

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Monday, October 2, 2017

A hearing of the City Council was called as authorized by Motion 2017-0562, adopted September 13, 2017, on the Proposed Tax Rate with Mayor Turner, Sameera Mahendru, Legal Department and Marta Crinejo Agenda Director, Agenda Office present. 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 absent.

At 6:02 p.m. Mayor Turner stated that the hearing had been called relative to a Proposed Tax Rate increase and inasmuch as funding had been received and the Tax Increase will not be necessary and a hearing is not required; however, a person had requested to be heard:

Ms. Janet Vander Lee, 915 East 27th St., no phone, had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called.

Mayor Turner ask if there was anyone present to be heard on the matter and no one was present to be heard.

The City Secretary read the following statement:

“The vote to adopt a Property Tax Rate for the City of Houston for 2017 will be considered at the City Council meeting to be conducted in City Council Chamber, 2nd floor, City Hall, 901 Bagby on Wednesday, October 18, 2017 convening at 9:00 a.m.”

At 6:04 p.m. the Hearing was completed and The City Council was recessed until 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 3, 2017.

A regular meeting of the Houston City Council reconvened at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 3, 2017; Mayor Sylvester Turner presiding, with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Ellen Cohen, Dave Martin, Steve Le, Greg Travis, Karla Cisneros, Robert Gallegos, Mike Laster, Mike Knox, David Robinson, Michael Kubosh, Amanda Edwards and Jack Christie D.C.; Randy Zamora, Legal Department, Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director and Stella Ortega Agenda Office present. Council Member Dwight Boykins absent on personal business. Council Members Jerry Davis and Larry Green absent on city business.

At 1:36 p.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting to order and stated they would start the presentations. Council Members Martin, Le, Travis, Laster, Robinson and Edwards absent.

Mayor Turner stated that he wanted everyone to be aware that there is a temporary housing on McKinney Street if Council Members would like to go and take a look at it as it may be a possible temporary housing for families that were flooded and would be living in and for them to be free to take a look at it and be free to share their thoughts on it.

Mayor Turner stated that Johnny Mata is the recipient of the 2017 Mayor's Hispanic Heritage Lifetime Achievement Award, he has dedicated his lifetime preserving and making contributions for the betterment of the Latino community and Johnny Mata served in the U.S. Army, during which time he was posted in Germany and after his discharge in 1968, he moved to Houston, that same year, he joined the staff of the Gulf Coast Community Services Association, where he proudly worked for 32 years until his retirement in June of 2000 and Johnny Mata's commitment

to a life of service manifested in the creation of the Latino Learning Center, Inc., a nonprofit organization that he cofounded in 1979 to provide low-income clients in Houston with vocational training and other vital assistance. He also founded the Greater Houston Coalition for Justice (GHCFJ) in 1999, an umbrella group of over 25 civil rights and advocacy groups with a mission to pursue greater human rights awareness and address both perceived and real deficiencies within the greater Houston regional criminal justice system, in 2016, Johnny Mata and the GHCFJ were instrumental in reforming the Texas Grand Jury System, where the grand juries failed to accurately represent the diverse population of Texas, by restructuring the way jury commissioners select prospective grand jurors through HB 262 and the City of Houston commends Johnny Mata for his outstanding dedication as a leader in the Hispanic community and wishes him continuous success in all of his future endeavors and therefore, I honor Johnny Mata with the Mayor's Hispanic Heritage Lifetime Achievement Award for the City of Houston and proclaim October 3, 2017, as Johnny Mata Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Martin, Le, Travis and Edwards absent.

Council Member Cohen stated that The Houston Area Women's Center (HAWC) was founded by a group of dedicated volunteers in 1977 committing to supporting women and children affected by domestic and sexual violence, HAWC has helped countless survivors of domestic and sexual violence restore hope and healing, expanding to several programs including shelter, counseling, advocacy and outreach and every year, HAWC helps nearly 56,000 adults and children in their efforts to move their lives forward. In addition, 24,000 adults and children are assisted through its education and prevention initiatives and on any given day, more than 110 people call the HAWC's 24-hour hotlines and on October 9, 2017, HAWC will celebrate its 40 years of supporting survivors in its vision to end domestic and sexual violence for all and the City of Houston commends the Houston Area Women's Center for assisting individuals in need and extends best wishes to all for a memorable event and therefore, Mayor Turner hereby proclaimed October 9, 2017, as Houston Area Women's Center Day 40th Anniversary in Houston, Texas. Council Members Martin and Travis absent.

Council Member Knox stated that More than 20,000 Houston-area students in pre-K through high school, need glasses and do not have them, committed to providing a solution to this problem, Dr. Irving C. Wishnow and a group of dedicated community leaders founded Eye Care for Kids Foundation and Since 1998, Eye Care for Kids Foundation connects children with volunteer doctors near their home or school for free eye exams and glasses and the foundation and its 100 partner doctors have helped 40,000 children get free vision works and working with schools and school nurses in 50 area school districts, the screening program tested the vision of 35,000 students last school year and has been screening four schools a day since the start of this school year and on October 2, 2017, the Eye Care for Kids Foundation will host its 20th anniversary celebration and the City of Houston commends Eye Care for Kids Foundation for its accomplishments and achievements and extends best wishes to all for a memorable 20th anniversary celebration and therefore, Mayor Turner hereby proclaimed October 2, 2017, as Eye Care for Kids Foundation Day 20th Anniversary in Houston, Texas.

Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Christie for the invocation and he invited Senior Pastor Jim Burchfield to offer the invocation and Council Member Christie led the Pledge of Allegiance. Council Member Knox absent.

At 2:08 p.m. The Roll was called. Council Member Dwight Boykins absent on personal business. Council Members Jerry Davis and Larry Green absent on city business.

Council Member Cohen moved to adopt the minutes of the September 26, 27, 2017 delay adoption of the balance of the minutes and seconded by Council Member Stardig, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner stated that before he goes to recognize Council Members with procedural motions and he wanted to mention again that there is a housing module that is outside on McKinney Street that people are wanting people to take a look at for homes that may not be habitable right now while they are rebuilt to become habitable and they should be there until 4:00 p.m. or 5:00 p.m. and they will be more than happy to speak to anyone about it.

Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Le for a procedural motion; Council Member Le moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing Mr. Truc Ho out of order and seconded by Council Member Kubosh, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0595 ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Kubosh for a procedural motion; Council Member Kubosh moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of adding Mr. Michael Huffmaster to the list of speakers and to hear Ms. Tomaro Bell and Ms. Jane West out of order and seconded by Council Member Le, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0596 ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Christie for a procedural motion; Council Member Christie moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing Mr. Carl Ducena, Ms. Tina Chandler and Ms. Thelma Scott out of order and seconded by Council Member Kubosh, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0597 ADOPTED**

At 2:11 p.m. Mayor Turner requested the City Secretary to call the List of Speakers.

Mr. Truc Ho, 10517 Garden Grove Blvd, Garden Grove, CA, 92843, (714)636-1121 appeared and stated dear Houston, they give their hearts in the time of the suffering and disaster and in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey, their Organization raised from their community and as of today \$900,000 and on behalf of those who stepped up, they have donated \$300,000 for Habitat for Humanity and \$300,000 to the Greater Houston Community Foundation and they have learned what it means to extend their hands when they came to America and today with their community they have extended their hands and love for one another to share in the suffering from Hurricane Harvey and they are here to stand with Houston, to stand with their Community and to stand with love.

Council Member Stardig moved that rules be suspended for the purpose to allow Mayor Turner to take a picture with Mr. Truc Ho to accept a check for Hurricane Harvey recovery and seconded by Council Member Cohen, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0598 ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner accepted the checks from Mr. Ho and his community for donating the money and pictures were taken.

Council Member Le stated that he would like to recognize his wife and his parents that are in the audience today and requested Mr. Ho speak and he did not know Mr. Ho before this and he reached out to him less than a week ago and requested for him to come to Houston to present a check and Mr. Ho is a resident of California and through his network of Television was able to raise a total of \$900,000.00 and he requested to Mr. Ho to give at least 2 to 3 weeks to prepare a Proclamation and collected as that the people of Houston need it know and he told him he wants to come and present the check however, he can and he does not need the recognition more than

the people need the money, so he came as a speaker and he thanked Mr. Ho very much for thinking of the people in Houston during the time of our needs.

Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Gallegos for a point of personal privilege, Council Member Gallegos stated that he has the pleasure of introducing a couple of visiting Council Members from the City of San Cruz of California and thanked them for visiting Houston.

Mr. Michael Huffmaster, no address, no phone, appeared and stated that on behalf of the Alliance and himself, thank you for leading Houston on the post Harvey period and this week will mark the 40th day of Harvey and he thinks he has a new perspective on the Biblical story of the 40 days in the wilderness and for them leading them forward and it give them hope, just like Mr. Ho's generosity and just as the wonderful response of the citizens of Houston to help their neighbors and he wanted to thank the Governor of Texas for the \$50 million dollars that Mayor Turner fought to obtain for helping Houston recover, to begin the debris pickup and he knew personally the debris that was piled over his head and had been removed and he wanted to thank Council Member Travis for getting that removed and they know that they are fortunate and he knows that there are many people that have debris still in their yard and there had been many other storms that prompted the development of the Addick's and the Barker reservoirs to protect Houston and most recently Tropical Allison, in the events of 2009, the Memorial Day Flood and Tax Day Flood and he does not know what to recommend in the design but moving forward in the City of Houston to be resilient must contemplate and evaluate the impacts of storms like these on our City infrastructure and on the citizens and he ask them to take that with them as they move forward into recovery. Council Members Martin, Le and Gallegos absent.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Huffmaster.

Ms. Jane West, 2114 Lubbock, 77007, (832)721-9080 appeared and stated that she will take less than 3 minutes and she is here to reiterate on what Mr. Huffmaster stated and thanked the Mayor for meeting with them and always keeping a door open when it comes to the concerns of the Super Neighborhood Councils and the Alliances and she also here to speak in support of Item 27 it is a great example on how the community brought a problem and emergency issue at the CIP hearing that was earlier this year, they were able to work effectively with their Council Member Cisneros and all the other Council Members that were there at the meeting to get this project moving forward, they have worked with their TIRZ Board and this is a great example how our Elected Officials have worked effectively with their Administrations, the Mayor and the Acting Director of Public Works and please support this Item. Council Members Martin, Le and Gallegos absent.

Members of Council questioned Ms. West at length.

Ms. Tomaro Bell, no address, no phone, appeared and stated that her topic is gratitude and she wanted to thank everyone around the horseshoe and a special thanks to the Mayor for working with Governor Abbott to get the necessary funds that we needed and thank him for meeting with them on Monday and the Super Neighborhood appreciates the time with him and the Council Members for calling them and as they call them and it does take team work and she has been a bragging mother her son is here from California and he came down here volunteering during and after Harvey and he is Houston Constant for the new season of Fear Factor and it is starting shooting in a week and they were selected for this season on Fear Factor and thanked Council Member Stardig on speaking out about the poles in the middle of the sidewalk as well. Council Members Martin, Le and Gallegos absent.

Mayor Turner stated to Ms. Bell that if he is her son, he should do very well.

Ms. Lee Roder, 714 Sabine St., 77007, (718)839-4538 appeared and stated that she is here to speak on Item 27 on the reconstruction on Sabine Street in the Old 6th Ward and she is here to acknowledge all the work that all of the groups have done and it is truly amazing that the TIRZ group has been able to come together with the City and to put together a package to solve what has been a problem that they have been dealing with and that depends on who they talk to for about 40 years and they are so hopeful that it will get its final approval and it is a credit to the City of Houston, to this Administration, to this Mayor because they were willing to take the difficult road to do what is right and the systems that is underneath the street that is over a 100 years old and is failing but to take the difficult road to work to restoring a piece of history and they are leaving something for the future and that is so important to the City and our future. Council Members Martin, Le, Gallegos, Laster and Kubosh absent.

Dr. Alkebu Motapa, 5022 Cosby, 77021, (713)741-5150 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Martin, Le, Gallegos, Laster and Kubosh absent

Mr. Edwin Marquez, no address, (713)320-6512 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Martin, Le, Gallegos, Laster and Kubosh absent

Mr. Robert Reid, no address, (832)405-5054 appeared and stated that he wanted to first thank each of the Council Members for the work that they are doing and today he is here on behalf of Barbara Jordan Endeavors, they are having a Free Family Fun Day which is at Dyer Stadium at 2020 Mangum and please forgive them for bring this so late because they did not know where to tell the families to go to because the kids were not in school and were unable to reach out and introduced the individuals that were standing behind him and what they are doing at this time which they have flyers that they are handing out and they have been at Greenspoint Mall because that is where he lives, they are bring the buses out and they have spoken to the Superintendent of HISD and he is with them and they are looking for some support for whatever the City Council can provide, security is one but there is no question that they have the vendors, free food and it is not costing anyone anything and they would like the City Council to reach out to Ms. Scott to ask her what they can do and he is saying that he is enjoying this and he is enjoying working with Barbara Jordan Endeavors kids that have been bullied, some try to commit suicide and they really want to bring everyone to get involved. Council Members Martin, Le, Gallegos, Laster and Kubosh absent

Members of Council questioned and thanked Mr. Reid for being present.

Ms. Pauline Clement, 4731 Brownstone Ln., 77053, (832)731-6712 appeared and stated she did not want to over kill on the information but in regards to the Free Family Fun Day they would like to extend an invitation to any Members that would like to participate at any capacity with any resource that are available for the kids in shelters, eating different foods, playing in a different place that they would not normally play, in an environment that they would not normally be in and seeing things that they normally would not see and on behalf of the Barbara Jordan Endeavors that has a history in participating in the community with suicide prevention, in mental and wellness and diversity they would asked that they all try to extend any resources or assistances in support by attending the event on behalf of the Barbara Jordan Endeavors. Council Members Martin, Le, Gallegos and Kubosh absent.

Mr. Carl Ducena, 10211 Tablerock Dr., 77064, (347)244-8098 appeared and stated that he is with Normal To Be Fit and wanted to thank everyone here for this opportunity for letting him and his wife to come here to speak and they are speaking today on what teamed up with Ms. Thelma Scott and the Free Family Fun Day and they want everyone to come out to Dyer Stadium Saturday on October 7, 2017 from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and he wanted to stress this because they do have HTV filming this and again it is a free family fun day and we joined because Houston needs to have fun with free stuff and they will have all kinds of stuff for health and wellness and they were connected by Ms. Thelma Scott because she wanted he and his wife to run the health and the wellness division on what is going on out there at this event and requested that Council Member Christie to come out and do more pushups or the Mayor to come and do some setups, they would love that and their event Normal TO Be Fit Event was a success and thanked them for their support and again Council Member Christie was on Fox 26 doing pushups and it was incredible. Council Members Martin and Gallegos absent.

Mayor Turner stated that Council Member Christie is known to be in on this and he heard that Council Member Christie did 65 pushups in one setting.

Ms. Tina Chandler, 10211 Tablerock Dr., 77064, (832)687-3497 appeared and stated that she is the Founder and Owner of Normal To Be Fit and they have been honored to accepted this invitation from Thelma Scott of the Barbara Jordan Endeavors Foundation to share to Chair this Event that is coming up October 7th and they are excited to continue their efforts to educate the public and inspired them to exercise especially toward mental health and wellness and the first week in October is Diversity Week and this event is all inclusive and they have activities for everyone and this even she is busing in everyone from shelters and others, they are really proud to be part of this event to help inspire and rebuild Houston together. Council Members Martin, Gallegos and Kubosh absent.

Council Member Christie read the flyer about the Event.

Ms. Thelma Scott, 155031 Kuykendahl, 77090, (832)654-2737 appeared and stated that she wanted to thank her colleagues because Barbara Jordan Endeavors for our safe diversity communities and she wanted to say nothing that Barbara Jordan Endeavors does without a team and she is so honored to have her team here and they are here working along with them and she also honored Red Cross who will transport all the evacuees from NRG and their volunteers at George R. Brown Convention Center and she had been there everyday volunteering and praying for the people because they are devastated, they are walking along like zombies because they do not know what is going to happen and because she was there everyday, Red Cross asked her if she wanted to set up a booth and she set up one, so Mr. Reid and herself have been in the shelter praying for everyone there but there was one lady in the shelter and she told her "Ms. Scott, if it was not the fact she had these 4 kids, she would have committed suicide today, because she does not know where she was going" because she lost everything, she lost her house, her car, kids clothes and she has been denied by her insurance, she was denied from FEMA and Red Cross and she continued to tell her that someone in this shelter was going to end up with the short end of the stick and she started to pray for her with her Pastor because she knows what they are going through because she had been there because she had attempted suicide and she made it and she had done a lot of things but helping these people are her heart and she was told by that lady that one day of fun is better than none and she got together with her Pastors and added a 5k Walk to benefit the evacuees and today let's have a family fun day for these people because they are suffering and hurting in the shelter and they need to come out of the shelter and

come out to have fun and she is looking at the Council in helping with any resources that they have because we are Houston Strong. Council Members Gallegos and Kubosh absent.

Ms. Bonnie Fields, 14302 Norhill Point, 77044, (281)225-4760 appeared and stated that she is here to follow up on a complaint that she voiced on August 15th and that complaint was regarding a Police Officer miss handling of an automotive accident that involved her family and other motorists and the Officer responding to the accident made false statements in his reports and with the other motorist made 3 conflicting statement in reports and failed to issue a citation in effort to protect the other motorist driving record and since her last visit here, the Chief Acevedo did issue a directive to the Officers Sergeant to handle the complaint and apparently not aware that this same Sergeant had been already aware of this issue and made decision regarding his Officers since July the 14th and did not consider the matter to warrant any serious intervention and following Chief Acevedo order, Sergeant in late August still concluded that the issue was not important and further stated that he was going to request that the Chief dismiss her complaint and they have not heard from the Chief since and this is why she is back here today and they do expect that the City to handle this in fair and honest manner and she wanted to give thanks to her Council Member Dave Martin. Council Members Gallegos and Kubosh absent.

Council Member Martin stated that he had met with Ms. Fields and her husband the last time they were here and he did look at the documentation and it looks like she had a legitimate complaint as far as the accident report and how that information is going to get to the insurance and he would just ask that the Mayor would take a look into this because Mrs. Fields and Mr. Fields are extremely nice people, they have always appeared in front of Council in a respectful way and he was sorry that there had been no resolution because they all agreed back in August that she had some definite things that were wrong within the accident report itself.

Mayor Turner requested that Sergeant Perales speak to Ms. Fields and then Ms. Fields stated, Mayor, if she can say this please unless Sergeant Perales has something different to say then what he told her this morning when she spoke to him by phone, she really did not see much point in doing that because he said that the report would not be changed and it had been sent to the Texas Motive Vehicle and the accident report will not be changed and unless that changed it will not help her and Mayor Turner further stated that her point has been made and that his Chief of Staff Ms. Maravlette Hunter will visit with her and then they will see if they can reach a resolution.

Ms. Synethia Hall, 1515 Sydnor St., 77020, (832)886-7771 appeared and stated that her subject is White supremacy cancer because she feels from her experience with this Council, Mayor Turner as well as anyone on City Council who does not speak up and out who are not concerned with correction and solution but instead deflection and dilution, she wanted to speak about her own situation with HPD but less than 48 hours ago life forced her see bigger then herself which is Las Vegas with 59 people dead and more fighting for their lives the effects of White supremacy cancer and she ask this Mayor and this Council when will they all pay real attention and with no response from Council and since her time had not run out the chargers that were pulled against her were illegally dismissed with no apologizes and the Internal Affairs advised the that she file came back as nothing and she feels with this Council and especially you the Mayor are supporting the White supremacy cancer that is going on with the Police. Council Members Martin, Gallegos and Kubosh absent.

Ms. Sarah Bloom, no address, (713)898-7288 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Martin, Gallegos and Kubosh absent.

Mr. Joe Richardson, 6101 Bobby Burns, 77028, (713)673-7527 appeared and stated that he will make this as fast as possible because he has only has 3 minutes, he is inquiring about the raise in his water bill and the usual bill is about \$19.62 and now it is \$26.68 and in the follow up the answers he received by a Supervisor and one lady told him that the rate goes up in April and last week was late September and if someone used 4,000 gallons the bill would be \$50.00 and he did not ask for that remark and then she told him that he used 2,000 gallons and he told her that 2,000 gallons have been used before in his rent house and nothing has happened but he was told that they installed a big meter and then he requested to give him a smaller meter to get back to his \$19.62 bill and he was told that he would have to pay and then someone else told him that he has different size lines and he would not call anyone a liar but that is wrong because he installed both of them and he knows for a fact they are the same and he ask to speak to a particular person and that person told him that he cannot speak to her because they were her Supervisor and he has a record here of his water usage every since they put the new meter in and he does not think he should have been spoken to like that and since his time is not up he wanted to know who was the man that walked in his yard on July the 15th and he told him that the he had permission from the City. . Council Members Martin, Gallegos, Laster, Knox and Kubosh absent.

Mayor Turner encouraged Mr. Richardson to speak with Gary Norman and Mr. Richardson stated that he already had spoken to him and Mayor Turner asked him what did Mr. Norman say to him and Mr. Richardson stated that he said Ms. McCloud would call him and she called him one time and she told him that he would call him back but never received a call back.

Upon question by Mayor Turner Mr. Richardson advised is this a house that he lives in and he told Mayor Turner that it was not but it was his tenant that was terminal ill but Mr. Norman did handle another issue that was resolved but now all of sudden he gets this \$7.00 rate and Mayor Turner stated that he is going to send him back to Mr. Norman to get all the information that they need and they will take a look into it and Mr. Richardson also wanted to state on the record that Mr. Norman is doing a wonderful job and you the Mayor are too but that is beside the point.

Ms. Veronica Cruise, 8903 Pecan Place Dr., 77071, (9713)204-6511 appeared and stated that she was able to locate the physical address to the Water Department or a valuable telephone number, she was here earlier this year and Mayor Turner was very helpful to him when he recommended that Mr. Norman work with her to put her on some type of adjustment and some type of installment payment plan and since that installment payment plan, she was not late on a payment and the last payment she was told that she was late and it appears that her bill was \$132.00 and her normal bill is like \$22.00, she does not use more than 1,000 gallons of water and the only thing she does at that house is brush her teeth, she does not wash or cook she lives alone and instead of coming down here because she knows that they have more important issues, she rather be able to connect the Water Department to resolve the issues without having to come here. Council Members Martin, Gallegos, Laster, Knox and Kubosh absent.

Mayor Turner stated that he agrees with Ms. Blancett and requested that Public Works to set up a hotline for Water Bill complaints and they do know there is some water issues and it not a good use of her time to come here and they know there is some water bill issues that they are having and again he is requesting that Public Works set up a separate hotline so that they can address these problems in much more holistic way and he requested for Mr. Rene Ruiz from the Mayor's Citizens Assistance Office to get her information.

Ms. Christina Cruise, 3030 Hirschfield Rd., Spring, TX, 77373, (520)233-4848 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Martin, Gallegos, Laster, Knox and Kubosh absent.

Ms. Selene Rivers, 10402 Hamlet Vale Ct., 77070, (346)300-7936 4848 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Martin, Gallegos, Laster, Knox and Kubosh absent.

Ms. Gloria Rubac, 3503 Robertson, 77009, 9713)503-2633 4848 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Martin, Gallegos, Laster, Knox and Kubosh absent.

Mr. Oscar Gonzalez, 4023 Polk, 77023, 9832)526-7618 appeared and stated that he was here to speak about Indigenous Day and it is nothing new to any of the Members of Council ears and they know what they are asking for and they are asking them to recognize Indigenous Day in Houston and he is asking the City Council what is the status of that and he also asking City Council on behalf of his people what is the status of the removal of the statue of Columbus along with the other Confederate statues in the City of Houston and also here to speak about an incident that happened this Saturday September 30th when their people marched to Bell Park for recognizing Indigenous Day and this is why they need Indigenous Day because one of the HPD Officers asked one of their Medicine Carriers to put out or he would have put it out with a fire extinguisher and he is waiting for an answer. Council Member Martin absent.

Mayor Turner stated that they would have to look into this because he is not aware of this.

Mr. Gonzalez stated that they are expecting an apology to the Medicine Carrier that is a very prominent group that is here in Houston and they expect from the City and from the Police Department and this is something that they are not playing with, remember what they did in Standing Rock, remember why they were there and they are highly upset about this and they have never been treated this way by the City, they have been ignored and that is one thing, they have been addressed and their medicine men had been trampled and disrespected.

Mr. Johnny Taylor, 3262 Westheimer, 77098, (832)756-4607 appeared and stated that he is here still requesting his help and he first like to state that he has done an outstanding job since you have become Mayor here in the City of Houston and his issue Mayor Turner is that his family and himself have relocated from Atlanta to Houston in 2014 to procure 2 contracts with the City of Houston, one was being the mobile device management and the cyber security contract and they provide that security to the City and they did a portion of that work of \$180,000 to the City of Houston and yet have not been paid for and they also did work for the City and all of the user Departments including the Airport, HPD, and Fire Department and they are using their cyber security solution, framework, policies and procedures that they have provided and the City of Houston have not been hacked so that tells them that their solution works but yet they have not yet been paid a dime and when he was here last on June 6th he asked him to speak with his Assistance Office and he spoke with her and she pointed him to Ms. Hunter and has of today only received one e-mail stating that she could not meet on a date and he is still here respectfully asking Mayor Turner to help him and his company and family for the work that they have done for the City of Houston and they have not received one single penny but yet they are using their applications and product and to him that is not right and his request to him what they can do to get their payment. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Travis, Gallegos, Laster and Kubosh absent.

Mayor Turner stated that he is going to have to refer him to Legal because when he is talking about that amount of money and he is not familiar with the contractual relationship or the business that was actually done or the service that was rendered and he takes what he says at face value but he is going to refer him to the Legal Department because they are the ones that will be able to work through those issues.

Mr. Bobby Taylor, Post Office Box 202021, 77220, (832)870-7673 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Travis, Gallegos, Laster and Kubosh absent.

Mr. Amun Imhotep, 3335 Fiorella Way, Humble, TX, 77338, (832)722-8159 appeared and stated that he is coming here to speak about a situation in the Greenspoint Shelter and he will make it brief because of his time, the Greenspoint Shelter is the old Macy's but there is a black mold issue and along with brown spiders and along with wires that are hanging and they have people living in these shelters, the Red Cross is not providing them with assistance and the people that are behind him are the groups that are helping the people in the shelter and they are the ones that are providing proper food because the people at the shelter are eating raw meat and he is trying to understand that all of the people are being treated fairly and why all of the Sheriffs at that particular shelter are harassing these people and they are constantly being threatened to be evicted by the Red Cross and when they ask them why they are being inappropriately searched and male Sheriffs are not supposed to search a female but that is what is going on and when they question them about that, they get threatened about criminal trespassing and this is a big bad situation and they are coming here for solutions. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Travis, Gallegos and Kubosh absent.

Mayor Turner stated that is not a shelter that the City set up but that is a shelter that is being overseen by the Red Cross and those people that are at the Greenspoint shelter came from NRG, it is not a City Shelter but it does not matter if it a City Shelter, County shelter or State Shelter everyone needs to be treated with respect and he is not as familiar with the logistics over there, he does not even know how many people are over there and he will have his team look into it.

Mr. William Mitchell, 2703 Isabella, 77004, (832)880-2791 appeared and stated that he is with the National Black United Front and he is here to speak about the horrible condition at the Greenspoint Shelter, like it was said earlier, raw food and not one occasion but several, they are talking about people receiving granola bars for dinner, grown men and women and children receiving that and people being neglected of their medical conditions, they are talking about recluse spiders and mold falling from the roof and electrical wires hang from the ceiling, this place should not ever been open up and who ever open this shelter they need to be countable for that and the other thing is that male Officers being able to search pat search females and on numerous occasions they have told them they have been violated and they have spoken to the Sheriff and they have told them they do not have access to female Officers and they are requesting HPD women Officers be assigned to that shelter. Council Members Stardig, Cohen, Martin, Travis, Gallegos and Kubosh absent.

Mayor Turner questioned Mr. Mitchell and stated that he will take the time and go visit the shelter and speak to those people in the shelter.

Ms. Krystal Muhammad, 2417 Riverside Dr., 77004, (713)261-3558 appeared and stated that she also going to address the Greenspoint Shelter situation, prior to the shelter being set up, these groups did volunteer rescues not only in Houston but in Beaumont and Port Author and some people were almost arrested for bring in supplies and Greenspoint Mall was actually flooded so

no one should have been allowed into that location, it is a public safety issue at this point and to answer the Mayor question there is about 500 people in there, there are children with no shoes, grown women with no shoes, they sleep on cots and the conditions are getting worse and was also very concerned about the women being searched by the male Officers. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Travis, Gallegos, Knox and Kubosh absent.

Mayor Turner stated they are going to follow up to make sure there are more than enough supplies and the main thing is to work on a transition plan to get them into Housing to get them out of a shelter.

Mr. Marion Scott, 1600 Louisiana St., 77002, (713)783-9292 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Travis, Gallegos, Knox and Kubosh absent.

Mr. Rodney Underwood, 2321 Wentworth, 77004, (832)868-7219 appeared and stated that he is the Director of Uplift of Community Service and Development and he had been reading in the newspaper about everything that the City is trying to do and how they are focusing on people dealing with disabilities and they have been dealing with that for 10 to 15 years and he does not see his Council Member here because he wanted to get with him to see what they can do to assist and to do all that they can. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Travis, Gallegos, Knox and Kubosh absent.

Mayor Turner stated that he will let his Council Member know that he was here and will ask for assistance.

Mr. James Partsch-Galvan, 2705 Terry St., 77009, (713)528-2607 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Travis, Gallegos, Knox and Kubosh absent.

Mr. William Beal, 10 Remington Ln., 77005, no phone, had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Travis, Gallegos, Knox and Kubosh absent.

The City Secretary advised that Ms. Rubac is now present and she will speak next.

Ms. Gloria Rubac, 3503 Robertson, 77009, (713)503-2633 4848 appeared and stated that she wanted to speak with Council about next Monday that Columbus did not discover America in fact Columbus was a slave trader and began the genocide against Native Americans in what became the United States and she would like the Council to consider joining with other Cities and she knows that Columbus is not a City Holiday, its not an HISD holiday but it is a State of Texas holiday to recognized Indigenous Day in the City of Houston which is the most diverse city in this country. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Travis, Gallegos, Knox and Kubosh absent.

Ms. Barbara Anderson, no address, no phone, appeared and stated that she first like to send prayers to the victims of Las Vegas and as she mentioned before how she and her kids have lost everything from Harvey and she is not much help because she been out of work since GRB made new contracts and she was not one that made the contract. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Travis, Gallegos, Knox 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 3:42 p.m. The City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, October 4, 2017, Council Members Stardig, Martin, Travis, Gallegos, Knox and Kubosh absent.

At 8:25 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, October 4, 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, 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 Larry Green absent on city business.

At 9:06 a.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting to order and recognized Council Member Martin for a point of personal privilege. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Le, Travis, Gallegos, Laster and Edwards absent.

Council Member Martin stated that he apologizes that he has to go to the State Committee on Natural Resources in a little bit and he wanted to come here specifically to recognize a group of people that were their heroes during Hurricane Harvey and those are the people at Severn Trent who literally spent 16 days in the treatment facility within Kingwood and in Kingwood Severn Trent provides services to the municipalities around there as their Public Works Engineering and that was established back in 1984 after the Annexation and they do a great job and requested them to stand to be recognized. Council Members Davis and Le absent.

Council Member Cohen moved to suspend the rules to consider the Monthly Financial Report and followed by Items 1, 2, 3 & 4 and followed by Item 13 and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0599 ADOPTED**

REPORT FROM CITY CONTROLLER AND THE CITY ADMINISTRATION REGARDING THE CURRENT FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE CITY including but not limited to, a revenue, expenditure and encumbrance report for the General Fund, all special revenue funds and all enterprise funds, and a report on the status of bond funds- was presented,

Chris Brown, City Controller and, Interim Director of Finance Department, Tantri Emo reviewed the Monthly Operation and Financial report; copies of which are on file in the City Secretary's office for review.

Council Member Christie moved to accept the monthly financial report and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Martin absent. **MOTION 2017-0600 ADOPTED**

MISCELLANEOUS - NUMBERS 1 through 4

1. **REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment of **STEPHEN MCNIEL** to Position Eight to the **HOUSTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION OF THE**

CITY OF HOUSTON, for an unexpired term ending March 1, 2018- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Martin absent. **MOTION 2017-0601 ADOPTED**

2. **REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following individuals to the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF REINVESTMENT ZONE NO. 15 TIRZ, EAST DOWNTOWN**, for terms to expire July 6, 2019:

Position One - **GORDON J. QUAN**, reappointment

Position Five - **MAZEN BALTAGI**, appointment- was presented,

Moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Laster, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Martin absent. **MOTION 2017-0602 ADOPTED**

3. **REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following individuals to the **PLANNING COMMISSION**:

Position One - **MARTHA "MARTY" STEIN**, reappointment, for a term to expire 6/30/2019

Position Three - **TAFAR TAHIR**, reappointment, for a term to expire 6/30/2019

Position Five - **MARK KILKENNY**, reappointment, for a term to expire 6/30/2019

Position Seven - **IAN ROSENBERG**, appointment, for a term to expire 6/30/2019

Position Nine - **LISA CLARK**, reappointment, for a term to expire 6/30/2019

Position Thirteen - **CHRISTINA MORALES**, appointment, for a term to expire 6/30/2019

Position Fourteen - **BILL BALDWIN**, reappointment, for a term to expire 3/31/2019

Position Nineteen - **LINDA PORRAS-PIRTLE**, reappointment, for a term to expire 6/30/2019

Position Twenty-One - **MEDARDO "SONNY" GARZA**, reappointment, for a term to expire 6/30/2019- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Martin absent. **MOTION 2017-0603 ADOPTED**

4. **REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the following for appointment or reappointment of the following to the **HARRIS COUNTY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 4 (ENERGY CORRIDOR MANAGEMENT DISTRICT) BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for terms to expire June 1, 2021:

Position One - **PETER M. ELGOHARY**, appointment

Position Two - **D. BRUCE FINCHER**, reappointment

Position Three - **BRANDON ROBERT KERR**, appointment

Position Four - **PETER D. JOHNSTON**, reappointment

Position Five - **DAVID W. HIGHTOWER**, reappointment- was presented,

Moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Boykins and Martin absent. **MOTION 2017-0604 ADOPTED**

13. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2017-0200 to reinstate additional flood limits to the General Property Insurance Policies; accepting the individual proposals from **ARCH SPECIALTY INSURANCE COMPANY, AXIS SURPLUS INSURANCE COMPANY, CHUBB CUSTOM INSURANCE COMPANY, GENERAL SECURITY INDEMNITY COMPANY OF ARIZONA, ENDURANCE AMERICAN SPECIALTY INSURANCE COMPANY, EVANSTON INSURANCE COMPANY, INTERSTATE FIRE & CASUALTY COMPANY, LEXINGTON INSURANCE COMPANY, ROCKHILL INSURANCE COMPANY, RSUI INDEMNITY COMPANY, STARR SURPLUS LINES INSURANCE COMPANY, TOKIO MARINE**

AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY, UNDERWRITERS AT LLOYDS, UNITED SPECIALTY INSURANCE COMPANY, WESTCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, and WESTPORT INSURANCE CORPORATION, which are participating in the Layered Property Insurance Program (as approved by Ordinance No. 2017-0200)- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Boykins and Martin absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0752 ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner stated that they will move to the Mayor's Report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Turner stated he wanted to follow up in reference to the City of Houston Relief Effort for Puerto Rico that is being led by Bill Baldwin there is press a conference on that today at 1:45 p.m. it and in conjunction with some of the Astro Players there are a lot of supplies that have come in that they are providing and some of the Council Members will be joining them to represent Houston on that deal.

The Astros start their Playoff's and there is a rally at 12:00 at City Hall and the game starts tomorrow and there will be another game on Friday, let's cheer on for the Astros and he just want to note on the Las Vegas it is a true tragedy and City Hall last night was lighted up in blue in honor to stand with Las Vegas event and standing with families and friends who lost loved one and those injured and people who risked their lives to help others, the Flag is being flown at half mast.

At 9:48 a.m. Mayor Turner requested the City Secretary to call the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 5 through 34

ACCEPT WORK - NUMBERS 5 and 6

5. **RECOMMENDATION** from Acting Director Department of Public Works & Engineering, for approval of final contract amount of \$4,167,335.40 and acceptance of work on contract with **MCKINNEY CONSTRUCTION, INC**, for Water Line in Sherwood Forest Area - 4.22% under the original contract amount - Enterprise Fund - **DISTRICT G – TRAVIS**- was presented, moved by Council Member Christie and seconded by Council Member Laster, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Martin absent. **MOTION 2017-0605 ADOPTED**
6. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director General Services Department for approval of final contract amount of \$1,026,284.18 and acceptance of work on contract with **MILLIS DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION, INC** for Grady Park Trail - 7.98% over the original contract amount and under the 10% contingency - **DISTRICT G – TRAVIS**- was presented, moved by Council Member Christie and seconded by Council Member Laster, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Martin absent. **MOTION 2017-0606 ADOPTED**

PROPERTY - NUMBER 7

7. **RECOMMENDATION** from Acting Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for authority to pay relocation assistance expenses related to acquisition of Parcel KY13-107, owned by City of Houston (acquired on June 3, 2016 from Forgings Valves and Castings, Inc a/k/a Forgings, Valves and Castings, Inc., Karl Lyons, President), located at 14527 Smith Road, Humble, Texas for the **NORTHEAST TRANSMISSION 108-INCH WATER LINE EASEMENT ACQUISITION DRAINAGE PROJECT from Smith Road to Lee Road - DISTRICT B – DAVIS-** was presented, moved by Council Member Christie and seconded by Council Member Laster, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Martin absent. **MOTION 2017-0607 ADOPTED**

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS - NUMBERS 8 through 10

8. **TEXAS COMMISSION ON FIRE PROTECTION** for payment for Initial and Annual Re-certification fees for Firefighters for Fire Department - \$364,745.00 - General Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Martin absent. **MOTION 2017-0608 ADOPTED**

9. **FARRWEST ENVIRONMENTAL SUPPLY** for HAZMAT Emergency Monitoring Equipment through the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative (BuyBoard) for the Fire Department \$134,171.00 - Grant Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Martin absent. **MOTION 2017-0609 ADOPTED**

10. **RECOMMENDATION** from Chief Procurement Officer for Hurricane Harvey Disaster Debris Removal Services awarded to the following contractors for the Solid Waste Management Department in an amount not to exceed \$60,000,000.00 - Disaster Recovery Fund:
 1. Ceres Environmental Services, Inc
 2. Ontario Specialty Contracting, Inc, d/b/a OSC Texas
 3. JLS Consulting, LLC d/b/a Terraworx Construction
 4. Sun Packing, Inc
 5. J.H. Reid General Contractor
 6. NOLA Construction & Development Group, LLC
 7. Basal Solutions, LLC
 8. Brian Smith Construction Inspection, Inc
 9. Fisher Construction, Inc
 10. Harris Builder, LLC
 11. Hydromax Services, LLC
 12. TMG Services, Inc. & Perk Company, Inc, Joint Venture, LP
 13. R Construction Company
 14. Webb Trucking and Landclearing, Inc
 15. Sustainable Freight Group Corporation-

The City Secretary advised that Item 10 had been pulled by the Administration and will not be considered.

ORDINANCES - NUMBERS 11 through 34

11. **ORDINANCE** ratifying and confirming the delegated authority under Ordinance Nos. 2015-1004 and 2016-0748 to issue City of Houston, Texas, Airport System Inferior Lien Revenue Bonds as contemplated by Ordinance No. 2015-1004; ratifying and confirming various related agreements; and making certain findings and other declarations necessary and incidental to such matter; and declaring an emergency- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Martin and Travis absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0753 ADOPTED**

15. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Interlocal Agreement between the City of Houston and the **TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY** for the Human Trafficking Rescue Alliance Task Force Program - \$16,800.00 - Grant Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Martin and Travis absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0754 ADOPTED**

17. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Development, Construction, Operations, Maintenance and Concession Agreement between the City and **THE WESTCHASE DISTRICT** for Woodchase Park **DISTRICT F – LE-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Martin and Travis absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0755 ADOPTED**

23. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **BAY AREA HOUSTON ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP** for Professional Services for the Houston Airport System; providing a maximum contract amount - \$330,000.00 - Enterprise Fund - **DISTRICT E – MARTIN-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Martin and Travis absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0756 ADOPTED**

26. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$1,236,600.00 out of Dedicated Drainage and Street Renewal Fund; and \$81,000.00 out of Contributed Capital Improvement Fund as an additional appropriation to the Small Contractors Rotation Pilot Program contract (as approved by Ordinance No. 2016-0145); amending Ordinance No. 2016-0145 (passed on February 24, 2016) to increase the maximum contract amount for contract between the City of Houston and **ALLY GENERAL SOLUTIONS LLC, CASTEC CONSTRUCTION LLC, GCI SOLUTIONS LLC, KENALL, INC, OZ BUILDING CONTRACTORS, INC, POSEY’S CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT, INC, PRESTON BANKS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LLC, PMG PROJECT MANAGEMENT GROUP LLC, SKE CONSTRUCTION LLC, and TEXAS PRIDE UTILITIES LLC** for the Small Contractors Rotation Pilot Program- the City Secretary advised that Item 26 had been pulled by the Administration and will not be considered.

34. **ORDINANCE** awarding contract to **SPECIALIZED MAINTENANCE SERVICES, INC** for Sanitary Sewer Preventive Maintenance Cleaning and Television Inspection; setting a deadline for the proposer's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the proposer in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by

the Water & Sewer System Operating Fund - \$3,431,610.00 - Enterprise Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Martin and Travis absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0757 ADOPTED**

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

12. ORDINANCE finding and determining that public convenience and necessity no longer require the continued use of Gano Street, between Gaines Street and Moody Street, in the Ryon Addition, John Austin Survey, A-1, Harris County, Texas; vacating and abandoning the street easement to The Most Reverend Daniel Cardinal Dinardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston, his successors in office or assigns, for the use and benefit of St. Patrick Parish, abutting owner, in consideration of owner's payment of \$93,125.00 to the City, conveyance to the City of a full-width utility easement, and other consideration - **DISTRICT H – CISNEROS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Martin absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0758 ADOPTED**

14. ORDINANCE appropriating up to \$46,114,987.70 in Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Affordable Housing Funds for Single Family and Multi Family Affordable Housing Activities, including the administration of the City's Affordable Housing Programs- was presented,

After a lengthy discussion with Mayor Turner and Director of Housing Tom McCasland who was invited to the podium to answer the Council Members questions, a vote was called and all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Martin absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0759 ADOPTED**

16. ORDINANCE appropriating amounts of 1) \$323,693.00 out of Parks and Recreation Dedication Fund, and 2) \$75,000.00 out of Contributed Capital Project Fund for the Mason Park Pedestrian/Bike Bridge Project; approving and authorizing amendment #1 to Advance Funding Agreement between the City of Houston and the **TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION** for the Mason Park Pedestrian/Bike Bridge Transportation Enhancement Project - **DISTRICT I – GALLEGOS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Martin absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0760 ADOPTED**

18. ORDINANCE relating to the Fiscal Affairs of the **MIDTOWN REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY on behalf of REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER TWO, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS (MIDTOWN ZONE)**; approving the Fiscal Year 2018 Operating Budget for the Authority and the Fiscal Years 2018-2022 Capital Improvements Plan Budget for the Zone - **DISTRICTS C - COHEN and D – BOYKINS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Martin absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0761 ADOPTED**

19. ORDINANCE relating to the Fiscal Affairs of the **MAIN STREET/MARKET SQUARE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY d/b/a DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY on behalf of REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER THREE, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS (MAIN STREET/MARKET SQUARE ZONE)**; approving the Fiscal Year 2018 Operating Budget for

the Authority and the Fiscal Years 2018-2022 Capital Improvement Projects Budget for the Zone **DISTRICTS C - COHEN; H - CISNEROS and I – GALLEGOS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Martin absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0762 ADOPTED**

20. **ORDINANCE** relating to the Fiscal Affairs of the **GREATER GREENSPPOINT REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY on behalf of REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER ELEVEN, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS (GREENSPPOINT ZONE)**; approving the Fiscal Year 2018 Operating Budget for the Authority and the Fiscal Years 2018-2022 Capital Improvement Plan Budget for the Zone **DISTRICT B – DAVIS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Martin absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0763 ADOPTED**

21. **ORDINANCE** relating to the Fiscal Affairs of the **HARRISBURG REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY on behalf of REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER TWENTY-THREE, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS (HARRISBURG ZONE)**; approving the Fiscal Year 2018 Operating Budget for the Authority and the Fiscal Years 2018-2022 Capital Improvement Plan Budget for the Zone - **DISTRICTS H - CISNEROS and I – GALLEGOS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Martin absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0764 ADOPTED**

22. **ORDINANCE** extending the provisions of **SECTION 28-303 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, to certain improved single-family residential lots in the **SAGEMONT PARK SUBDIVISION, SECTION 1, KIRKWOOD SUBDIVISION, SECTION 1, BLOCK 1, LOT 1, AND KIRKWOOD SUBDIVISION, SECTION 5, BLOCK 19, LOTS 1-4, BLOCK 20, LOTS 1-4, AND BLOCK 21, LOTS 1-2**, to prohibit parking vehicles in the front or side yards of such residences **DISTRICT B – BOYKINS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Martin absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0765 ADOPTED**

24. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Professional Services Contract between the City of Houston and the **BRAINFUSE, INC** for Live Homework Assistance Services; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$852,000.00 - General Fund- was presented,

After discussion Council Member Knox moved to that Item 24 be referred back to the Administration and seconded by Council Member Kubosh and after a lengthy discussion on the Motion to refer Item 24 back to the Amendment and Council Member Knox advised that he would amend his motion to provide that the matter be returned at a time certain; Council Member Kubosh moved to call the question to end the discussion on the motion and seconded by Council Member Council Member Christie, Council Members Stardig, Le, Laster, Kubosh and Christie voting aye, Mayor Turner, Council Members Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Cisneros, Gallegos, Knox, Robinson and Edwards voting no. Council Members Martin and Travis absent. **MOTION 2017-0610 FAILED**

After further discussion, Mayor Turner advised that he would find out when the contract expires and Council Member Knox moved that Item 24 be postponed to the end of the Agenda, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin and Travis absent. **MOTION 2017-0611 ADOPTED**

- 25. ORDINANCE** awarding contract to **BL TECHNOLOGY, INC** for Water Meter Instrumentation Calibration and Repair Services for the Department of Public Works & Engineering; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$1,174,323.44 - Enterprise Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis and Martin absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0766 ADOPTED**
- 27. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$876,336.00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF Fund as an additional appropriation; approving and authorizing second amendment to Interlocal Agreement between the City of Houston, **TAX INCREMENT REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER THIRTEEN (#13)**, and **OLD SIXTH WARD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY** (Approved by Ordinance No. 2012-0827, as amended) for the reconstruction of Sabine Street in Old Sixth Ward **DISTRICT H – CISNEROS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis and Martin absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0767 ADOPTED**
- 28. ORDINANCE** finding and determining public convenience and necessity for the acquisition of real property interests in connection with the public improvement project known as the Lift Station Diversions for MUD #237 and MUD #159 Project; authorizing the acquisition of fee simple or easement interest to eighteen parcels of land required for the project and situated in the George W. Childress Survey, Abstract No. 217, and the A. Herrington Survey, Abstract No. 380, in Harris County, Texas, said parcels of land being located along State Highway 249 between West Greens Road and Willowbrook Mall Drive and along F.M. 1960 near State Highway 249, in Houston, Harris County, Texas, by gift, dedication, purchase and the use of eminent domain and further authorizing payment of the costs 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 or easement interest to the eighteen parcels of land required for the project - **DISTRICT A – STARDIG**- was presented, Council Member Edwards voting no, balanced voting aye. Council Member Martin absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0768 ADOPTED**
- 29. ORDINANCE** finding and determining public convenience and necessity for the acquisition of real property interests in connection with the public improvement project known as the diversion and abandonment of Kirkwood #3 Lift Station to New Harvest Moon Lift Station Project; authorizing the acquisition of fee simple or easement interest in five parcels of land required for the project situated in the W. Hardin Survey, Abstract No. 24, In Harris County, Texas; said parcels of land being located along Carriage Hill Drive from Kirkwood to Lashbrooke Drive, and north on Lashbrooke Drive, in Houston, Harris County, Texas, by gift, dedication, purchase and the use of eminent domain and further, authorizing payment of the costs 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 or easement interest to said five parcels of land required for the project - **DISTRICT G – TRAVIS**- was presented, Council Member Edwards voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Martin absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0769 ADOPTED**

- 30. ORDINANCE** finding and determining public convenience and necessity for the acquisition of real property interests in connection with the public improvement project known as Northeast Water Purification Plant Expansion 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 Victor Blanco Five League Grant Abstract No. 2, in Harris County, Texas, by gift, dedication, purchase and the use of eminent domain and further authorizing payment of the costs 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- was presented, Council Member Edwards voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Martin absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0700 ADOPTED**
- 31. ORDINANCE** finding and determining public convenience and necessity for the acquisition of real property interests in connection with the public improvement project known as the acquisition of right of way for Hirsch Road Paving and Drainage Project: Laura Koppe to Crosstimbers Street; authorizing the acquisition of fee simple or easement interest to thirty-three parcels of land required for the project which include twenty parcels situated in the William P. Harris & Robert Wilson Survey, Abstract No. 32, in Harris County, Texas, and thirteen parcels situated in the Josiah T. Harrell Survey, Abstract No. 329, in Harris County, Texas, said parcels of land being located along Hirsch Road from Laura Koppe to Crosstimbers Street, in Houston, Harris County, Texas, by gift, dedication, purchase and the use of eminent domain and further authorizing payment of the costs 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 or easement interest to thirty-three parcels of land required for the project - **DISTRICTS B - DAVIS and H - CISNEROS-** was presented, Council Member Edwards voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Martin absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0771 ADOPTED**
- 32. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$1,253,709.00 from Metro Projects Construction DDSRF; approving and authorizing a Public Highway At-Grade Crossing Agreement between the City of Houston and **HOUSTON BELT AND TERMINAL RAILWAY COMPANY** for Market Street Paving and Drainage Improvements from McCarty Road to the North Wayside Drive - **DISTRICT B - DAVIS and DISTRICT H - CISNEROS-** was presented, Council Member Edwards voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Martin absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0772 ADOPTED**
- 33. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$4,215,122.00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF and \$2,896,878.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **HARPER BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION, LLC** for Market Street Paving and Drainage Improvements from N. Wayside Drive to McCarty Road; 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 testing services, CIP Cost Recovery, construction management, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF and Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund -

DISTRICTS B - DAVIS and H – CISNEROS – was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Martin absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0773 ADOPTED**

MATTERS HELD - NUMBERS 35 and 36

- 35. RECOMMENDATION** from Acting Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$4,510,215.46 and acceptance of work on contract with **SCOIL CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, LLC** for Water Line Replacement in Sharpstown II Area 2.16% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICTS E - MARTIN and I - GALLEGOS**
TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER DAVIS

This was Item 5 on Agenda of September 27, 2017- was presented moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Martin absent. **MOTION 2017-0612 ADOPTED**

- 36. RECOMMENDATION** from Acting Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$1,720,187.81 and acceptance of work on contract with **REYTEC CONSTRUCTION RESOURCES, INC** for Rehabilitation to Large Diameter Water Lines, Valves and Appurtenances, Package No. 10 - 13.99% under the original contract amount **DISTRICTS A - STARDIG; B - DAVIS; D - BOYKINS; E - MARTIN; F - LE; G - TRAVIS; H - CISNEROS; I - GALLEGOS; J - LASTER and K - GREEN**
TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GREEN

This was Item 6 on Agenda of September 27, 2017- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Stardig, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Martin absent. **MOTION 2017-0613 ADOPTED**

- 37. Amend Motion No. 2017-562** (passed and adopted on September 13, 2017) to cancel the third public hearing regarding the proposed tax rate, previously scheduled for Wednesday, October 11, 2017. – was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Martin and Travis absent. **MOTION 2017-0614 ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner stated that they would move back Item 24.

- 24 Motion delayed to the end of the Agenda to refer Item 24 back to the Administration was before Council be referred back to the Administration and Council Member Knox offered a motion to amend the above motion to refer back until November 15, 2017 and seconded by Council Member Kubosh and a vote was called on the motion to amend, Council Members Stardig, Le, Kubosh and Christie voting aye, Mayor Turner, Council Members Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Cisneros, Gallegos, Laster, Knox, Robinson and Edwards voting no. Council Members Martin and Travis absent. **MOTION FAILED**

Vote on the Main Motion:

Council Members Knox and Kubosh voting aye, Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Cisneros, Gallegos, Laster, Robinson, Edwards and Christie voting no. Council Members Martin and Travis absent. **MOTION 2017-0615 FAILED**

- 24. ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Professional Services Contract between the City of Houston and the **BRAINFUSE, INC** for Live Homework Assistance Services; providing a

maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$852,000.00 - General Fund-
was presented and Council Member Davis called for a Roll Call Vote.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Turner voting- aye	Council Member Gallegos voting- aye
Council Member Stardig voting- aye	Council Member Laster voting- aye
Council Member Davis voting- aye	Council Member Green- absent
Council Member Cohen voting- aye	Council Member Knox voting- no
Council Member Boykins voting- aye	Council Member Robinson voting- aye
Council Member Martin- absent	Council Member Kubosh voting- aye
Council Member Le voting- aye	Council Member Edwards voting- aye
Council Member Travis- absent	Council Member Christie voting- aye
Council Member Cisneros voting- aye	

ORDINANCE 2017-0777 ADOPTED

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

Members of Council announced events and discussed matters of interest.

There being no further business before Council; the City Council adjourned at 11:57 a.m. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Le, Laster, Knox, Kubosh, Edwards and Christie absent. **DETAILED INFORMATION ON FILE ON THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY**

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

Anna Russell, City Secretary

