

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, October 31, 2017

A regular meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 31, 2017; Mayor Sylvester Turner presiding, with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Ellen Cohen, Dwight Boykins, Steve Le, Greg Travis, Karla Cisneros, Robert Gallegos, Mike Laster, Larry Green, Mike Knox, Michael Kubosh, Amanda Edwards and Jack Christie D.C.; Randy Zamora, Legal Department, Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director present. Council Members Jerry Davis, Dave Martin and David Robinson out of the City on City business.

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

Council Member Cohen stated municipal courts provide citizens of the Lone Star State with a local forum where questions of law and fact can be resolved in regard to alleged violations of state law and municipal ordinances and because citizens come into contact with municipal courts more than any other courts, the public impression of the Texas judicial system is largely dependent on their experience there and judges of the municipal courts function also as magistrates, and in that role, they perform such duties as issuing search and arrest warrants, giving magistrate warnings and setting bail for offenses ranging from petty theft to murder and pledging to be impartial and to conform to the standards set by the Canons of Judicial Conduct, the estimated 6,000 employees of municipal courts work diligently to ensure the fair administration of justice while upholding the rigorous standards of professionalism, municipal judges, clerks, court administrators, bailiffs and warrant officers continually strive to improve the administration of justice through participation in judicial education programs, seminars, workshops and the annual meetings of their state and local professional organizations and the 85<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature designated November 6-10, 2017, as Municipal Courts Week to recognize the accomplishments of municipal courts and to salute their critical role in preserving public safety, protecting the quality of life in Texas communities and deterring future criminal behavior and therefore, Mayor Turner hereby proclaimed November 6-10, 2017, as Municipal Courts Week in Houston, Texas. Council Members Le, Travis, Cisneros, Gallegos, Laster, Knox and Edwards absent.

Council Member Green stated that Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., the first intercollegiate Greek-letter fraternity established for African-Americans, was founded at Cornell University on December 4, 190, the fraternity stands on the principles of Manly Deeds, Scholarship and Love for All Mankind and the Alpha Eta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. was established on November 27, 1927, in Prairie View, Texas, to serve brothers who desired to maintain a fraternal bond and to fellowship with like-minded individuals and the Chapter met in alternate months between Houston and Prairie View, early chapter presidents were John E. Codwell, Sr. and Dr. Edward Evans, president of Prairie View A&M University and service to its community is the cornerstone of Alpha Eta Lambda Chapter, over 60 years, it started a tradition of giving Christmas toys to underprivileged children in Houston. In the early 1970s, the Alpha Merit Group Educational Foundation was established through which thousands of scholarship dollars have flowed to our community and in addition, in the early 1980s, a member affiliated with the Bronze Eagle Flying Club started the Alpha Fly as a means of introducing aviation to the African-American children of Houston and on October 31, 2017, the Alpha Eta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. will celebrate its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the City of Houston commends the Alpha Eta Lambda Chapter for its valuable service to the Houston community and extends best wishes for continued success and therefore, Mayor Turner

hereby proclaimed October 31, 2017, as Alpha Eta Lambda Chapter Day Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. in Houston, Texas. Council Members Le, Travis, Cisneros, Gallegos, Laster, Knox and Edwards absent.

Council Member Christie stated that Dr. Robert Ivany earned his Bachelor of Science degree from the U.S. Military Academy and a Doctorate in history from the University of Wisconsin. He retired from the Army with the rank of Major General after a tour as the Commandant of the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, during his 34-year career as an armored cavalry officer, he led soldiers in the Germany, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, United States and Vietnam, where he was wounded in action and decorated for valor and Dr. Ivany served in a number of unique positions, including the Army Aide to the President of the United States from 1984 to 1986 and an assistant professor of history and football coach at the Military Academy at West Point. After completing his Army service in 2003, he joined the faculty at Columbia University as an adjunct professor in executive education. He also has received the Ellis Island Medal of Freedom, the Legion of Honor Humanitarian Award and the Americanism Award from the Daughters of the American Revolution, among many other accolades, in 2004, Dr. Ivany became the eighth president of the University of St. Thomas and after 13 years in office, he retired and became President Emeritus on July 1, 2017, during his tenure, the university opened the Carol and Odis Peavy School of Nursing, built the state of the art Center for Science and Health Professions, introduced a comprehensive intercollegiate sports program, raised \$146 million in its Faith in our Future Campaign and established the Center for Ethical Leadership and the McNair Center for Free Enterprise and Entrepreneurship and on October 31, 2017, Dr. Robert Ivany will be recognized on his accomplishments and achievements. The City of Houston congratulates and commends Dr. Robert Ivany for his commitment to the academic advancement of Houston and extends best wishes for continued success and therefore, Mayor Turner hereby proclaimed October 31, 2017, as Dr. Robert Ivany Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Stardig and Travis absent.

At 2:05 p.m. Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Stardig for the invocation and she invited Mr. Alex Busscare to offer the invocation and Council Member Stardig led the Pledge of Allegiance. Council Members Boykins and Cisneros absent.

The Roll was called. Council Members Jerry Davis, Dave Martin and David Robinson out of the City on City business.

Council Member Cohen moved to adopt the minutes for September 19-20, 2017 and seconded by Council Member Green, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Stardig absent. **MOTION ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Boykins for a point of personal privilege; Council Member Boykins stated that today is a special day, Alisha Lindsay will be leaving them today and going to the Airport after being here for 9 years at City Hall and he wanted to tell her that they appreciate her services and good luck at the Airport.

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

Ms. Lois Meyers, 9701 Westview Dr., 77055, (713)775-2443 appeared and stated that she is here to ask again because she was here before Harvey and asking the Mayor to take a historical role to take the detention pond law that is held in the clutches of Public Works and Engineering and

put it on the City Agenda for a vote to remove all the loop holes and variances that allow developers to skip out of putting detention ponds on their own property, so they have to look anywhere to build the detention ponds, like Council Member Stardig said that they have to go and look for property and have the tax payers pay for land for the detention ponds, the deal is that the developers have created this rain runoff with their massive cement because the City of Houston Planning and Development 3 years ago voted here to increase building on cement on each acre and Public Works sat there silent and it is a recipe for disaster and she also request that they tag Item 17 because of the land for this MUD 552 used to be a floodplain where it was 2 feet below and suddenly it is now in the 500 year floodplain where they can build on Gessner and water is going to come onto Gessner and come into their homes, she wants to bring down maps and drawings on the 3 pipes that go under Witte Road and Gessner and she lived there for years and they never had an issue with flooding until TIRZ came in. Council Member Green absent.

Mayor Turner stated that they are seeking additional Federal Funding to expand several of the Bayous and they also making a specific request for more money for detention basins.

Ms. Iris Thomas, 1000 Greens, Rd., 77060, (309)267-6215 appeared and stated that she is a member of Local 23 and she had worked at Bush Airport about 4 years now, she is a cashier and barista which she does make the best lattes in the Airport, they know that the Airport is growing and the Airlines are also growing but working at the Airport she is living from paycheck to paycheck as she only makes \$10.00 an hour and if she made living wage she would not be sleeping on her best friend floor, she could save to pay a car to get to work and that is why 1,344 of them recently voted to stand up and fight for living wages. Council Member Green absent.

Mayor Turner questioned Ms. Thomas and asked what company she was working for and she advised him she worked for OTG Management.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Thomas.

Ms. Kimberly Guillen, 1000 Range Rd., 77060, (832)494-5227 appeared and stated that she been working at Bush Airport for the past 6 years and she is also a Member of Unite Here Local 23, she makes \$10.70 an hour, she is struggling to make rent and bills, she wants a living wage because she can barely make rent or buy food, 1,344 voted to stand for living wages for Airport Workers and she looks forward in working together to make this a reality and thank them for their support. Council Member Green absent.

Ms. Claudia Urdiales, 219 West 27<sup>th</sup> St., 77008, (609)513-4512 appeared and stated that she had worked at Bush Airport for 10 years as a cashier and she also is a proud Member of Unite Here Local 23, she is single mother raising 3 kids and after 10 years working at the Airport she is not making enough money per hour and it is hard to raise her kids, pay bills and everything, during the Hurricane her roof was damaged and she did not have money to fix it and she is looking for a second job just makes end meets and over 1300 people co-workers voted to stand up for living wages, please support them. Council Members Boykins and Green absent.

Mayor Turner questioned Ms. Urdiales.

Mr. Brad Patterson, 8126 Silver Dr., Humble, TX, 77346 (281)702-1124 appeared and stated that he worked at the Airport for 10 years and a Member of Unite Here Local 23 as a bartender and many of his co-workers were affected by the Hurricane and most of the Airport Workers are not paid economically and most of them are living paycheck to paycheck and that made them realize they need to improve the standards of the Airport, companies are bringing in billions of dollars and they do not want to be left behind while the companies are making the money, so they are

not vulnerable to disaster when they happen and last week over 1300 of them voted for living wages and he looks forward in speaking with many of them as they move forward in their quest for living wages. Council Members Stardig and Boykins absent.

Mayor Turner thanked him for being present and stated this issue is under review.

Ms. Jessica Hulseley, 4809 Brady, 77011, (713)829-829-1873 appeared and stated that she lives in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward and this is about a flagpole at Eastwood Park and before she continues, she has an open letter that is address to the Mayor from Mr. Esther Campos and today is a perfect day to read this letter, it speaks about one of their Hispanic Veteran and she read the letter which stated "it comes to my attention that there is a committee at work to clean and beautify Eastwood Park at 5000 Harrisburg and the committee headed by Community Leader Jessica Castillo Hulseley has encountered a number of obstacles and the plan is to move the flag pole from its present location to a prominent site so it can be a beacon to our new immigrants and sense of pride to all citizens in the neighborhood and a commemorative wall is proposed to bear the names of Veterans of the Eastend who have served to defend this Country, this City and the symbol of the United States and my husband Jesse Campos was one of those Veterans, a World War II Purple Heart and Bronze Star recipient who heard no horns or whistles when he returned from the Pacific but who continued throughout his life to support just causes including the formation of single-member districts for the City of Houston"; she urges the Mayor to support this endeavor to include as well a little library for the benefit of Seniors who rest in the park and to promote further literacy for their young park users. Council Members Stardig and Edwards absent.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Hulseley and Mayor Turner stated that he is confident that between her, Council Member Cisneros, Steve Wright who is over Parks and Recreation and himself, he is confident that they can reach an amicable resolution.

Ms. Geneva Colbert, 1000 Greens Rd. Apt.2003, 77060, (346)252-9541 appeared and stated that perhaps they can consider an outreach from other Cities, States and other Countries to place residents who have not stabilize since the flooding from Hurricane Harvey and she knows it was certainly admirable to air lift their beloved pets to other places, she does not want to leave Houston it is her home and she does not want to leave her apartment even though it had been demolished, we have utilize the Housing that is here and utilize the funding and donations that are here in more strategic way for our elders, we know how to hunker down and weather the storm and she was moving all of her stuff upstairs of her home before the storm and she wanted to say that this City response to this disaster was admirable, she watch the news and they never lost power, the coverage was nonstop and she thinks that this City Council is one of the best City Councils in quite some time and she also wanted to say that their elders and the disabled deserve more and they need to get more resources to them. Council Members Stardig, Cisneros, Laster and Knox absent.

Mayor Turner thanked Ms. Colbert for her presentation and stated he agrees that they need to be very sensitive to those who are Seniors, people with special needs, people in low income communities and there are a lot of groups out there that are trying to do as much as they can with the condition that they find themselves in and that is why they are doing everything they can to get assistance from the Feds especially on the Housing dollars because they need to get those dollars down here as quickly as they can to put people in better situations and he shares her concerns.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Colbert.

Ms. Versie Green, 5017 Longmeadow, 77033, (832)570-4825 appeared and stated that she is a Senior Citizen that lives in District D with Council Boykins, she acquired her mothers home in 2011, just before her mother and father passed away, Harvey came and did some damage to her home and the insurance did not cover it because of certain exclusions in the policy, FEMA denied and she did appeal it and now it is in a pending status with FEMA, she was watching the news and she heard of the Mayor talking about the Nonprofits would be assisting largest to smallest, she called 211 and was told what to do and they have not been a reliable source, she has called several organizations that she got from the Mayor's Office and to make this long story short, the ones that she had contacted had to cater to certain communities and some of them are just catering to the homeless, she had spoken to people from San Antonio, Oklahoma and they were not aware and they did not know the process, she had contacted Council Member Boykins Office and they said they did not have money and she is not looking for money, she just looking for someone to assist in home repairs, she finally applied for a form to Baker/ Ripley and they called her and said they would contact her in 3 weeks and she has not gotten a call back and she is standing here to just find out who and what specific nonprofits can she get with and can they all identify that those that do home repair and what is the process with them because a lot of them are just not answering. Council Members Stardig, Cisneros and Knox absent.

Mayor Turner stated to Ms. Green on the home repair a lot of that is going to take place in HUD and the dollars for home repair, specific the dollars for home repair have not gotten here from the Feds and they are still waiting for those dollars for home repair, so no one has those dollars yet and the only dollars that are available right now are dollars for the relief fund and those funds are going through the nonprofits for supplement assistance.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Green.

Mr. Charles Cupp, 1237 Althea Dr., 77018, (713)682-7010 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Cisneros and Knox absent.

Ms. Deborah Wilkerson, no address, (713)499-9671 appeared and stated that she is lifetime Houstonian and the problem she is having is that she is being stalked, it is frustrating and she is an unwilling target, individual victim and she has to make a special effort to maintain a positive attitude and she knows that they are trying to ruin her life and she is attempting to defend herself, she does not understand why she was chosen to be a target, being stalked you feel fear of what the stalker will progress to do and experience different reactions such as anger, frustration, sadness within and this stalking involves hundred if not thousands to target a person and a family, she has documented everything on the past 2 to 3 years, she has filed numerous Police Reports and met with several Officers and stalking is serious and even violent . Council Members Stardig, Cisneros and Knox absent.

Pastor James Nash, 8309 Brandon St., 77051, (713)724-1664 appeared and stated that he knows that Council is wondering why he is bring up a subject like this, there are things he wanted to present to God before he goes home, his creditability and respect, no one will be able to tell him who he can support and who he cannot, no one can tell him who he can have as friends or chose to vote for, in their community sometimes what happens, there is a possibility of choosing leaders and empowering people that are not really leaders but they are dividers, leaders unite and not divide, we need to be careful in who we designate as leaders of the communities because sometimes those people cannot really understand what it takes to be a leader, it's not being a dictatorships; he had a life before he was saved and sometimes based upon how you are treated and he makes decisions sometimes that are not popular and he been attacked based on who he is and who he chooses to vote for. Council Members Cohen and Knox absent.

Members of Council questioned Pastor Nash.

Ms. Olivia Randle, 6023 Beldart St., 77033, (713)733-2348 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Cohen and Knox absent.

Ms. Anna Doneson, 4915 Loch Lomond Dr., 77096, (713)446-9066 appeared and stated that she wanted to speak about the flooding problems, she been in Houston close to 35 years, she remembers places before they became places and places that now do not exist and she remembers the Bayous and the Bayous that have been a problem for many years, 35 years seem to be a decent time to fix the Bayous, it is time and she knows that they have been fixing I45 for a while, the Bayous need attention, she flooded twice now and she lost everything she had and the business that she had for the past 16 years was in her house, she is unable to work right now, she cannot live in her house and she had been completely destroyed but that is not what she wanted to complain about, she had contacted different people here like Barker Ripley and she was promised that they would call her, she had contacted Avenue, she contacted Family Endeavors and she contacted everyone that she can think about and named places and people who she contacted and spoken with and in particular she spoke to them because of elevation concerns, she does not want to flood again, it would not happen again, she almost died, she called 911 when the flooding started, 911 responded that morning on a Sunday and told her that they will be there in 45 minutes to pick her up and they never came, there was no evacuation that was ever proposed, they were not encouraged to leave and fortunately someone in the neighborhood had a boat and they came to help her and to prevent this happening in the future she wants her home elevated and she does not want to rebuild. Council Members Green, Knox and Kubosh absent.

Mayor Turner stated that he apologizes and he is looking at the report and it did said that they have received the application after the Texas Water Development Board deadline had closed and the property does not qualify to be included in the 2017 submission but he also is being told the property will be included on the list of alternate locations and could qualify for inclusion if other properties dropped out of the program and these are dollars that come from the Feds through the Texas Water Development Board and they are the ones that make the selection and it depends on the amount of funds that they provide and he asked her to provide all the information to Gary Norman that is with Public Works and Engineering.

Mr. Hiren Kapadia, 6931 Carvel Ln., 77074, (713)894-0995 appeared and presented information and stated that what they had in front of them are Crime Statistics for the Fondren Patrol Division which a major part of the Southwest Houston and as much of them are aware the crime rate in Southwest Houston seems to have increased recently and they cannot skip a news cycle without Southwest Houston making headlines and as they look at the sheet the year they started from was January 1, 2013 to July 31, 2017 and you would notice that as a whole the annual crime rate has decreased which is good but there have been an increase in violent crimes which is murder, rape and reviewed other statistics for 2017 in each categories and the point is to self-educate with the data hopefully convince the City to allocate different resources and manpower to the neighborhoods that need them the most. Council Members Green and Knox absent.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Kapadia.

Mr. Steve Williams, no address, no phone, had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Green and Knox absent.

Ms. Bernetta Williams, 7912 Ethel St., 77028, (832)587-7945 appeared and presented information to Members of Council stated she is having problems with her neighbor, he has an 18

wheeler and on the weekends he has a huge stereo that he turns on and she lives in a neighborhood that is older, she is 65 years old and on weekends they cannot sleep, he plays his music when he gets up and until the nighttime and she had called the Police almost 100 times in the last 4 years, she lives on her mom's property, he power washes his 18 wheeler for 2 hours and then he lets it run for 2 hours and all they can hear from his radio is the bass, they cannot listen to their own TVs and they cannot go to sleep cause how loud he has his music, the Police Officers have come out and told him about his music and she wanted to ask if the City of Houston have a Ordinance for loud noises. Council Members Gallegos, Green and Edwards absent.

Mayor Turner advised Ms. Williams that they do have an Ordinance and asked her to speak with Sgt. Perales and he is also going to send someone out there from the Department of Neighborhoods.

Ms. Margaret Torres, no address, no phone, had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Gallegos, Green and Edwards absent.

Ms. Glenola Richard, 4463 N. MacGregor Way, 77004, (713)384-1903 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Gallegos, Green and Edwards absent.

Ms. Deborah Elaine Allen, Post Office Box 263252, 77027, (713)264-0127 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Gallegos, Green and Edwards 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 Gallegos, Green and Edwards 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 3:40 p.m. The City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, November 1, 2017, Council Members Gallegos, Green and Edwards absent.

At 8:35 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, November 1, 2017 Mayor Sylvester Turner presiding, with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Ellen Cohen, Dwight Boykins, Steve Le, Greg Travis, Karla Cisneros, Robert Gallegos, Mike Laster, Larry Green, Mike Knox, Michael Kubosh, Amanda Edwards and Jack Christie D.C.; Ronald Lewis, City Attorney, Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director of the Agenda Office present. Council Members Jerry Davis, Dave Martin and David Robinson out of the City on City business.

At 9:27 a.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting to order and recognized Council Member Laster for a procedural motion. Council Member Stardig absent.

Council Member Laster moved that the rules be suspended on the reading of the Agenda for November 1, 2017 and seconded by Council Member Green, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Stardig absent. **MOTION 2017-0662 ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner stated that they would move to the Monthly Financial Report.

**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 and a Quarterly Investment Report by the City Controller- was presented, Chris Brown, City Controller and Tantri Emo, Interim Director of Finance Department 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 Green, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0663 ADOPTED**

At 9:36 a.m. Mayor Turner requested the City Secretary to call the Public Hearing.

1. **PUBLIC HEARING** on proposals for the City of Houston to enter into separate strategic partnership agreements or amended and restated strategic partnership agreements with the below named districts in Harris and Fort Bend Counties; on separate proposals by the City of Houston to annex for limited purposes certain territory within said districts; and on separate proposals by the City of Houston to annex for limited purposes certain territory in the vicinity of certain districts:

1. **CYPRESS CREEK UTILITY DISTRICT**
2. **HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 525**
3. **HARRIS COUNTY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 17**
4. **HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 191**
5. **HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 278**
6. **HARRIS-FORT BEND COUNTIES MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 5-**

Was presented, the City Secretary advised that no one had reserved time to appear at the Hearing and Mr. Koshy with the Planning Department will make remarks:

Mr. Rupesh Koshy made the following statement:

Since January 2001, the City has approved 352 Strategic Partnership Agreements with 237 Municipal Utility Districts generating approximately \$458.8 million in revenue for the City as of June 2017. The Finance Department reports that \$53.3 million of that amount was from FY 2017. The revenue from SPAs now represents 8.4 percent of the sales tax collection for the City.

This is the first of two required public hearings. The second public hearing is scheduled for November 8th. Following the second public hearing, the Planning Department will be seeking Council approval for the SPAs and the limited purpose annexations on November 29, 2017. If approved, tax collections will begin on April 1, 2018.

For all of the Utility Districts included in this hearing the city will levy a 1 percent sales tax, which it will divide evenly with the Districts. There are at present, no residents in the areas to be annexed.

The agreements for November 2017 are as follows:

For the following Districts, the City will execute a new Strategic Partnership Agreement. There IS territory outside the MUD to be included in the annexation. The City will enforce Chapter 6, Article I Section 6.3 of the Houston Texas Code of Ordinances in this area.

Cypress Creek Utility District

Harris County Improvement District No. 17

Harris County MUD No. 525

For the following Districts, the City will amend an existing agreement by adding new territory. There IS territory outside the District to be included in the annexation. The City will enforce Chapter 6, Article I Section 6.3 of the Houston Texas Code of Ordinances in this area.

Harris County MUD No. 191

Harris County MUD No. 278

Harris Ft. Bend Counties MUD No. 5

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

Mayor Turner asked if there was anyone here who would like to speak on the Public Hearing, seeing none, requested a motion to close the Public Hearing.

Council Member Cohen moved that the Public Hearing on proposals for the City of Houston to enter into separate strategic partnership agreements or amended and restated strategic partnership agreements with the below named districts in Harris and Fort Bend Counties to be closed and seconded by Council Member Laster, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Stardig absent. **MOTION 2017-0664 ADOPTED**

At 9:40 a.m. Mayor Turner stated that he wanted to move to the Mayor's Report.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Turner stated that he wanted to extend his condolences and the condolences of the City to the people in New York and we certainly want to keep the families in our Prayers and the entire City of New York in our Prayers and he also wanted to remind everyone that today is the beginning of enrollment for the ACA to access Health Care under ACA and bring that to everyone's attention.

Mayor Turner further stated that yesterday there was a Hearing in Federal Court in regards to the encampment situation and as everyone is aware that they are under a temporary restraining order by the Federal Judge that the City cannot do anything it wants to enforce the Ordinance or remove any of the tents that are in the City and yesterday was the Hearing to determine whether that restraining order would turn into an injunction, there were several people that testified on both sides, he testified yesterday indicating to the Judge that the encampment was a Public Health Hazard and was endangering not only the people that were there but people in the surrounding area and also indicating since the restraining order had been put into place the situation had worsen, prior to the restraining order the tents for example in the Midtown area were going down and people were starting to take advantage of the Housing initiatives and since the restraining order was put in place the tents have gone up to 102 and the nature of the tents have changed, now there are large tents and they have incidents there like shooting and one person had been killed and they brought that attention to the Judge yesterday, Dr. Persse testified because he been out there several times and how he declared this as Public Health hazard and made it clear they are not at all trying to criminalize people that are homeless and also what is happening that people out there are declaring the Public space as their own and preventing others to utilize the Public Space and

hopefully the position they took yesterday were deemed to be persuasive and he knows that the Judge had briefs on both sides and then he will render a decision on that.

Council Member Gallegos gave an update in his area around I45 and Saint Emmanuel and I45 and Sims Bayou regarding to the safety and the Public spaces.

Mayor Turner stated he also wanted to congratulate the Houston Dynamo because they are still in the playoffs and of course they are orange too and they are playing in Portland on Sunday and of course the Astros, we all are extremely proud and maybe it is fitting for this particular World Series to for 7 games and is very thrilling and exciting between the Cities and for Minute Maid, when the Astros are not playing in town for Minute Maid 45,000 packed crowd and that just speaks volumes and he wanted everyone to continue to encourage the Astros because they are an amazing team and they already made us Houston proud and we already demonstrate that we are Houston Strong and continue to send them positive vibes and he also wanted to remind everyone that the early voting is through Friday.

Mayor Turner and Members of Council around the Horseshoe took a group picture to be sent to the Houston Astros to advise the Players that “the Houston City Council has their back”.

At 9:52 a.m. Mayor Turner requested the City Secretary to call the Consent Agenda.

### **CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 6 through 21**

#### **PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS - NUMBER 6**

6. **AMEND MOTION #2015-648, 9/23/15, TO INCREASE** spending authority from **\$266,140.30 to \$372,596.42** for the purchase of **Hoses and Fittings for the Department of Public Works & Engineering**, awarded to **DXP ENTERPRISE, INC - \$106,456.12 - Enterprise Fund-** was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Green, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0665 ADOPTED**

#### **ORDINANCES - NUMBERS 9 through 21**

9. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **CHILDREN’S ASSESSMENT CENTER FOUNDATION** to provide \$61,500 in Community Development Block Grant Funds for the purchase and Installation of Playground Equipment at the Facility- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0847 ADOPTED**
14. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing License Agreement by and between the City of Houston, Texas, the Houston Independent School District, and **NEARTOWN LITTLE LEAGUE** relating to the use of a portion of a certain tract of land located at 1501 Taft Street, Houston, Texas, for organized sports programs - **DISTRICT C – COHEN-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0848 ADOPTED**

16. **ORDINANCE** releasing certain territory consisting of approximately 11.9 acres of land in Waller County, adjacent to the City of Prairie View, Texas, located near the intersection of James Muse Parkway and US Highway 290, from the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction of the City of **Houston-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0849 ADOPTED**
  
19. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$350,667.00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF as an additional appropriation to Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **AECOM TECHNICAL SERVICES, INC** for Greens Road from Aldine Westfield to John F. Kennedy Boulevard (Approved by Ordinance No. 2007-0586); providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF **DISTRICT B – DAVIS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0850 ADOPTED**
  
21. **ORDINANCE** granting to **ABRACADABRA SEPTIC PUMPING, LP, a Texas Limited Partnership**, 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 2017-0851 PASSED FIRST READING IN FULL**

### **END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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

2. **REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment of **CHRISTOPHER M. JOHNSTON** to Position 14 of the **MIDTOWN MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for a term to expire June 1, 2021- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Knox, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0666 ADOPTED**
  
3. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director General Services Department for approval of final contract amount of **\$2,326,239.49** and acceptance of work on contract with **DRYMALLA CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC** for Transporter/Mobile Vehicle Inspection Area (7411 Park Place - Health Department) - 9.51% over the original contract amount and under the approved 10% contingency - **DISTRICT I – GALLEGOS-** was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Christie, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0667 ADOPTED**
  
4. **RECOMMENDATION** from Acting Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$1,577,278.62 and acceptance of work on contract with **CES UTILITIES, INC** for Fire Hydrant Replacement Project - 8.37% under the original contract amount (WA11180) **DISTRICTS A - STARDIG; B - DAVIS; C - COHEN; D -**

**BOYKINS; E- MARTIN; F - LE; G - TRAVIS; I - GALLEGOS; J - LASTER and K – GREEN-** was presented and tagged by Council Member Green.

5. **RUSH TRUCK CENTERS OF TEXAS, LP for Cummins replacement parts and repair services for the Fleet Management Department** - 3 Years with two one-year options - **\$6,388,814.00** Fleet Management Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Knox and tagged by Council Members Green and Boykins.
7. **AMEND MOTION #2017-478, 7/26/17, TO INCREASE** spending authority from \$55,169.00 to \$65,834.00 for Pump Repair Service for Dry Pit Solids Handling Pump #3 for the Department of Public Works & Engineering, awarded to **SMITH PUMP COMPANY, INC** - \$10,665.00 - Enterprise Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Green, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0668 ADOPTED**
8. **ORDINANCE** authorizing the sale of a sanitary sewer easement within the Willowbrook Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant to **TOC PROPERTIES, LLC** in consideration of its payment to the City of \$2,800.00 and other consideration - **DISTRICT A – STARDIG-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0852 ADOPTED**
10. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Interlocal Agreement between the City of Houston and City of Webster for the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Program - Houston Metropolitan Area Grant - **\$103,907.00** - Grant Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0853 ADOPTED**
11. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Interlocal Agreement between the City of Houston and Harris County for the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Program - Houston Metropolitan Area Grant \$98,317.00 - Grant Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0854 ADOPTED**
12. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Interlocal Agreement between the City of Houston and **HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS** regarding participation in the Enhanced Collaborative Model to Combat Human Trafficking: Enhancement of Established Human Trafficking Task Force Program - \$36,800.00 Grant Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0855 ADOPTED**
13. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Interlocal Agreement between the City of Houston and **FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS** regarding participation in the Enhanced Collaborative Model to Combat Human Trafficking: Enhancement of Established Human Trafficking Task Force Program \$36,800.00 Grant Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0856 ADOPTED**
15. **ORDINANCE** relating to Stages Repertory Theatre; approving the release of restrictive covenants on certain property located at 3201 Allen Parkway; approving the declaration of use restrictions on certain property located at 800 Rosine Street; approving an Escrow Agreement related thereto - **DISTRICT C – COHEN-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0857 ADOPTED**

- 17. ORDINANCE** consenting to the creation of **HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 552** and authorizing the District to issue bonds for road facilities within the City of Houston, Texas, subject to certain conditions - **DISTRICT A – STARDIG-** was present,

Council Member Stardig moved to refer Item 17 back to the Administration and seconded by Council Member Kubosh, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0669 ADOPTED**

- 18. ORDINANCE** awarding contract to **BEAR SERVICES, LP** for Fuel Dispenser Repair and Automated Network Systems Maintenance Services; providing a maximum contract amount - **3 Years with two one-year options** - \$901,075 - Fleet Management Fund- was presented, Council Member Christie voting no, balance voting aye. **ORDINANCE 2017-0858 ADOPTED**

- 20. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$5,086,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and \$13,869,000.00 from Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF, awarding contract to **TOTAL CONTRACTING LIMITED** for NSR 454 Subproject 1; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for testing, CIP Cost Recovery, construction management, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF - **DISTRICT G – TRAVIS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0859 ADOPTED**

**NON CONSENT AGENDA** - NUMBER 22

**MISCELLANEOUS**

- 22. SET A PUBLIC HEARING DATE** to provide a Resolution of No Objection to the 4% Housing Tax Credit application of **DALCOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING I, LLC, 6005-6525 South Gessner DISTRICT F - LE and DISTRICT J - LASTER HEARING DATE - 9:00 A.M. - WEDNESDAY - NOVEMBER 8, 2017-** was presented,

Council Member Le moved to set the Hearing for November 15, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. and seconded by Council Member Kubosh, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0670 ADOPTED**

**MATTERS HELD** - NUMBERS 23 and 24

- 23. WRITTEN MOTION** by Council Member Davis to amend Item 24 below by striking Section 4 in its entirety  
**TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS LASTER, STARDIG, KNOX and DAVIS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0671 ADOPTED**

**24. ORDINANCE** appropriating up to \$18,000,000.00 in Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) Affordable Housing Funds for single family and multi family affordable housing programs, including the administration of the City's Affordable Housing Programs; approving and authorizing amendments to Ordinance No. 2005-1395 relating to the adoption of certain policies and procedures for funding affordable housing programs

**TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS LASTER, STARDIG, KNOX and DAVIS**

This was Item 16 on Agenda of October 25, 2017

**This item should only be considered after passage of Item 23 above-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0860 ADOPTED as AMENDED**

Council Member Boykins introduced students from the Barbara Jordan School of Public Affairs and asked them to stand to be recognized.

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

Mayor Turner stated that he wanted to make a point of personal privilege, he sees Ray Hunt with others that are with HPOU and stated that it was good to see all of them.

Members of Council announced events and discussed matters of interest.

There being no further business before Council; the City Council adjourned at 10:33 a.m. Council Members Cohen, Le, Travis, Kubosh 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

