

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, October 10, 2017

A regular meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 10, 2017; Mayor Sylvester Turner presiding, with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jerry Davis, Dwight Boykins, Dave Martin, Steve Le, Greg Travis, Karla Cisneros, Robert Gallegos, Mike Laster, 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 Members Ellen Cohen and Larry Green absent on personal business. Council Member Mike Knox absent due to be ill.

At 1:37 p.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting to order and stated they would start the presentations. Council Members, Stardig, Martin, Gallegos, Laster and Kubosh absent.

Mayor Turner stated that they were recognizing the Houston Municipal Pension Fund as it was Retirement Security Week and that recent data from the Employee Benefit Research Institute indicates that in the U.S., only 56 percent of workers or their spouses are currently saving for retirement and that the actual amount of retirement savings of workers lags far behind the amount needed to adequately fund their retirement and Americans are living longer and the cost of retirement is increasing, the financial literacy is an important factor in U.S. workers' understanding of the need to save for retirement and saving for retirement is a key component to overall financial health and security during retirement years and the importance of financial literacy in planning for retirement must be advocated, Retirement Security Week will be observed October 15-21, 2017, by supporting the Financial Retirement Employees Educational (F.R.E.E.) Summit event. The City of Houston salutes and commends the organizers and participants of Retirement Security Week and extends best wishes for a successful and rewarding observance and therefore, I hereby proclaimed October 15-21, 2017, as Retirement Security Week in Houston, Texas. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Le, Travis and Gallegos absent.

Mayor Turner stated that since 2010, Dr. Richard Ludwick has served as president of the Independent Colleges of Indiana, serving 31 institutions and 100,000 students. In that role, he led strategies that increased student funding, heightened policy and public support, promoted innovation and increased revenue and Dr. Ludwick's experience and success in higher education includes positions at St. Gregory University, Albany Law School, University of Florida College of Law and University of Oregon School of Law, earlier in his career, he co-founded a law firm in Indiana, Ludwick & LaRue, P.C., which focused on corporate, sports and higher education law and active in parish and civic life, Dr. Ludwick is a member of the Knights of Columbus, serves on the Fellowship Commission of his parish home, St. John the Evangelist, and has taught Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) and he has enjoyed a variety of roles in service to his community, including as a youth basketball coach, congressional campaign worker and public library board member and earlier this year, Dr. Ludwick became the ninth president of the University of St. Thomas. Today, we honor him for his outstanding achievements and work in higher education. The City of Houston commends Dr. Richard Ludwick on his accomplishments and extends best wishes on all future endeavors at the University of St. Thomas and therefore, I hereby proclaimed October 10, 2017, as Dr. Richard Ludwick Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Travis and Edwards absent.

Council Member Davis stated that before they move on to the next proclamation, he would like to take a point of personal privilege, today they have volunteers from Student transportation of America/Canada and they work with the Mayor's Citizens Assistance Office and Solid Waste Department to clean up Harvey Storm debris in the Kashmere area, they have Jay Kirkman that is Human Resources Director for US Region which covers Texas and he has stated " as party of

our core mission as HR professionals we wanted to do a community project to help assist the citizens still suffering from the damage Hurricane Harvey left behind” and Council Member Davis introduced each individuals and where they were from.

Council Member Robinson stated that Ramonia McCarty has been serving Houstonians as a METROLift driver for the past five years and has consistently received METROLift’s monthly performance standard bonus and she is known for her positive attitude and her exemplary performance when picking up her paratransit customers and Ramonia McCarty was stranded with a METROLift paratransit client on board the night of August 26, 2017, as Hurricane Harvey hit Houston, she drove the cab to high ground, staying in the cab with her passenger for a total of 18 hours, and then safely delivered her passenger home through flooded streets the next morning, without flooding the inside of the cab and on September 26, 2017, the International Association of Transportation Regulators Board of Directors named Ramonia McCarty the 2017 International Driver of the Year due to her incredible efforts during Hurricane Harvey and this recognition is issued by government transportation professionals to a driver who has provided excellent service to passengers and has likewise performed in an extraordinary manner that exemplifies the highest level of the profession and on October 10, 2017, Ramonia McCarty will be recognized for her heroic, life-saving effort and the City of Houston commends and appreciates Ramonia McCarty for her selfless act of courage, her professionalism and her dedication to serving Houstonians in need and therefore, Mayor Turner hereby proclaimed October 10, 2017, as Ramonia McCarty Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Stardig and Green absent.

Mayor Turner stated for those who forgot his birthday, that he is still celebrating, it is a late notice and he continues to celebrate it 30 days after that for those who forgot.

At 2:10 p.m. Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Davis for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. Council Member Stardig absent.

The Roll was called. Council Members Ellen Cohen and Larry Green absent on personal business. Council Member Mike Knox absent due to be ill. Council Member Stardig absent.

Council Member Kubosh moved to adopt the minutes of the September 6, 2017 and delay adoption of the balance of the minutes and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **MOTION ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Boykins for a procedural motion; Council Member Boykins moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing Ms. Barbara Anderson out of order and seconded by Council Member Kubosh, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **MOTION 2017-0617 ADOPTED**

At 2:13 p.m. Mayor Turner requested the City Secretary to call the List of Speakers.

Dr. Abdul Haleem Muhammad, 4443 Old Spanish Trail, 77021, (832)236-9956 appeared and stated that he came before them for the purpose like last time to ask approval of the Banner District in the Greater Southeast Management District and to accept the Director of Public Works recommendation and he will also take this occasion to thank the Mayor and City Council, the City Workers and everyone on how we all pulled together during Hurricane Harvey and the last time he was present they we debating about the Statues and we were torn apart but we all came together and so that being said let continue with that spirit and we do have pockets of despair that is still in the City and he will do his part and he will asked them for them to do their part that we can bring all of our citizens back to a sense of wholeness and completeness and also go Astros. Council Member Davis absent.

Ms. Malahat Kizilbash, 200 Beaver Creek Ct., South Lake, TX, 76092, (214)418-418-7667 appeared and stated that they had drove over from Dallas this morning, nine mom's because they care about Houston and from their T-Shirt and arm bans they represent HUSSEIN that was started in London and it was taken over by people all over the world and the aim is to spread positivity and HUSSEIN Texas is a small organization from all different walks and all different Religions, they did so many drives like blood drives, book donations, can food donation and in hope to lift up others but this was for Texas, their volunteers donated, they spent hours to work with Trusted World and sent donations to Texas and they had been training with Red Cross and the reason why they were here is because they started a GoMeFund me page with a goal of \$10,000.00 and they met it and they are here to present the Mayor with the check in person and just wanted to get together for Houston.

Mayor Turner thanked them and came to the podium to take a picture with the group and to receive the check.

Members of Council thanked them for the check and volunteering their time.

Mr. Thanh Lee, 16511 Obsidian St., 77095, (281)888-8426 appeared and stated today he comes in front of them to advise Members of Council about Hurricane Harvey and something that they did and when the Hurricane hit, he and a lot of his friends went out and saved a lot of people and the reason why they are here is that he has a student that is here from Australia and after Hurricane Harvey, he raised money from school and the teachers there, they put money together and they are here to present it to them, along with 3,000 letters from the school to the Hurricane Harvey victims and he was on a mid-term break and flew out here to deliver it.

Council Member Stardig moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of allowing more than one person at the podium and seconded by Council Member Laster, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0618 ADOPTED**

Members of Council thanked them for what they donate and the 3,000 letters and the Mayor took a picture with them and accepted the donations.

Dr. Alkebu Motapa, 5022 Cosby, 77021, (713)741-5150 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called.

Mr. Patrick McIlvain, 1618 Webber St., 77007, (713)705-7058 appeared and stated that today is the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of World's Mental Health Day and the theme this year is Mental health in the Workplace and he wanted to present some facts in dealing with Mental Health in the Workplace and he thinks that these statistics are pretty important, Globally 300 million people are challenged with depression, 260 million people are challenged with Social Anxiety and many of us that face these difficulty face them both everyday WHO the World Health Organization conducted a study of the Economic Impact Globally of Mental Health in the Workplace and it causes one trillion in productivity loss and in America almost 44 million Americans experience a mental illness in a given year, 10 million adults that live in America live with a serious Mental Illness and almost 3 million Americans with Schizophrenia and 16 million Americans are challenged with depression and 90% of the deaths that are suicide are people who have a underline mental health condition and he thinks it is very important that the employees in the workplace have safe place to have a conversation and he would like to ask the Council to send a letter next year to the building in the Downtown area and surrounding areas that have LEDs lighting. Council Member Travis absent.

Members of Council questioned Mr. McIlvain.

Ms. Gladys House-EI, 1605 Andrews St., 77019, (832)781-9724 appeared and presented information and stated that she is here to find how much of that \$50 million of the FEMA money will come to Freedmen's Town, although they did not get flooding but they did get a lot of damage in the rain fall, from the roofs, the foundations have been slightly shifting and also FEMA has denied their claims, why is SBA is not giving any loans for them and they are really left with nothing to work with and they request that some of the \$50 million from FEMA to be directed to the Nonprofit Organizations in Freedmen Town and on the hand out that is going around there are still some outstanding concerns and one is when will their Historic Bricks be returned because it has been a year now and they have not been able to confirm the funding from Housing and Community Development on the Contraction of the Youth Center and the Administration is awaiting to hear something from him constantly, they are constantly promised a lot of things but nothing in written form, no time tables. Council Members Travis and Laster absent.

Members of Council questioned Ms. House-EI.

Mayor Turner questioned Ms. House-EI and stated that he needed to check on that because he thought that the contractor was finished on that street.

Ms. Barbara Anderson, no address, no phone, appeared and presented information and stated that those papers in front of them are emails and audits from the Houston First and Office of Business Opportunities and City Officials, she had reported this to everyone, this is her 4<sup>th</sup> visit, it shows that in the year 2007 to 2012 the Prime Contractor reported paying her company \$387,000.00 and she actually only received \$49,000.00, she reported this and fast forward to the present the last sheet audit date in 2015 that her company was paid with additional \$689,000.00 and then concerning 2 more years, Super Bowl, so sir the Prime owes her about \$1.5 million for services rendered on a City Minority Contract, are the people really the City and what is the City going to do, stay silence in this fraud or help. Council Members Le and Travis absent.

Council Member Boykins questioned Ms. Anderson and Mayor Turner stated that this is Houston First and not the City and in her situation she needs to get a lawyer.

Mr. David Tidmore, 8600 South Course, 77099, no phone, appeared and stated that he would like to make a personal observation about that courageous woman that worked with Yellow Cab that got the Proclamation, it was not even framed and he understands that the money is tight in the City but he is willing to pitch in and give her a frame and the reason he is speaking today is about communities and their communities have been devastated from Japan to the Mideast, we have had fires in California, fires in the Panhandle, we have had Hurricanes on every part of the Gulf Coast and we need to step back and reflect on this and what he is asking is that when we as Americans celebrate Thanksgiving, we do it one day on a Thursday in November and he is requesting a Proclamation to make the month of November Thanksgiving month so we can reflect on the First Responders and Private Responders that came to everyones aid, Civilians, the ones that lost their lives, the volunteers and City workers, Corporate Workers that helped tirelessly and he just wanted to make that comment. Council Members Le and Travis absent.

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 Le and Travis absent.

Mr. Eli Sasson, no address, (281)250-2953 appeared and stated that he is here to talk on behalf of thousands of people that for 3 years in a row they have lost their home, the City is doing a great job on trying to help and he wanted to say something that they would consider to do some corrections, on August 1<sup>st</sup> the City sent a letter to the people who wanted to register to elevate their homes and after many suffering and by the time the letter came when it printed out it took 5-

7 days and many people after school took many of their kids, left for vacation and went out and they closed the list on August 25, 2017 and then they get Hurricane Harvey and now they have thousands and thousands of people that are asking for help and he understands that most likely all of City Council to try to get these funds to elevate and he trust that they are doing everything that they can and the one thing that they can do that is in their hands is to open back the list, give the people the opportunity to enroll, just consider and they would have a better judgement how the people are quantified and then they can make the arrangements and that is all he asking and he brought a copy of the letter. Council Member Travis absent.

Mayor Turner stated that Gary Norman from Public Works and Engineering is here to speak with him.

Ms. Anita Hernandez, 1508 Caze St., 77020, (281)738-0836 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Member Travis absent.

Mr. Fredrick Metoyer, Post Office Box 77057-2174, 77057, (214)298-6098 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Member Travis absent.

Ms. Tiffany Scales, 16415 El Camino Real, 77062, (832)683-6470 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Member Travis absent.

Ms. Stephanie Becerra, 228 Belta, Pasadena, TX, 77506, (832)902-4668 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Member Travis absent.

Mr. Jesse Rodriguez, 7546 Magnolia St., 77023, (832)289-8311 appeared and stated that he is running for School Board District 3 and that is not the reason he is here, on the end of this Hispanic heritage month, they are here not to complain or to vent but to honor Mayor Turner, he was born and raised here in Houston and is living in District I and he is here with 2 other passionate vocal community Activist who will be coming up here shortly and they are here to compliment and praise for all the good work that has been done in the Hispanic Community, they thank them for standing by with DACA and Dreamers, thanked them for the appointments of Chief Art Acevedo and Chief Samuel Pena and recognizing Houston Leaders in the Hispanic Heritage month like Johnny Mata and others, they thank them for their Cultural Arts Funding and thank them to coming to their events. Council Members Travis, Laster and Kubosh absent.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Rodriguez.

Mr. Javier Perez, 7627 Hirsch Rd., 77016, (713)628-2454 appeared and stated that he is the Executive Director Talento Bilingue Houston and he wanted to thank Council for their leadership that they portray in the most trying times they had during the Hurricane, he also wanted to thank the Mayor and Council for protecting the most valuable the young people, the Seniors and the immigrants and they saw firsthand the immigrants were coming were so afraid to ask for help because they did not want to put their name on a list where they would become targets, during the worst of times, we witness the best in people, the First Responders never faltered nor waited to be asked and they would be in forever in their debit and also wanted to recognized the organization that stepped up without being asked and helped and as soon as the roads cleared TBH suspended their schedule and open up as a relief shelter, they severed thousands of hot meals, gave out 200 articles of relief supplies and they had their volunteers help clear out homes and they housed over 200 volunteers from places like Arkansas, Atlanta, Ohio and more and now they come to the end of Hispanic Heritage Month and it is great to do this and they really wanted to thank the Mayor and the Council for being the first Municipality to recognized Tejano History Month. Council Members Boykins and Travis absent.

Council Member Robinson moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of adding Mr. Marlan Sneed to the list of speakers and seconded by Council Member Kubosh, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Boykins, Travis and Laster absent. **MOTION 2017-0619 ADOPTED**

Mr. Rashaad Price, 740 ½ W. Rittenhouse Rd., 77091, (713)427-9392 appeared and stated that he is a Stephen F Austin graduate and he has a Bachelor Degree in Health Science and he also been diagnosed with a mental illness and he wanted to shed some light on the Houston Jail System and he is currently going through a legal situation and he wanted to shed some light on Big Baker because it is egregious and when they put them in lock up when they get down there, they put them in a small room that is actually looks like it used to be a visitors booth and there are almost 20 people in there, there is no air conditioning in there and with so many people in there it is so hot and he knows that it's not supposed to be a playful place or an easy place to stay in but from the outside perspective and people that have not been locked up down there, they do not know the extent on how bad it is in there and also the case he is going through is actually in Angelonia County and the jail system is a lot better, its clearer and the food is great and they cater to people that have mental illness and he wanted to see if there was any way that Council can remedy that situation to where people are more educated or have had experience with mental illness before and come up with a solution. Council Members Boykins, Martin and Travis absent.

Mayor Turner stated that he agrees with Mr. Price and they need to get the proper treatment to individuals prior too, them even having to enter into the criminal justice system and making that detection on the front end and to help divert them into the place they really need for help.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Price.

Mayor Turner further stated that while he understood that Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee was supposed to be next and she is not here but she did provide a resolution that Congress officially started that the first week in October as Mental Illness Awareness Week and stated that Tanya from Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee Office is here and would like to have a conversation with him on behalf of the Congresswoman and he also going to have someone from his staff to go down there and hand him the Resolution and he can present it for the Congresswoman.

Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee, no address, (202)225-3816 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Boykins, Travis and Laster absent.

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 Boykins, Travis and Laster absent.

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 Boykins, Travis and Laster absent.

Mr. Tony Diaz, 7506 Battle Pine Ct., 77040, (832)630-6007 appeared and stated that he is a writer, activist and public educator and he is happy to join his dear friends Jesse and Javier to acknowledge the support of the Latino Community and on that note he wanted to thank them for last year standing with Texans to reject the racist text book that was called Mexican American Heritage and because of that, the book was voted down and he also wanted to thank the Mayor for going above and beyond the call of duty because of his letter to the Houston Chronicle was a turning point that really showed how serious the issue was and it was a very impactful letter and started up the call for another book and this Hispanic Heritage month he wanted to acknowledge that but also to let them know that the open up to the call of a textbook again and he was humble

and honored to say that he wrote a book and in November it will be up for adoption at the Texas State Board of Education. Council Members Boykins, Travis and Laster absent.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Diaz.

Ms. Lauren Jean, 1305 W. 11<sup>th</sup>, 77008, (713)430-6397 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Boykins, Travis and Laster absent.

Ms. Natalia Rojas, 2412 Blue Water Bay Dr., Katy, TX, 77494, (281)854-8336 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Boykins, Travis and Laster absent.

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

Mr. Marlan Sneed, no address, no phone, appeared and stated that he came up here to show them something, he came up with an acronym for Houston and he knows how much everyone loves Houston but some hate it, he is not here to ask for any kind of money, he just wanted the City to get behind this and he wants to unite the City and nothing unites likes sport and all he wanted to do is to show it and he held up his shirts and it said "Hatted On Us, So Tough Over Nothing" which he only had a couple of the shirts printed out, he had one representing the Rockets and one representing Astros since they are in the playoffs and hopefully the City will get behind it and push for it. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Gallegos and Kubosh absent.

Mayor Turner stated that he appreciates what he did and wish him success

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

The City Secretary advised that a couple of Speakers that were called earlier are now present.

Ms. Anita Hernandez, 1508 Caze St., 77020, (281)738-0836 appeared and stated that she is employed Midwest Janitorial Service and she cleans and take care of the George R. Brown Convention Center and today she wanted to share with all of you how much GRB janitors and all Houston First workers are committed to their City, during and after Hurricane Harvey, Houston First Janitors like herself went beyond their regular duties to care for their community and she worked 7 days in a row and when she was not cleaning the restrooms or taking out the trash, in and on her off time she was changing diapers for elderly, took them to the bathroom, clean them , got their food and fed them, she sent photos and vidoes to her love ones in Mexico and across the U.S. to let them know that she was safe and she is still in touch with them today and as they know Houston First janitors are now in negotiations with their employer, Midwest and their employer has told them they would agree to much needed pay raises but that iut is up to Houston First for approval and she is here today to tell this City Council to tell Houston First that janitors, Union and Non-Union should have a pathway in their contract to \$12 per hour over the next 3 years. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Le and Travis absent.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Hernandez at length.

Mayor Turner stated that he excepts Houston First to be very sensitive to the employees and not just to the General Contractor employees and employees to the Sub Contractors as well.

Council Member Kubosh stated that a Bill Brady that was present and he would like to make a motion to add him on the speakers list and Mayor Turner advised that there were not enough to make his motion.

Ms. Lauren Jean, 1305 W. 11<sup>th</sup>, 77008, (713)430-6397 appeared and stated that she is lifelong Houstonian and she would like to say when they were all locked in watching their televisions before the water rose, she never has been prouder of this City in the Leadership that Mayor Turner and Judge Emmett showed, she is a retired Hospice nurse and her mother is a long time 8 year resident at 2100 Memorial, she has congestive heart failure and she is aging in place and for our Seniors that can and would not or cannot afford assisted living and that is the case with a lot of them do not qualified for a nursing home and that is the case with a lot of the residents at 2100 Memorial, she gives her meds 4 times a day, she knows her neighbors in the building well, there has been a grave misunderstanding after the forced evicition that was forced by HHA and about the remaining residents, no one whats them there if it is not safe and there are people there that are concerned for their safety, they are not there by choice and they do not have anywhere to go. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Travis and Le absent.

Mayor Turner stated that they are encouraging the Houston Housing Authority to work with all of the tenants, it has its own Board.

**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 3:45 p.m. The City Council was recessed until 6:00 a.m., Tuesday, October 10, 2017, Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Travis and Le absent.

The Houston City Council reconvened at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 10, 2017 Mayor Sylvester Turner presiding, with Council Members Jerry Davis, Dwight Boykins, Greg Travis, Karla Cisneros, Robert Gallegos, Mike Laster, David Robinson, Michael Kubosh, Amanda Edwards and Jack Christie D.C.; Ronald Lewis, City Attorney and Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director present. Council Members Ellen Cohen and Larry Green absent on personal business. Council Member Mike Knox absent due to be ill. Council Members Stardig, Martin and Le absent.

At 6:04 p.m. Mayor Turner called Public Hearing in connection with the bond election and called on Ms. Tantri Emo Acting Director of the Finance Department and Ms. Melissa Diebowsky for a power point presentation.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Tantri Emo and Ms. Melissa Diebowsky.

**1. PUBLIC HEARING** in connection with the bond election to be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2017, on the proposed propositions regarding the issuance of pension obligation bonds and public improvement bonds- was presented,

Mayor Turner asked if there was anyone that would like to speak for the Public Hearing on this particular Item and seeing none, requested a motion to close the Public Hearing.

Council Member Laster moved to close the hearing and seconded by Council Member Christie, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0620 ADOPTED**

At 6:20 p.m. The City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, October 11, 2017, Council Members Stardig, Martin and Le 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 11, 2017 Mayor Sylvester Turner presiding, with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jerry Davis, Ellen Cohen, Dwight Boykins, Dave Martin, Steve Le, Greg Travis, Karla Cisneros, Robert Gallegos, Mike Laster, Larry Green, Mike Knox, David Robinson, Amanda Edwards and Jack Christie D.C.; Ronald Lewis, City Attorney, Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director and Stella Ortega Agenda Office present. Council Member Michael Kubosh absent on personal business.

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

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Turner stated he wanted to start a fairly brief report and as we talked about before, they have had number of people that raised concerns about their water bills, PWE has set up a hotline number and that number is (832)394-2455 for people who believe that their water bills have jumped dramatically, especially in the month of September and PWE will be staffing that number and will be handling their situations to a make determinations on a case by case basis what the situation is and how they can corrected.

Mayor Turner further stated that he has a brief report on the debris removal and that it is moving forward of schedule and he would ask Members of Council if they know areas in their own particular areas where they have not come through at least on the first pass and let Solid Waste know and in most areas they have made the first pass where they have picked up the heavy debris but there maybe certain pockets in their District where they may have not gone through on the first time and he wants to commend Director Hayes and his team, they have aggressively moved forward where people thought it would be at least a couple months before making that first pass; they have gotten approval from FEMA to remove debris on private streets and in gated communities and they are acting on that now and the first week in November with start back up on recycling and to remind everyone not to put the green bins out at this time because they want to focus on the heavy debris removal and they are moving ahead of schedule and he is very pleased with that.

Members of Council questioned Mayor Turner.

Mayor Turner stated that the next thing he wanted to speak about is that the World's Largest Bank which is ICBC and that a China Bank has opened up Office in the City of Houston and that occasion was last night and Houston will be the first location in the South West and they have about \$17 billion dollars' worth of investments in the United States and \$2 billion that is in the City of Houston and he also wants to congratulate Tillman Fertitta for finalizing the transaction between him and the NBA and now he is the new owner of the Houston Rockets and Go Rockets on that end and then he wanted to congratulate the Houston Astros for winning the Division and the game on Monday was a classic and their next game will be on Friday and it will be either in Houston or Cleveland and Go Astros.

At 9:20 a.m. Mayor Turner requested the City Secretary to call the Consent Agenda.

### **CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 2 through 35**

**MISCELLANEOUS** – NUMBER 2

2. **RECOMMENDATION** from Police Chief for extension of Injury on Duty Leave (Salary Continuation) for **OFFICER JILL HESSELD AHL**, for the period May 19, 2017 to August 16, 2017- was presented, moved by Council Member Laster and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0621 ADOPTED**

**PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS** - NUMBERS 5 through 7

5. **CUSTOM LOGIC DESIGN, INC** for Sole Source Purchase of ZClient Emergency Alert and Dispatch Software Licenses Upgrade, Maintenance, Support Services, and Dynamic IP Enhancement for the Houston Fire Department - \$132,520.00 - General Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0622 ADOPTED**
6. **NETWORK ALLIANCE, LLC** for purchase of Ongoing Software Maintenance, Support and additional licenses for the ZOOM Software application through the Texas Department of Information Resources for Houston Information Technology Services - 3 Year terms \$195,000.00 - Central Service Charge Back Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0623 ADOPTED**
7. **POLIMASTER, INC to** Furnish, Deliver, and Perform Requested Calibration Service and Maintenance of Personal Radiation Detectors - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$7,999,813.80 Grant Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0624 ADOPTED**

**ORDINANCES** - NUMBERS 14 through 35

14. **ORDINANCE** amending Ordinance Number 2017-745 calling public hearings at which interested persons will be given the opportunity to be heard on: strategic partnership agreements between the City of Houston and Cypress Creek Utility District, Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 525, and Harris County Improvement District No. 17 and on proposals to annex for limited purposes territory located within and in the vicinity of such districts in Harris County; a proposed amendment to the strategic partnership agreement between the City of Houston and Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 30 and on a proposal for the City of Houston to annex for limited purposes certain territory located within such district in Fort Bend County; proposed amendments to strategic partnership agreements between the City of Houston and Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 191, Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 278, and Harris-Fort Bend Counties Municipal Utility District No. 5 and on proposals for the City of Houston to annex for limited purposes territory within and in the vicinity of such districts in Harris and Fort Bend counties; proposals of the City of Houston to impose the City of Houston's sales and use tax in such territory; providing for the publication of notice of such hearings - **DISTRICTS A - STARDIG; B - DAVIS; E -**

**MARTIN and F – LE-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0775 ADOPTED**

18. **ORDINANCE** authorizing Lease and Development Agreement with purchase option (lease) between **HOUSTON HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION**, a Texas non-profit corporation, (“HFFC”), as tenant, and the City of Houston, Texas, as landlord, concerning approximately 12.121 acres of land out of the G. P. Foster Survey, Abstract No. 273, Harris County, Texas; approving and authorizing the sale of the property of HHFC for purchase price of \$14,950,000.00 pursuant to the terms and conditions of the lease - **DISTRICT D – BOYKINS-** the City Secretary advised that Item 18 have not been received and if received during the meeting will be considered at the end of the Agenda.
  
19. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$102,500.00 out of Parks and Recreation Dedication Fund; approving and authorizing Purchase and Sale Agreement between the **BUFFALO BAYOU PARTNERSHIP**, Seller, and the City of Houston, Texas, purchaser, for 23,400 square feet of land located at 4618 Clinton Drive, Houston, Texas, for the Houston Parks and Recreation Department - **DISTRICT B – DAVIS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0776 ADOPTED**
  
21. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Interlocal Agreement between the City and the **TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES** for registration holds for outstanding warrants for failure to pay a fine by vehicles owners with delinquent traffic moving violations; providing a maximum contract amount- the City Secretary advised that Item 21 have not been received and if received during the meeting will be considered at the end of the Agenda.
  
27. **ORDINANCE** establishing the north and south sides of the **2100 block of Goldsmith Street**, within the City of Houston, Texas, as a special minimum lot size block pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT C – COHEN-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0777 ADOPTED**
  
28. **ORDINANCE** establishing the north and south sides of the **2200 block of Swift Boulevard**, within the City of Houston, Texas, as a special minimum lot size block pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT C – COHEN-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0778 ADOPTED**
  
31. **MUNICIPAL SETTING DESIGNATION** Ordinance prohibiting the use of designated groundwater beneath a tract of land containing 14.98 acres commonly known as 10100 and 10120 Hirsch Road, Houston, Harris County, Texas; supporting issuance of a municipal setting designation by the Texas commission on Environmental Quality at the request of Chemetall, US. Inc. and Georgia-Pacific LLC - **DISTRICT B – DAVIS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0779 ADOPTED**
  
33. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$1,200,000.00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF as an additional appropriation; approving and authorizing first amendment to Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **R.G. MILLER ENGINEERS, INC** for Mitigation Program for Capital Improvement Projects (Approved by

Ordinance No. 2012-0442); providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0780 ADOPTED**

- 34. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$2,324,933.00 out of Metro Projects Construction DDSRF, \$1,683,645.00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF, \$889,422.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and \$3,700,000.00 out of The Woodlands Regional Participation Fund, awarding contract to **CONRAD CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD.** for Greenbriar Street Paving and Drainage from Rice Boulevard to W. Holcombe Boulevard; 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 and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Metro Projects Construction DDSRF, the Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF, the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and The Woodlands Regional Participation Fund - **DISTRICT C – COHEN**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0781 ADOPTED**
- 35. ORDINANCE** granting to **JSI HOUSTON TRANSFER STATION, INC, a Texas Corporation,** 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 - **FIRST READING**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0782 PASSED FIRST READING IN FULL**

### **END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- 3. RECOMMENDATION** from Acting Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for designation of a banner district in the **GREATER SOUTHEAST MANAGEMENT DISTRICT DISTRICTS D - BOYKINS and I – GALLEGOS**- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0625 ADOPTED**
- 4. AMEND MOTION #2017-328, 6/28/17, TO INCREASE** spending authority from \$137,000.00 to \$187,000.00 for Risk-based Inspection Model and Technology Enhancements Services through the Master Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with U. S. Communities for the Houston Fire Department - \$50,000.00 - General Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Cohen, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0626 ADOPTED**

8. **ORDINANCE** finding and determining that public convenience and necessity no longer require the continued use of 6,897 square feet of Town and Country Boulevard; vacating and abandoning the street easement to **CITYCENTRE NORTH VENTURE PARTNERS, L.P.**, abutting owner, in consideration of owner's payment of \$2,800.00 to the City, conveyance to the City of a 8,984-square-foot tract of land for the reconstruction of Town and Country Boulevard, all located in the George Bellows Survey, A-3, Harris County, Texas, and other consideration - **DISTRICT G – TRAVIS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0783 ADOPED**
  
9. **ORDINANCE** finding and determining that public convenience and necessity no longer require the continued use of a 6-foot-wide water line easement and an 8-foot-wide sanitary sewer easement; abandoning said easements to **ABERCROMBIE CUSTOM HOMES, L.P.**, abutting owner, in consideration of its payment of \$3,100.00 to the City and the conveyance to the City of a 10-foot-wide sanitary sewer easement, located in Lot 8, Block 3, Broad Oaks Addition, Chas. Sage Survey, A-697, Harris County, Texas, and other consideration - **DISTRICT G – TRAVIS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0784 ADOPTED**
  
10. **ORDINANCE** amending Ordinance No. 2015-791 to rename 1) the “2015 Flood Disaster and Recovery Fund” for the Combined Utility System Enterprise Fund to the “Disaster Recovery Fund–CUS” (Fund 8386) and 2) the “2015 Flood Disaster and Recovery Fund” for the Storm Water Special Revenue Operating Fund to the “Disaster Recovery Fund–SW” (Fund 5304); modifying the sources and uses of the funds therein for the purposes of disaster relief and recovery for the City of Houston beyond the 2015 flood disaster; authorizing the transfer of seed monies from the Enterprise or Special Revenue Operating Funds into the “Disaster Recovery Fund–CUS” and “Disaster Recovery Fund–SW”, respectively, for the purposes set out therein; appropriating any and all funds out of the “Disaster Recovery Fund–CUS” and “Disaster Recovery Fund–SW” for such purposes; approving and authorizing expenditures of the appropriated funds for the purposes set out therein; declaring the City’s intent to seek reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and other eligible sources for such expenditures- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0785 ADOPTED**
  
11. **ORDINANCE** approving the creation of "HAS Disaster Recovery O&M Fund" ("the Fund") for the Houston Airport System ("HAS") with zero beginning fund balance, for the purpose of disaster relief and recovery; establishing the sources and uses of the funds therein for the airport operation, maintenance and support of disaster relief and recovery; appropriating the sums of up to \$5,000,000.00 out of the HAS Airports Improvement Fund and authorizing the transfer of those sums, as needed, to the fund for eligible airport operating and non-capital maintenance expenses associated with Hurricane Harvey Disaster Relief and Recovery by HAS; authorizing the appropriation of any and all funds received into the fund and approving the expenditures therefrom for the purposes set out herein; declaring the City's intent to seek reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and other eligible sources for such expenditures- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0786 ADOPTED**
  
12. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing agreement between the City of Houston and **VNF SOLUTIONS, LLC** for Strategic Counsel and Representation Services with respect to Hurricane Harvey Recovery efforts; establishing a maximum contract amount - \$98,000.00 - General Fund- was presented,

After a lengthy discussion, Mayor Turner invited Director Bill Kelly to the podium to answer questions to Members of Council and after questions by Members of Council a vote was called, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0787 ADOPTED**

13. **ORDINANCE** amending City of Houston Ordinance No. 2017-2 relating to the rescheduling or postponement of certain City Council Meetings to postpone the consolidated meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 7, 2017- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0788 ADOPTED**
15. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **HARRIS COUNTY** relating to the joint election to be held on November 7, 2017; providing a maximum contract amount- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0789 ADOPTED**
16. **ORDINANCE** establishing City of Houston election precincts and designating polling places for the City of Houston special election to be held on November 7, 2017- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0790 ADOPTED**
17. **ORDINANCE** appointing presiding and alternate judges for the early voting ballot boards, central counting station and voting precincts for the City of Houston special election to be held on November 7, 2017; prescribing the maximum number of election clerks for each voting precinct- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0791 ADOPTED**
20. **ORDINANCE** relating to the conveyance to **CENTERPOINT ENERGY ELECTRIC LLC** of a non-exclusive electrical easement within and adjacent to Cambridge Drive within Hermann Park; making findings and approving the use of a portion of the park for the Project; authorizing an easement conveyance from the City to CenterPoint Energy Electric LLC - **DISTRICT D – BOYKINS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0792 ADOPTED**
22. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$4,828,000.00 out of Equipment Acquisition Fund for the purchase of maintenance, hardware, software upgrades and various professional and support services for the City's voice, data and wireless networks- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0793 ADOPTED**
23. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **NETSYNC NETWORK SOLUTIONS** for Professional Services, Maintenance, Support Services, Software and Hardware in support of the City's effort to standardize the voice, data and wireless networks on the Cisco platform for the Houston Information Technology Services; providing a maximum contract amount - \$41,888,144.60 - General, Enterprise and Other Funds- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0794 ADOPTED**
24. **ORDINANCE** relating to the Fiscal Affairs of the **GULFGATE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY on behalf of REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER EIGHT, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS (GULFGATE 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 D - BOYKINS and I – GALLEGOS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0795 ADOPTED**

- 25. ORDINANCE** relating to the Fiscal Affairs of the **FOURTH WARD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY on behalf of REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER FOURTEEN, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS (FOURTH WARD ZONE)**; approving the Fiscal Year 2018 Operating Budget for the Authority and the Fiscal Years 2018-2022 Capital Improvement Projects Budget for the Zone - **DISTRICT C – COHEN-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0796 ADOPTED**
- 26. ORDINANCE** establishing a certain area known as **DENVER ANNEX SUBDIVISION**, within the City of Houston, as a special minimum lot size area pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT H – CISNEROS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0797 ADOPTED**
- 29. ORDINANCE** issuing a permit to **ENTERPRISE HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL, L.P.** to construct, operate, maintain, improve, repair and replace one new pipeline in certain portions of specified public street rights-of-way and prescribing the conditions and provisions under which the permit is issued; providing for severability - **DISTRICT E – MARTIN-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0798 ADOPTED**
- 30. ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing grant application to the **UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION** for the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery Program; declaring the City's eligibility for such grant; authorizing the Director of the Public Works and Engineering Department to act as the City's representative in the application process, with the authority 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 grant- was presented,
- After questions by Members of Council, Mayor Turner invited Mr. Jeff Weatherford to answer questions from Members of Council and after further discussion, a vote was called, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0799 ADOPTED**
- 32. ORDINANCE** amending Ordinance No. 2016-0145 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- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0800 ADOPTED**

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

Members of Council announced events and discussed matters of interest.

There being no further business before Council; the City Council adjourned at 10:35 a.m. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis and Knox absent. **DETAILED INFORMATION ON FILE ON THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY**

**MINUTES READ AND APPROVED**

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Anna Russell, City Secretary

