreement between the City of Houston and **HARRIS COUNTY** through Harris County Public Health for the purpose of improving Mosquito Control and Monitoring Capacity in Harris County/Houston Area - \$150,009.90 - Grant Fund- was presented and tagged by Council Member Christie. Council Member Boykins absent.
- NOTE:** Council Member Christie released the tag of Item 17 later in the meeting.
- 18. ORDINANCE** authorizing the submission of an electronic application for grant assistance to the **UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT of HOMELAND SECURITY** for the FY2017 Port Security Grant in accordance with the FY2017 Port Security Grant Program; declaring the City's eligibility for such grant; authorizing the Director of the Mayor's Office of Public Safety and Homeland Security to act as the city's representative in the application process, to accept the grant and expend the grant funds as awarded, and to apply for and expend the grants funds as awarded, and to apply for and accept all subsequent awards, if any, pertaining to the program **DISTRICTS E - MARTIN and I - GALLEGOS** – was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0546 ADOPTED**
- 23. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$14,079,764.07 out of City of Houston, Texas Tax Increment Funds for Reinvestment Zone Numbers Two (Midtown Zone), Three (Main Street/Market Square Zone), Eight (Gulfgate Zone), Nine (South Post Oak Zone), Eleven (Greater Greenspoint Zone), Fifteen (East Downtown Zone), and Twenty-Five (Hiram Clarke/Fort Bend Zone) for payment of Harris County Affordable Housing, administrative expenses, and payments to certain redevelopment authorities as provided herein- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0547 ADOPTED**
- 24. ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Houston and **HARRIS COUNTY** for Reciprocal Library Services- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0548 ADOPTED**
- 25. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$450,000.00 out of Park & Recreation Dedication Fund; approving and authorizing an Interlocal Agreement between the City and the **HOUSTON PARKS BOARD LGC, INC** for the acquisition of a 1.4635 acre property located on Wilcrest

Drive, Harris County, Texas - **DISTRICT F – LE-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0549 ADOPTED**

- 26. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$89,000.00 out of Reimbursement of Equipment/Projects Fund and \$53,000.00 out of the Parks & Recreation Dedication Fund; awarding construction contract to **NEUTEX ADVANCED ENERGY GROUP, INC.** for Mason Park Plaza lighting; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering and materials testing, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by Reimbursement of Equipment/Projects Fund and the Parks & Recreation Dedication Fund - **DISTRICT I – GALLEGOS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0550 ADOPTED**

- 28. ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing an Advance Funding Agreement between the City of Houston and **THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT of TRANSPORTATION** for the Installation of a Central Local Traffic Signal Control System at Signalized Intersections within the City- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0551 ADOPTED**

- 30. ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing contract between the City and the Property Owner(s) at **4711 Braesvalley Drive**, Houston, Texas 77096-4202 for Federal Emergency Management Agency Flood Mitigation Assistance Home Elevation Work to be performed by **ARKITEKTURA DEVELOPMENT INC**; providing a maximum contract amount - Grant Fund **DISTRICT C – COHEN-** was presented,

During discussion of Item 30 Mayor Turner invited Mr. Jeff Weatherford from Public Works to the podium to answer questions that the Council Members had and during the discussion, Council Members Martin, Travis, Christie and Cisneros advised that they would tag Items 30-38.

Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Stardig for a point of personal privilege, Council Member Stardig stated she wanted to introduce a group from the College Career Community and they are a Non-Profit Preparatory Group from District A and requested the group to stand to be recognized.

Council Member Laster moved to suspend the rules to remain in Session beyond the scheduled noon recess and seconded by Council Member Cohen, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0481 ADOPTED**

After a lengthy discussion Council Members Martin, Christie and Cisneros advised that they would release their tag of Items 30-38 and Council Member Travis stated he did not release his tag on Items 30-38 and Council Member Cohen moved to override the tag of Items 30-38. **MOTION 2017-0482 DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND**

After further discussion Council Member Travis released his tag of Items 30-38.

Council Member Knox moved to consolidate and consider Items 30-38 together and seconded by Council Member Laster, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0483 ADOPTED**

30. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing contract between the City and the Property Owner(s) at **4711 Braesvalley Drive**, Houston, Texas 77096-4202 for Federal Emergency Management Agency Flood Mitigation Assistance Home Elevation Work to be performed by **ARKITEKTURA DEVELOPMENT INC**; providing a maximum contract amount - Grant Fund **DISTRICT C – COHEN**- all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0552**
31. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing contract between the City and the Property Owner(s) at **4715 Braesvalley Drive**, Houston, Texas, 77096-4202 for Federal Emergency Management Agency Flood Mitigation Assistance Home Elevation Work to be performed by **ARKITEKTURA DEVELOPMENT INC**; providing a maximum contract amount - Grant Fund **DISTRICT C – COHEN**- all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0553 ADOPTED**
32. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing contract between the City and the Property Owner(s) at **4402 Breakwood Drive**, Houston, Texas, 77096-4202 for Federal Emergency Management Agency Flood Mitigation Assistance Home Elevation Work to be performed by **ARKITEKTURA DEVELOPMENT INC**; providing a maximum contract amount - Grant Fund **DISTRICT C – COHEN**- all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0554 ADOPTED**
33. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing contract between the City and the Property Owner(s) at **9407 Cadman Court**, Houston, Texas 77096-4202 for Federal Emergency Management Agency Flood Mitigation Assistance Home Elevation Work to be performed by **PLANET THREE CONSULTING CORP**; providing a maximum contract amount - Grant Fund **DISTRICT C – COHEN**- all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0555 ADOPTED**
34. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing contract between the City and the Property Owner(s) at **9103 Cliffwood**, Houston, Texas, 77096-4202 for Federal Emergency Management Agency Flood Mitigation Assistance Home Elevation Work to be performed by **ARKITEKTURA DEVELOPMENT INC**; providing a maximum contract amount - Grant Fund **DISTRICT C – COHEN**- all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0556 ADOPTED**
35. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing contract between the City and the Property Owner(s) at **9706 Kit Street**, Houston, Texas, 77096-4202 for Federal Emergency Management Agency Flood Mitigation Assistance Home Elevation Work to be performed by **ARKITEKTURA DEVELOPMENT INC**; providing a maximum contract amount - Grant Fund **DISTRICT C – COHEN**- all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0557 ADOPTED**
36. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing contract between the City and the Property Owner(s) at **4702 North Braeswood Boulevard**, Houston, Texas, 77096-4202 for Federal Emergency Management Agency Flood Mitigation Assistance Home Elevation Work to be performed by **ARKITEKTURA DEVELOPMENT INC**; providing a maximum contract amount - Grant Fund **DISTRICT C – COHEN**- all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0558 ADOPTED**
37. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing contract between the City and the Property Owner(s) at **4710 North Braeswood Boulevard**, Houston, Texas, 77096-4202 and for Federal Emergency Management Agency Flood Mitigation Assistance Home Elevation Work to be performed by **TITAN LIFETIME FOUNDATIONS LLC**; providing a maximum contract amount

- Grant Fund **DISTRICT C – COHEN-** all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0559 ADOPTED**

**38. ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing contract between the City and the Property Owner(s) at **4718 North Braeswood Boulevard**, Houston, Texas 77096-4202 for Federal Emergency Management Agency Flood Mitigation Assistance Home Elevation Work to be performed by **TITAN LIFETIME FOUNDATIONS LLC**; providing a maximum contract amount - Grant Fund **DISTRICT C – COHEN-** all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0560 ADOPTED**

**48. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$7,964,400.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **INDUSTRIAL TX CORP.** for Metro Central and Turkey Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering, testing, CIP Cost Recovery, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS E - MARTIN and G – TRAVIS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0561 ADOPTED**

Council Member Christie released his tag on Item 17.

**NON CONSENT AGENDA** - NUMBERS 51 through 53

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**51. RECEIVE** nominations for appointments to Positions 4, 5, & 6 of the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER ONE (ST. GEORGE PLACE)** for the remainder of the designated two-year term – was presented,

Council Member Laster nominated Randy Sim to Position 4 and Bill Hutz to Position 5 for Re-Appointment.

Council Member Travis nominated Christine Stewart for Position 6.

Council Member Laster close the nominations and seconded by Council Member Cohen, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Knox absent. **MOTION 2017-0484 ADOPTED**

**52. RECEIVE** nominations for Position 11 of the **HOUSTON MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES PENSION SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES** for a 3 year term- was presented,

Council Member Green nominated Denise Castillo-Rhodes for appointment to the Houston Municipal Employees Pension System Board of Trustees, Position 11.

Council Member Cohen moved to close nominations for Position 11 of the Houston Municipal Employees Pension System Board of Trustees and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Knox absent. **MOTION 2017-0485 ADOPTED**

- 53. SET A PUBLIC HEARING DATE** regarding a third amendment to the Project Plan and Reinvestment Zone Financing Plan for **REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER SEVENTEEN (MEMORIAL CITY ZONE) - DISTRICTS A - STARDIG and G - TRAVIS** **HEARING DATE - 9:00 A.M. - WEDNESDAY - AUGUST 9, 2017-** was presented, Council Member Cohen moved to set a Public Hearing Date on Wednesday, August 9, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Knox absent. **MOTION 2017-0486 ADOPTED**

**MATTERS HELD** - NUMBERS 54 through 57

- 54. ORDINANCE** relating to the issuance of taxicab permits; delaying the distribution of the existing 180 permits until 2018 and delaying the 2017 permit computation and issuance processes to 2018

**TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GREEN**

This was Item 20 on Agenda of July 19, 2017- was presented, Council Member Travis voting no, balance voting aye. Council Members Martin and Knox absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0562 ADOPTED**

- 55. ORDINANCE** approving, authorizing and awarding a Single Stream Recycling Agreement between the City of Houston and **FOMENTO DE CONSTRUCCIONES Y CONTRATAS, INC d/b/a FCC SA** for the Solid Waste Management Department; providing a maximum contract amount - 15 Years with one five-year option - \$48,424,001.00 - General Fund

**TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS TRAVIS, LE, EDWARDS and KNOX**

This was Item 26 on Agenda of July 19, 2017- was presented,

Council Member Cohen moved to refer Item 55 back to the Administration and seconded by Council Member Laster, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Martin and Knox absent. **MOTION 2017-0487 ADOPTED**

- 56. ORDINANCE** amending City of Houston Ordinance No. 2013-713 to increase the maximum contract amount for agreement between the City of Houston and **A.C.C.P., INC** (Contract No. 4600012204) for Pick-Up, Removal and Disposal of Regulated USDA Garbage Services for the Houston Airport System - \$377,384.16 - Enterprise Fund - **DISTRICTS B - DAVIS; E - MARTIN and I - GALLEGOS**

**TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GREEN**

This was Item 30 on Agenda of July 19, 2017- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Martin and Knox absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0563 ADOPTED**

- 57. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$1,134,126.00 out of Metro Projects Construction DDSRF and \$2,646,294.00 out of Street & Traffic Control & Storm Drainage DDSRF; approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **DATA TRANSFER SOLUTIONS, LLC** for Street Data Collection and Pavement Management Program Update; providing funding for construction of facilities financed by the Metro Projects Construction DDSRF and Street & Traffic Control & Storm Drainage DDSRF

**TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER STARDIG**

This was Item 40 on Agenda of July 19, 2017- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Martin and Knox absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0564 ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner stated that Council Member Christie previously removed his tag of Item 17 and they will now move to Item 17.

17. **ORDINANCE** amending Ordinance 2017-0055 to increase the maximum contract amount; approving and authorizing first amendment to the agreement between the City of Houston and **HARRIS COUNTY** through Harris County Public Health for the purpose of improving Mosquito Control and Monitoring Capacity in Harris County/Houston Area - \$150,009.90 - Grant Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Martin and Knox absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0565 ADOPTED**

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

Members of Council announced events and discussed matters of interest.

There being no further business before Council; the City Council adjourned at 12:47 p.m. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Travis, Laster, Green, Knox, Kubosh, Edwards and Christie absent.

**DETAILED INFORMATION ON FILE ON THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY**

**MINUTES READ AND APPROVED**

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Anna Russell, City Secretary

