

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Wednesday, November 8, 2017

At 8:37 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 8, 2017, Mayor Sylvester Turner presiding, with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jerry Davis, Ellen Cohen, Dwight Boykins, Dave Martin, Steve Le, Greg Travis, Karla Cisneros, Mike Laster, Robert Gallegos, Larry Green, Mike Knox, David Robinson, Michael Kubosh, Amanda Edwards and Jack Christie D.C.; Mr. Ronald C. Lewis, City Attorney and Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director and Stella Ortega with the Agenda Office present.

At 9:11 a.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting of City Council to order and recognized Council Member Gallegos for the invocation. Council Members Davis, Knox, Kubosh, Edwards and Christie absent.

Council Member Gallegos offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Council Member Davis absent.

The Roll was called.

Council Member Cohen moved to delay the adoption of the minutes and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Gallegos absent. **MOTION ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Green for a special presentation.

Council Member Green stated that he wanted to thank all of his Colleagues as he had the honor to share the 2017 CMC Campaign and he wanted to thank all that contributed, their CMC kiss the pig fund Raiser Campaign which ended on October 31, 2017, each Council Member and their staff donated loose change throughout the month of October to donate to Hurricane Harvey Relief, the Council Member with the lowest funds raised would have to kiss Winston; Winston is our pig from this year for the Houston Zoo and this year the total they raised was \$470.00 and the lucky Member who has to kiss the pig is Council Member Dwight Boykins and Members of Council requested Council Member Boykins to come to the front and kiss Winston the pig. Council Member Gallegos absent.

Mayor Turner thanked Council Member Green for leading this effort and thanked Council Member Boykins for being a good sport and he also wanted to thanked Winston for joining the Council Meeting today and speaking about the Houston Zoo, the Holiday Lights will start next Saturday and are amazing and he encourages people to go the Zoo and look at the lights and he wanted to advise that the Zoo opened up on Friday after Hurricane Harvey.

At 9:18 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 with Planning and Development Department 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 second of the two required public hearings. The first public hearing was held on November 1st. Following this public hearing, the Planning Department will be seeking Council approval for the SPAs and the limited purpose annexations on November 29th, 2017. If approved, tax collections will begin on April 1st, 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 and 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 Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis, Boykins and Gallegos absent. **MOTION 2017-0672 ADOPTED**

At 9:25 a.m. Mayor Turner moved to the Mayor's Report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Turner stated that he wanted to thank each of the Members of Council for leading up to the outcome of last night of the approval of the Pension Bonds because many of the Council Members went to Austin during the course of the process and there were some of them talking in Town Hall meetings, debating the issue and it was a collective effort on an issue that has been an issue in the City for 17 years and at least at this point, this issues is a permeant resolution to our Pension issues and this will benefit the City as a whole and after they adjourn today there will be a press conference on this the Pension Bonds and he invites all of them to come and join him and this was a win for the City.

Mayor Turner stated on the Astros last week, the World Series Champs, they are incredible and the parade on Friday was incredible and he is still floating on air and he believes that the crowd was over a million people that attended the parade, the Astros Players were such good sports and down to earth and to have a million and plus people out there and not have disorderly conduct speaks volumes, there were people jumping on some cars but to have a million or more with very little issues speaks to the character of the City of Houston, he wanted to thank the entire City of Houston and this was a win for the Astros, for the City of Houston and also a win for the Region and part of that he wanted to thank Special Events for pulling something together in 48 hours, they did an amazing job and he does not know how they did it and he is still waiting for the Korean BBQ and the L.A. brew beer; he also wanted to bare in mind that the Dynamos are also in the Playoffs and their color is orange too and their next Playoff Game is on November 21, 2017 and they are playing in the City and because of the television schedule the game does not start until 8:30 p.m., he wants to really encourage Houstonians to go out and support the Dynamos, lets fill that stadium, they can bring us another National Championship.

Mayor Turner stated he wanted to acknowledge that Congressman Ted Poe, he had indicated that he will not run again, he had been a champion on so many different fronts, he had been very supportive of Houston, he is a champion in anybody's book, he had stepped up not only in his public life but also his personal life and been an encouragement for so many people and he also wanted to take the time to thank him and all that he had done.

Mayor Turner further stated to bear in mind that this coming Saturday is Veterans Day and the event and celebration for the City salutes to Veterans will be on Saturday and a Hero's Runs and will start at 8 a.m. and all the proceeds will go the Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund and then the Veterans Day Service will be out in front at 10:00 a.m. this coming Saturday, November 11th.

Members of Council commented on the Astros Parade, the Pension Bonds and Congressman Ted Poe.

Mayor Turner stated finally he wanted to state for add to continue to offer their Prayer and thoughts to the families and friends in Sutherland Texas and to continue to Pray for our Country and people across the board that these type of mass shootings leave you just short amount of words.

At 9:45 a.m. Mayor Turner requested the City Secretary to call the List of Speakers.

Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Edwards for a procedural motion; Council Member Edwards moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose to hearing Mr. Martin Hundertmark out of order and seconded by Council Member Kubosh, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **MOTION 2017-0673 ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Kubosh for a procedural motion; Council Member Kubosh moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose to adding Mr. Jesse Rodriguez and Mr. Bob May to the list of speakers and seconded by Council Member Cohen, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **MOTION 2017-0674 ADOPTED**

Mr. Martin Hundertmark, no address, no phone, appeared and stated that he is a Pastor and present to represent Leipzig, Germany, a Sister City; when they heard about the disaster that Hurricane Harvey did, they wondered what they could do to help their brothers and Sisters in this City, he wanted to tell a couple of small stories and in their Church their profession is music and they made a benefit concert in the Thomas Boys Choir and an Orchestra and collected more than \$6,000.00 for supporting the victims of Hurricane Harvey, the second story is a story from a High School and the kids in the High School sold sandwiches, homemade cookies and many people in Leipzig have relationships with Houston and the last story that he wanted to give to the Council is that when he was 18 years old with visions and dreams, he dreamed to live in a free Country but at that he and his parents and were oppressed and now his dream is coming true and now he can speak as a free man and their donation that he wanted to give from the City of Leipzig which is a check for \$35,000.00 to the City of Houston to help support the Coalition of the Homeless. Council Member Davis absent.

Mayor Turner thanked Pastor Hundertmark and stated we appreciate his presentation and the donation, Leipzig has been a sister City to the City of Houston for the last 25 years and the Mayor has visited the City many times and he knows that there is a group that is coming back to Houston in February.

Members of Council thanked Pastor Hundertmark.

Council Members Cohen wanted to recognize Mr. Wolfgang that is in the audience and thanked him for all that he does.

Members of Council thanked Pastor Hundertmark.

Mr. Reginald Mack, 5225 Sue Marie Ln., 77091, (713)419-2064 appeared and stated that he had lived on Sue Marie Ln. for the last 21years, he is the Co-Applicant for the petition for the east and west for the minimum lot size and he is the representing the majority neighbors that are supporting the minimum lot size designation and they successfully fought off the attempt to destroy the characteristic of their neighborhood from the desires from a new property owner and developer to change the character of the neighborhood by subdividing his lot for 10 townhomes, historically and currently, the lots have been designated for one home per property because of Deed Restrictions and the Deed Restrictions defeated the developer's first attempt to subdivided and then the developer sent out documents requesting neighbors to allow the property to be removed from the neighborhood or he would seek to void the Deed Restrictions and then the neighborhood petition for the minimum lot size status and received a unanimous vote from the Planning Commission recommending approval and they had only one protestor out of the 20 residents described as the neighborhood noted in their petition and the protestor

was the developer and he came to request support for the majority of the neighbors to receive the minimum lot size designation. Council Members Davis and Laster absent.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Mack.

Mr. Tommy Walker, 2406 Couch St., 77008, (281)948-1316 appeared and stated that they are here today about the minimum lot size, he represents R.D.Z Homes and Jesse Rodriguez, they have investigated and spoken to each home owner on the street and they have realized that half of the people that live on the street either do not want minimum lot size or did not know what minimum lot size was or did not even know about it, they got signatures from people that were against it; what is going on Pinemont there are is about 70 new construction of homes being built and they all face Pinemont and this particular lot is an empty lot and the house that was there had burnt down, it was on there for 3 or 4 years and they finally demolished it, the reason they brought this lot was because it was in a busy area, the developer has built 12 homes, they have replatted to be 8 homes that would be a 50 foot setback on Sue Marie that is in the Deed Restrictions, the last hearing the Council also said there is nothing in the Restriction that they cannot subdivide on this property and they have done that, there would be guest parking, also a park as well and they are going on to the trend that is going on Pinemont and they are requesting as well as the other homeowners that are against minimum lot size and for Council to deny the minimum lot size. Council Members Davis, Martin, Green and Christie absent.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Walker.

Ms. Brenda Gonzalez, 5220 Sue Marie Ln., 77091, (832)816-7752 appeared and stated that there is a matter that is very important to herself and her family, herself and her husband purchased a home about 6 years ago, they were drawn to the large lot that had beautiful nature trees that surround Pineforest, their neighborhood is very quiet, peaceful and the neighbors are nice and easy going, she loves her neighborhood and loves the idea of raising her 4 children there, on behalf of her family she would request in helping preserve the character of the neighborhood, just a few months ago over half of their neighbors took time out of their day to stand up for their community to address the City Planning Committee in requesting their support of their request and the Committee unanimous approved and they have previously denied the request of Mr. Walker and R.D.Z. Development, the new owner of this lot on Sue Marie which makes up 5% of their community and are relentless in destroying the character of their community, they submitted a request to build in 10 homes on a lot that is designated for a single home per their current Deed Restriction, they would still profit if they build just one single home but they would like to maximize their profit by squeezing 10 homes and Mr. Walker did state that they wanted to build for young families and based on their design plans, she does not see how any children can play on a property that is squeezed into this design and the developer has used both bribery and an intimidation letter that was sent to their neighbors including her family to have their way in an attempt to destroy the beautiful neighborhood and with this minimum lot size restriction is to preserve their community and she requested Council to help them. Council Members Cohen and Green absent.

Mr. Jesse Rodriguez, no address, no phone, appeared and stated that he is the developer that everyone is tearing up here this morning and he wanted to say when he brought the property, and when they do buy a property they do their diligence and the Deed Restrictions which they did and if they read them and he is sure that Legal has, it does say that they can subdivide the property and that is the reason they brought it, the first replat they did submit, they submitted with 10 homes because they did not pay attention to the 50 foot set back which they did submit

the second replat but they did not let them submit it because they already had submitted the minimum lot size and the reason he brought the property because they can subdivide and now the Deed Restrictions are saying that they cannot subdivide and if they read the Deed Restriction it says that they can, he did not want to mess up the neighborhood, he is a developer and he does build a nice product which he presented pictures of the homes that he has developed, they do have big yards, there is a park in the front where the 50 foot setback for all the neighbors and he just wanted to say that he is against the minimum lot size. Council Member Laster absent.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Rodriguez at length.

Mr. Bob May, no address, no phone, was not present when his name was called. Council Member Laster absent.

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

Ms. Daphne Scarbrough, 2016 Richmond Ave, 77098, (713)523-8413 appeared and presented information and stated that she wanted to congratulate the Mayor on his Bonds proposal, they are all eager in anticipation of a little trickle down from the flooding for our sewer systems and they will be hopeful and she is here this morning to speak about our lovely Montrose Management District and she is please to tell them after 10 hearings, 14 Judges and almost 6 years of Litigation, they won on Halloween, Judge Daryl Moore thought of the little people for once and he stood up for them, the tax payers, as of Thursday October 31st that District is not allowed to spend a penny and is not allowed to gather a penny and they would see this in the rendering from the Trial Judge himself, they are having a little problem with that concept the District has chosen to ignore the injunction, they are trying to be patient but she does want to put everyone on notice, it will not break her heart to have to arrest Board Members for contempt of Court, these people have taken up so much time and over \$6 million dollars of commercial land owners money, Council has talked before about affordable housing, they talked about jobs, they talk about economy, that is what Montrose is about and she wants to keep everyone in business so people do have jobs, they have fought it since 2005, its been a long haul and they have one more case which she gave Council the notice on that case as well and it is a Class Action Suit that will be heard this Spring in Judge Hinde Court to get the money back and force them to actually look at the 80% of the petitions that had been signed 3 times and they want this District gone. Council Members Cohen, Le and Robinson absent.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Scarbrough at length.

Mr. David Sherman, 1022 Heights Blvd, 77008, (713)523-8413 appeared and stated that he would like to talk a little bit about Memorial Park Golf Course which they may or may not be familiar with, it is not proposal yet but he knows that they have been hearing from Mr. Steve Tims from HGA, something that is in a speech that Mayor Turner has given and he may have mention that it would be a good idea to have the Houston Open at Memorial Park which he strongly disagrees with Mayor Turner and thinks it is a bad idea, Memorial Park is working beautifully, it's a place that is open to all, its affordable and 65,000 round are played there in a year and if the HGA has their way that would be reduced by 30,000 rounds to keep the course in better condition and he is probably speaking with Mayor Turner about Capital Improvements project out there and the only Capital Improvement project that needs to be done is to redo the greens which would mostly likely cost less than \$300,000.00 and this could be funded by the revenue that the course generates and the course generates over \$3 million dollars and having the course managed by the HGA would be awful and the Capital Improvements that he speaks about for the golf course are not

necessary for the average player, they do not want it, they do not need it and there is a history of the HGA wanting this course and that is going back in the 1990s. Council Members Travis, Knox and Kubosh absent.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Sherman at length.

Mayor Turner stated that this is just a preliminary conversation and he thanked him for being present and the reality is that in this conversation it just not about Memorial Park, it's about several Parks and either its good for several Parks or it's not good for any Parks and that is the conversation that they are having, it's not about one, it's how do they improve several Park and what is the best interest for the City of Houston.

Mr. William Foster, 8409 Winthrop, 77075, (713)991-7535 appeared and stated that he is a victim of FEMA fraud a couple of weeks ago he received a call from a company that wanted to inspect his home, his home was not damaged and he did not file a claim with FEMA, he did some investigation and come to find out that someone had stolen some of his personal information and created a request to FEMA on his behalf and the reason he is here is because he tried to talk to FEMA and he cannot seem to get in touch with anyone there, he has spoken with the F.B.I, Home Land Security and TSA and his current course is talking to Congress Woman Shelia Jackson Lee and she requested for him to come to City Council to voice his opinion on what's going on with FEMA and the fraud that had been taking place and his question to the Mayor and Council Members, is the City aware of any issues with FEMA and fraud within the City and secondly what are they doing about it and also is there any avenues for a person like himself can go to get his issue resolved. Council Members Travis, Knox and Kubosh absent.

Mayor Turner stated to Mr. Foster that he had touched bases with the many organizations and Members of Council questioned Mr. Foster.

Council Member Martin stated that he just received a text from their Chief of Staff for their State Representative to inform Mr. Foster that he needs to call the Attorney General Office because they have a Storm Fraud Division Department and also FEMA has Fraud Department, there had been multiple companies that have already been charged by the Attorney General Office and he asked for his phone number and his information and he will send him the form and the release and maybe he will have some luck in following up with the Attorney General Office and also the Federal Government for FEMA.

Ms. Linda Johnson, 8211 Ridge Forest Dr., 77088, (832)496-0158 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Travis, Knox and Kubosh absent.

Mr. Richard Nguyen, 8115 Riptide Dr., 77072, (281)891-0579 appeared and presented a picture to Members of Council and stated that he wanted to congratulate our City with the Championship Series, the City went from devastation to dazzling in 2 short months, Mayor as you said earlier that you are still on cloud 9 but he however has a feeling of a little dark cloud that hanging over him and he just does not want to sweep that under the rug, during the 3rd game of the 2017 World Series, the Houston Astros First Baseman Yuli Gurriel went back to his dugout and gloated with his teammates after hitting homerom from L.A. Dodgers Pitcher Yu Darvish a Japan Native, he made an insensitive gesture, although he did apology but he still need to address it, many people ask what is the big deal here even through Yu Darvish said that Gurriel would learn from it, he is a little skeptical, he is a 33 year old man not an 8 year old child, he has lived and played in Japan, he has competed all over the world, so how can a man that is so wide world traveled be a man that is narrow minded, Gurriel had said that he does know that Chinito is aware that is regarded

as slur word among that Japanese and he said in Cuba and in various places they do not say Japanese, they call all Asian, Chinito and to him that is a very poor excuse, would they accept if all Asia called Hispanics, Chicos, Major Baseball League Commissioner did not have the courage to suspend Gurriel from the World Series because he felt it was unfair to punish the other 24 players that were on their team and for the millions of Asians in this Country, was it sufficient, no respect, it was a slap on the wrist and they moved on, he may have small eyes but he does have a big heart to forgive, he has not heard anything from our Civic Leaders and Elected Officials. Council Members Stardig and Laster absent.

Council Member Kubosh stated that he does not support the action of this ball player but for months and almost a year and sitting in the right over here, you had made fun of me in almost every Council Meeting in saying he looked like Santa Claus and the record will reflect that you did do that and many of the Council Members were tired of it and there were people that went to him to tell you to stop; this is a high point for the City of Houston, the City of Houston had just won the biggest thing in Professional Ball for him to come and demined that today and use this as a platform to promote this when he had been punished by his organization.

Council Member Le stated it actually has not fallen upon us to recognize this and you are right in any form of racism whether it is small or large has to be taken and he did write a letter to the Astros Foundation but he decided not to send it yet and the reason why because right after Harvey, we had something great for our City and it unified everyone and yes we should not let this go but the timing is off.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Nguyen.

Mayor Turner thanked him for being present and voicing his views and he does know that in this City we can win on the field and at the same time we can still win on the field and still be respectful in the community as well, we are one big family that is highly diverse and in this diverse family we can have these conversations on these issues and recognize when someone makes a mistake or was disrespectful to other members of the family and all these moments can be teachable moments for all of us and to move this forward in a productive way.

Ms. Sheila Simeon, P.O. Box 8263, 77288, no phone, had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Stardig and Laster absent.

Mr. Matthew Deleon, 7105 Old Katy Rd., 77024, (281)687-4970 appeared and stated that he loves what Houston stands for and he hates to come here on a negative note but he promises to come next time on a positive note, what he is here today is to speak about Lift-Off Houston and specifically a disqualification of himself and then the City of Houston business plan competition, he used to work for the City of Houston, he worked for 5 years and 6 months in the Mayor's Office for Volunteers and in the Office of Business Opportunity and within the Office of Business and Opportunity he had a great experience of helping people with license permits and provide them resources to help start their business and he even had the opportunity to help develop a program with OBO and Houston Public Library to help people make a business plan to get money to start a business which is what Lift Off Houston is and last year he left the City to pursue other opportunities in the private sector and this year he saw Lift Off Houston as an opportunity that he had for an idea to help Houstonians and in doing so, he enter into the competition, went to orientation and to let the administration know that he is competing and through the whole process he went through all of the workshops, seminars and everything that was regarded for the competition and it was not until after Harvey he received a letter from the Director of OBO that he was disqualified from the competition because he was a former employee of OBO and in the competition rules, there is no mention of any kind of disqualification based on previous

employment and she cited the clause basically saying if deem necessary but there was no justification why he was disqualified was it necessary and he sent the information to the Mayor's Office and to let them know the situation as well as his concerns as well as previously contestants who were allowed to compete and the Attorney advised him the reasoning behind the Section 18 and then suggested that he e-mail Lift Off Houston directly asking more questions which he did so with no response and after a week he resent his e-mail to the Director and as of October 23rd he has not heard from the Director on reasons for his disqualification and right now it is beyond the point where he can compete and he is asking City Council to see if he can have this issue addressed. Council Members Martin, Laster and Kubosh absent.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Deleon.

Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Gallegos for a point of personal privilege, Council Member Gallegos stated that he would like to recognize Mr. Charles J. Brown and he is here visiting the City of Houston and he is the Vice President of the National United Ushers Association of America and he is touring the Harvey affected areas and bring gift cards and thanked him for everything that he is doing for the City of Houston.

Ms. Eugenia Dottery, 9623 Edgeworth St., 77093, (281)794-4895 appeared and stated that she is between Johnson and Tidwell, she had flooded 4 times, her house was built in 1950 and each time she floods her insurance does not want to pay because she has to upgrade to City Codes, she had 6 to 7 inches of water in her home, she had gone from \$300.00 of insurance to \$2100.00 of insurance and she is not able to pay the \$2100.00 insurance, she had to downgrade her coverage to \$1600.00, she is in desperate need, there was a tree in the middle of the ditch in the drainage that is keeping water from flowing and blocking the flow, she contacted 311 and community services person Kelly Bradford at Kashmere Multiservice Center and she also contacted the Mayor's Office and she e-mailed Council Member Davis Office, the City Contractor did come out and cut the tree but they left the stump and water is not able to flow and it has backed up into her yard and she needs some help, she has pictures and e-mails. Council Members Davis, Martin, Travis, Green and Kubosh absent.

Mayor Turner questioned Ms. Dottery and looked at the pictures that she provided him and asked that Mr. Gary Norman speak with her and for the Director of Public Works look at the ditch to see what they can do to assist her.

Mr. Sam Smith, 7813 Glass St., 77016, (346)801-4741 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Martin, Travis, Green and Kubosh absent.

Ms. Lovely Washington, P.O. Box 740421, 77274, (713)904-0334 appeared and stated that she knows that the City of Houston has made a lot of progress concerning reasonable accommodations with people with disabilities, there are curb cuts, wheel chair ramps, traffic lights with verbal prompts for safe crossing and a access center located Downtown at the Houston Public Library, the access center is equipped with computers to have magnification, screen readers, printers, scanners and others, so that individuals with sensory disabilities can complete their research and with that being said how could the City of Houston collaborate with the Texas Work Commission and the Texas Work Solution to open an Access Center to support individuals that are blind as they look for work. Council Members Davis, Martin, Travis, Green and Kubosh absent.

Mr. Joe Angel Falcon, 7524 Victoria, 77020, appeared and stated that he is here trying to inform and make aware of them spending some funds on Public Safety issues and what he wanted to

bring attention to is the bullet proof vest of Cops, is there a way they can lead plate them to protect them for what is called a gamma ray which is called a wattage intensified frequency and he is sorry, he is not good in speaking in public but the thing can cause breathing complications and heart problems and also cause an Officer to drop dead because of the frequency and it is also nuclear radiation and is there in anyway in the budget would be able to be address the lead plating. Council Members Davis, Martin, Travis, Green and Kubosh absent.

Mayor Turner advised Mr. Falcon that they are working on it.

Mr. Charston Mitchell, 921 FM1960 Rd. West, 77090, (713)703-2431 appeared and stated that he is here to tell them what he doing for his community, he is super excited to be here today and he is pretty sure that everyone here knows about Craig's list and others and he had been using theses platforms for years and he does not like these companies like Craig's List and others that build these Apps once it come down to the buying and selling point it becomes difficult and inconvenient, people out here are dying, getting robbed and getting scammed and it is time to take a stand, how can they create this huge platform that involves the exchange of money hand to hand but not provide the right avenues and then try to leave it up to everyone else to do their job but they create these great platforms but leave it to the customers to find a place to make the exchange and also to make sure that it does not get stolen and they also tell be to make the exchange in a very public place like for example a Starbucks, it makes it uncomfortable because he tried to sell his 32inch TV at a Starbucks and it was very uncomfortable and he is very proud to say, that right here in Houston Texas that they have the first service classifies and what does that mean, he has live video streaming and recording for security purpose and they also have security guards that help as well, they have customer support if anyone has any questions and they have computer station to make sure that the product has been listed and not stolen and they have a station to make sure the product is working before purchasing and they are the real deal from A to Z and their job is to spread the word and to try to keep their community safe, he have done the research and seen the robberies that have been taken place and he is here to see if he can get any kind of resource to help spread the word and message on what they are trying to do. Council Members Cohen, Travis and Green absent.

Ms. Earnestine Talley, 16311 Rapid Creek, 77053, (281)437-1589 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Cohen, Travis and Green 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 Cohen, Travis and Green absent.

Ms. Deborah Wilkerson, no address, (713)499-9671 appeared and stated that she is back again to get the Council to understand that she is being stalked within the City of Houston, it is a group of well-organized people, that is multiple people and they are targeting her as a victim, she has gone to the Police, she does all of the reporting and she is keeping a dairy, it went from days to weeks and now years and it has gotten out of hand, she needs beyond help. Council Members Cohen, Travis and Green absent.

Mr. Hiren Kapadia, 6931 Carvel Ln., 77074, (713)894-0995 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Cohen, Travis and Green 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 Cohen, Travis and Green 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 10:49 a.m. Mayor Turner requested the City Secretary to call the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 2 through 25

MISCELLANEOUS - NUMBER 2

2. **RECOMMENDATION** from Acting Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of extended unpaid leave of absence for **JULIUS TATUM, Equipment Worker**, beginning February 27, 2016 and continuing until July 24, 2017- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Green absent. **MOTION 2017-0675 ADOPTED**

ACCEPT WORK - NUMBER 5

5. **RECOMMENDATION** from Acting Director Department of Public Works & Engineering, for approval of final contract amount of \$5,724,203.67 and acceptance of work on contract with **SER CONSTRUCTION PARTNERS, LLC** for Silber Paving & Drainage from IH 10 to Hartland 2.90% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICT A – STARDIG-** was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Green absent. **MOTION 2017-0676 ADOPTED**

ORDINANCES - NUMBERS 12 through 25

12. **ORDINANCE** establishing the **north side of the 1400 block of Lombardy 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 I – GALLEGOS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Green absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0861 ADOPTED**
13. **ORDINANCE** establishing the **east side of the 1700-1800 block of Lombardy 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 I – GALLEGOS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Green absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0862 ADOPTED**
14. **ORDINANCE** establishing the north and south sides of the **2200 block of McClendon 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. Council Member Green absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0863 ADOPTED**

15. **ORDINANCE** establishing certain areas known as **North MacGregor Oaks Subdivision and Timber Crest Subdivision**, within the City of Houston, as special minimum lot size areas pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT D – BOYKINS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Green absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0864 ADOPTED**

16. **ORDINANCE** establishing the east and west sides of the **5200 block of Sue Marie Lane**, 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 B – DAVIS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Green absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0865 ADOPTED**

17. **ORDINANCE** approving payment of \$11,432.38 to **TIMES CONSTRUCTION, INC** under contract with the City for Concrete Channel at 10418 Raymondville Road at Charles Street authorized by Ordinance No. 2015-0624 - **DISTRICT B – DAVIS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Green absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0866 ADOPTED**

19. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$600,000.00 out of Street and 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 **JONES & CARTER, INC** for FY16 Mitigation Program for Capital Improvement Projects (Approved by Ordinance No. 2016-0095); providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF- the City Secretary advised that Item 19 have not been received and if received during the course of the meeting it will be consider at the end of the meeting.

23. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$3,222,181.00 out of Metro Projects Construction DDSRF, awarding contract to **PRECISE SERVICES, INC** for Roadway Pavement Replacement Project: Martinville Drive and Sunbeam Street; 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 - **DISTRICTS D - BOYKINS and E – MARTIN**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Green absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0867 ADOPTED**

24. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$6,350,000.00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF awarding contract to **SER CONSTRUCTION PARTNERS, LLC.** for Yorkshire Area Drainage and Paving Improvements; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for Testing, CIP Cost Recovery, Construction Management, and Contingencies

relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF - **DISTRICT G – TRAVIS-** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Green absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0868 ADOPTED**

25. **ORDINANCE** No. 2017-851 passed first reading November 1, 2017
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 - **SECOND READING-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Green absent. **PASSED SECOND 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 approval of final contract amount of \$3,936,082.74 and acceptance of work on contract with **PORTLAND UTILITIES CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, LLC** for Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation by Sliplining and Pipe Bursting Methods, (4257-131) - 2.57% over the original contract amount - Enterprise Fund **DISTRICTS A - STARDIG; B - DAVIS; D - BOYKINS; H - CISNEROS; J - LASTER and K – GREEN-** was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Green absent. **MOTION 2017-0677 ADOPTED**
4. **RECOMMENDATION** from Acting Director Department of Public Works & Engineering, for approval of final contract amount of \$14,578,329.69 and acceptance of work on contract with **REYTEC CONSTRUCTION RESOURCES, INC** for Neighborhood Street Reconstruction Project 465 - 4.70% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICT A – STARDIG-** was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Green absent. **MOTION 2017-0678 ADOPTED**
6. **DIGITAL SANDBOX, INC** for purchase of Software Enhancements and Support Services for the Digital Sandbox System from the General Services Administration Schedule 70 Contract through the Cooperative Purchasing Program for the Mayor's Office of Public Safety and Homeland Security \$193,000.00 - Grant Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Green absent. **MOTION 2017-0679 ADOPTED**
7. **ORDINANCE** authorizing one or more series of City of Houston, Texas Public Improvement Refunding Bonds as may be further designated, described and provided herein; authorizing the payment and security thereof and certain designated officials to approve the principal amount, interest rates, prices, terms and sale thereof in accordance with the parameters

described herein; authorizing such officials to determine the outstanding obligations to be refunded and/or defeased; approving certain other procedures, provisions and agreements related thereto, including authorizing the execution and delivery of one or more purchase contracts, Paying Agent/Registrar Agreements, Escrow Agreements, and other agreements; approving the preparation, distribution and use of a Preliminary Official Statement and Official Statement in connection with such offering; authorizing the engagement of Bond Counsel and Special Disclosure Counsel; making certain findings and other declarations necessary and incidental to the issuance of such refunding bonds; and declaring an emergency- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Green absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0869 ADOPTED**

8. **ORDINANCE** pursuant to and implementing the provisions of Ordinance No. 2017-168, approving and authorizing the City to borrow from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) \$5,062,000.00 of loan funds provided under Section 108 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (“Section 108”); appropriating \$5,062,000.00 of Section 108 Funds and allocating \$8,800,000.00 of Economic Development Initiative Grant Funds to fund the purchase of approximately 9.177 acres of land out of the G.P. Foster Survey, Abstract No. 273, Harris County, Texas, for a purchase price of \$13,850,000.00 and related closing costs of \$12,000.00; approving and authorizing a contract for loan guarantee assistance, a promissory note, and related documents between the City of Houston and HUD relating to the loan of the Section 108 Funds - **DISTRICT D – BOYKINS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Edwards absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0870 ADOPTED**
9. **ORDINANCE** finding and determining that public convenience and necessity no longer require the continued use of Felix Street, from Harrisburg Street south to its terminus, located within the Harrisburg Market Subdivision out of the S.M. Williams Survey, A-87; vacating and abandoning the street easement to **BakerRipley and Harrisburg Blue Willow, Ltd.**, the abutting owners, in consideration of their payment to the City of \$245,959.00, and other consideration - **DISTRICT H – CISNEROS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0871 ADOPTED**
10. **ORDINANCE** authorizing the sale of a 30-foot-wide subsurface pipeline easement traversing the City of Houston Southeast Water Purification Plant, located in the W.C. R.R. Co. Survey, Abstract No. 933, the William H. Anthony Survey, Abstract No. 1460, and the Day Land & Cattle Survey, Abstract No. 1042, Harris County, Texas, to **Seabrook Pipeline, LLC**, in consideration of its payment to the City of \$56,493.00 and other consideration - **DISTRICT E – MARTIN**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0872 ADOPTED**
11. **ORDINANCE** relating to the Fiscal Affairs of the **EAST DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY on behalf of REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER FIFTEEN, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS (EAST DOWNTOWN ZONE)**; approving the Fiscal Year 2018 Operating Budget for the Authority and the Fiscal Years 2018-2022 Capital Improvements Budget for the Zone - **DISTRICT I – GALLEGOS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0873 ADOPTED**

- 18. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$443,000.00 out of Fire Consolidated Construction Fund; \$748,000.00 out of Parks Consolidated Construction Fund; \$135,000.00 out of Solid Waste Consolidated Construction Fund; \$653,000.00 out of Police Consolidated Construction Fund; \$352,000.00 out of Public Library Consolidated Construction Fund; \$266,000.00 out of Public Health Consolidated Construction Fund; and \$623,000.00 out of General Improvement Consolidated Construction fund for reimbursement project management costs for FY18 Capital Improvement Plan Projects for City departments- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0874 ADOPTED**
- 20. ORDINANCE** finding and determining public convenience and necessity for the acquisition of easements through dedication, purchase or condemnation, in connection with the public improvement project known as the 108-inch water line from Imperial Valley Drive to Green Plaza Drive Project; authorizing the payment of costs for parcel purchases/condemnations, relocation assistance expenses, appraisal fees, title policies/ services, recording fees, court costs, expert witness fees and other acquisition costs in connection with the project, located in the William Sevey Survey, A-699 and the Simon Contreras Survey, A-220, Houston, Harris County, Texas - **DISTRICT B – DAVIS-** was presented, Council Member Edwards voting no, balance voting aye. **ORDINANCE 2017-0875 ADOPTED**
- 21. ORDINANCE** finding and determining public convenience and necessity for the acquisition of real property interests through dedication, purchase or condemnation, in connection with the public improvement project known as Shepherd and Durham Paving and Drainage (from Washington Avenue to Dickson Street) Project; authorizing the acquisition of fee simple title interest in or easement purchase and the use of eminent domain and authorizing the payment of costs for parcel purchases/condemnations, relocation assistance expenses, appraisal fees, title policies/ services, recording fees, court costs, expert witness fees and other acquisition costs in connection with the project, located in the John Austin Survey, A-1, Houston, Harris County, Texas - **DISTRICT C – COHEN-** was presented, Council Member Edwards voting no, balance voting aye. **ORDINANCE 2017-0876 ADOPTED**
- 22. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$2,760,878.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding contract to **PORTLAND UTILITIES CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, LLC** for Wastewater Collection System Rehabilitation and Renewal; 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 the engineering and testing, and contingencies relating to the construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund (WW4235-102)- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0877 ADOPTED**

MATTERS HELD - NUMBERS 26 and 27

- 26. 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**
TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GREEN

This was Item 4 on Agenda of November 1, 2017- was presented and tagged by Council Member Robinson.

27. MOTION by Council Member Cohen/Seconded by Council Member Knox to adopt recommendation from Chief Procurement Officer, to award to **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 **TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS GREEN and BOYKINS**

This was Item 5 on Agenda of November 1, 2017- was presented, Council Member Christie voting no, balance voting aye. **MOTION 2017-0680 ADOPTED**

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

Members of Council announced events and discussed matters of interest.

There being no further business before Council; the City Council adjourned at 12:17 p.m. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Martin, Le, Travis, Knox, Kubosh and Christie absent. **DETAILED INFORMATION ON FILE ON THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY**

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

Anna Russell, City Secretary