

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, December 5, 2017

A regular meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, December 5, 2017; Mayor Pro Tem Ellen Cohen presiding, with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Dave Martin, Steve Le, Karla Cisneros, Robert Gallegos, Mike Laster, Mike Knox, Michael Kubosh and Amanda Edwards; Randy Zamora, Legal Department, Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director with the Agenda Office present. Mayor Sylvester Turner, Council Members Jerry Davis, Dwight Boykins, Greg Travis, Larry Green, David Robinson and Jack Christie D.C. out of the city on city business.

At 1:43 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen called the meeting to order and stated that she had to admit that they are missing a few people and she wanted them to know that Mayor Turner and 3 Council Members are in China working very hard with the Chinese Government to speak about business for the City of Houston and 4 of the Council Members are in Washington D.C. on trying to get the money we need to do the kind of work we need to do as the result of Hurricane Harvey and she would move to the presentations. Council Members Martin, Gallegos, Laster and Cisneros absent.

Council Member Edwards stated that Charles and Susan Cave have lived in Houston for over 40 years. They met at Texas Southern University at the Newman Catholic Center where Susan attended church and Charles was a freelance photographer and their relationship grew and cultivated into marriage on November 26, 1980, they raised three successful kids named Rashad, Etosha and Kwame who have all attended college and have become productive citizens in their perspective careers and Charles has been involved with Crestmont Park Civic club as a leader and president for over 30 years, he has worked to ensure that the community that he lives in remains safe and secure not only for his family but his neighbors as well and additionally, his work was supported by Susan who taught in the community at Coldwell & MacGregor Elementary and retired after over 20 years of service, Charles and Susan Cave have continued to be positive role models in the community living in the same community they raised their kids in for over 35 years. These two have shown the meaning of what true community service means. They continue to find ways to ensure Crestmont Park is able to remain a strong village for the next generation to come and on December 5, 2017, Charles and Susan Cave will be honored and the City of Houston commends and appreciates Charles and Susan Cave for their many accomplishments and commitment to the community and extends best wishes for continued success and therefore, Mayor Pro Tem Cohen on behalf of Mayor Turner hereby proclaimed December 5, 2017, as Charles and Susan Cave Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Martin, Gallegos and Laster absent.

Council Member Le stated that Pandit Suman Ghosh is an internationally acclaimed performing artist, a pathfinding Guru and a visionary, for the last 14 years, he has been instrumental in the cultural enrichment of the greater Houston community by introducing, teaching and performing Indian classical music and despite being a busy performer, he has chosen to dedicate the most invaluable part of his career in introducing, establishing and spreading Indian classical music in its purest form in the western world, specifically in the United States of America, with Houston as his base and Pandit Suman Ghosh music, work and presence draws people from various countries and cultural backgrounds, transcending a multitude of religious, racial, cultural and language barriers, through his music, presence and work, he is not only creating exceptional musicians but creating a network of classical music connoisseurs who can appreciate, enjoy, propagate and support Indian classical music and Pandit Suman Ghosh enhances awareness, understanding and respect for Indian classical music, its lineage and the related discipline, as well as Indian traditions, values, culture and languages and his performing skills, musicianship, command over languages, organizing abilities and experiences have proved to be a rare combination, giving his mission and the institution founded by him a unique place in this field and

on September 3, 2017, Pandit Suman Ghosh will be recognized for his musical contributions and for his pivotal role in the cultural enrichment of the community through Indian classical music and the City of Houston commends and congratulates Pandit Suman Ghosh on this momentous occasion and extends best wishes on continued success and therefore, Mayor Pro Tem Cohen on behalf of Mayor Turner hereby proclaimed September 3, 2017, as Pandit Suman Ghosh Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Martin, Gallegos and Laster absent.

At 1:59 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen recognized Council Member Kubosh for the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Council Member Martin and Gallegos absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Cohen advised that they are taking a pause to get a quorum in the Chamber.

Mayor Pro Tem Cohen recognized Council Member Gallegos for a point of personal privilege; Council Member Gallegos stated that he wanted to introduce students from Austin High School and requested them to stand to be recognized.

At 2:18 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen advised that quorum was present.

The Roll was called. Mayor Sylvester Turner, Council Members Jerry Davis, Dwight Boykins, Greg Travis, Larry Green, David Robinson and Jack Christie D.C. out of the city on city business.

Council Member Laster moved to sever the minutes of the Special Meeting on November 17, 2017 and vote on them separately and seconded by Council Member Stardig, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION ADOPTED**

Council Member Kubosh moved to delay the adoption of October 2-4, 2017 Minutes and seconded by Council Member Stardig, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION ADOPTED**

Council Member Laster moved to adopt the Minutes from the November 17, 2017 Special Meeting and seconded by Council Member Stardig, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION ADOPTED**

At 2:21 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen requested the City Secretary to call the List of Speakers.

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

Mr. Michael Skelly, 1001 McKinney, Suite 700, 77002, (832)319-6333 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called.

Mr. Jonathan Weigand, 1648 West Alabama St., Apt. 17, 77006, (713)306-2325 appeared and stated that his topic was very simple it is the follow-up from the finding of the light up Texas program and then particular Reliant Energy part in which he is directly involved, he had lived in several places and he started in the program in 2012 with Reliant and he lives in 475 square foot apartment to downside and he has a live in care giver and his monthly bill from Reliant on an average billing is \$145.00 per month, he is 54 year old that beat Stage 4 Cancer and had 5 Strokes and he is arguing with Reliant continuously, he tried to switch to another company through direct energy and they had put a switch hold on it on September 28<sup>th</sup> and 20 days of the cancellation of the 12 month contract and he is tired of fighting with the company and does not think that he is using \$145.00 worth because he is rarely home and does not think his cats are using the energy. Council Member Gallegos absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Cohen stated that she would like to point out to Mr. Weigand that the City does not regulator authority over the retail electric providers but and they can arrange that he can speak to Laura Cunningham because she maybe able to help direct him in the right direction.

Mr. Bobby Taylor, Post Office Box 202021, 77220, (832)870-76734741 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Member Gallegos absent.

Ms. Ada Anderson, 4705 Oats St., 77020, (832)894-8212 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Member Gallegos absent.

Mr. William Beal, 10 Remington Ln., 77005, no phone, had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Member Gallegos absent.

Ms. Nina Cox, 2475 Gray Falls Dr., 77077, (254)253-5438 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Member Gallegos absent.

Mr. John Noflin, 12903 Brent Rock Dr., Apt. 703, 77082, (832)208-1498 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Member Gallegos absent.

Ms. Towana Bryant, no address, (281)431-0011 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Member Gallegos absent.

Mr. Paul Sorelle, 5814 Warm Springs Rd., 77035, (281)687-5666 appeared and stated that he is on the Board of Houston Bike Share which is the Nonprofit that runs the bicycle system and he wanted to thank everyone who has been instrumental in helping build the B-Cycle System over the past 5 years and is here to talk about the proposed Ordinance that is being worked through ARA and other parts of the City about Dockless Bike Share, these are bike shares that they do not have to return to a specified dock and their goal is to have a system that operates well and is easy to navigate for users particularly those in lower opportunity neighborhoods and they do not want bikes all over a sidewalk blocking access, the present Ordinance that is coming through the process is that it will only be for a small pilot program and will be open to many companies and all those companies will typically all try to put their bikes at the same place and one idea that they would like to have is a system that would allow a preferred operator like themselves to be able to contract with one of these Bike Dockless companies where they can make sure there are bikes throughout the entire City and in all of City Council Districts and that is their stated goal and it is having a great effect because they see a lot of people are using the bikes and they want that to increase so that every District has a Bike Share and he hopes when they look at the Ordinance that they would make some changes that would work better for the citizens of Houston.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Sorelle at length.

Ms. Christin Dietze, 407 Velasco St., 77003, (713)865-3662 appeared and stated that she is the Marketing and Communication Manager for Houston Bike Share and she just wanted to thank the City of Houston and ARA for all the hard work that has been put toward this Dockless Share Program and as a representative of Houston Bike Share, she is thrilled that Houston has this opportunity to grow their Bike Share network and at zero cost to the City and so that they can get more people on bikes across the Houston area, they manage the B-Cycle Program, this is the existing station based program rather than Dockless which has continued to grow in their network, its ridership and its size has grown since 2012 when they launch this program, their Organization supports the launch of Dockless Bike Share but they are opposed to the proposed Ordinance because of its limitations which are aimed at accommodating all six Dockless vendors trying to enter the City rather being aiming at a certain successful launch of Dockless Bike Share that will

work well in the community and their recommendation is to press pause in order to do more research to make sure this launch is successful and take time out to talk about the many concerns that were raised at the TTI Hearing and take time to speak with people in the Houston Bike Community and as local neighborhoods because if it is not done right it will be the disaster that they were speaking about with the proposed Ordinance majority of the neighborhoods will continue to be under served with 6 different colored bikes with 6 different mobile Apps and they strongly advocate for a RFP process to choose one Dockless Operator that is run by Bike Share or the City of Houston and let's take the time to find a vendor that meets the needs for the City of Houston. Council Member Kubosh absent.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Dietze.

Ms. Maya Ford, 2620 Oakdale St., 77004, (713)560-6079 appeared and presented information and stated that she is also a Board Member with B-Cycle or Houston Bike Share and she is also is a small business owner, born and raised in 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Houston, she rides her bikes and she uses Metro, she is here to answer a few of the questions for people who preceded her against the Ordinance on some of the questions that the Council Members asked were a little surprising with regards to the seriousness of necessity for alternate methods for transportation and she is quite concerned at the kind flippant nature why they might need bikes or no one is asking that with regards to how many cars you might have, Houston is a City of 2 million people with a very low density of 1.3 or 1300 person per square mile and Houston is growing at a faster rate than most U.S. Cities, they have 30% that are under 18, 11% of ages 18 to 24 and another 33.8% of Houstonians that are currently ages of 24 to 44 and this proves the basic supplies and demands and Houston has a major shortage of Police Officers and bicycles are a great way of transportation and if the City would do its responsibility to make sure that the citizens are safe which they can do and then at no cost to the City, people in the private industry would come and help support that, there are ridiculous rates of poverty in Houston, especially in a City that is known for pioneering and this Ordinance does not allow them to be able to accommodate all the citizens who deserve to be living safely, Bike Share had put the time forth and they are big advocates for making sure that all people can be accommodated in a timely manner and they are simply asking to put forth a little more effort.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Ford at length.

Mr. John Long, 616 Hawthorne, 77006, (713)854-7076 appeared and stated that he is the Executive Director of Bike Houston, not to be confused with their friends at B-Cycle and Bike Houston is not involved bicycle renting business, they are the advocacy group in Houston for cycling issues and they may remember that they appeared in front of them during the passage of the Bike Plan last Spring, they are a strong proponent of introducing Dockless Bike Share to Houston but they cannot support the proposal which is on the table and he says that with some mixed emotions, they applaud the work that the staff at ARA has done to bring this proposal and they do see this step in the right direction, Bike Houston believes that the more opinions that are available to people, the better that Houston would function as a transportations network and Dockless Bike Share would introduce new choices, the pilot program as presented has 2 risks and Members of Council has identified one of them, which is poor on ground management would result in a public nuisance rather than a public resource and they need to avoid that and the second one is taking a risk is counter intuitive to what your concerns are that they are too timid in the testing, Bike Houston believes that the pilot program that is on the table risks creating ill will towards cycling it either because it creates a public nuisance because it fails because of the bikes too sparsely distributed across the City. Council Member Martin absent.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Long.

Mr. Cedric Hamilton, 4403 Ebbtide, 77045, (713)894-4823 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Member Martin absent.

Ms. Janice Brantley, 5601 Royal Palms, 77021, (713)820-3567 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Member Martin absent.

Ms. Rosanne Barone, no address, (713)337-4192 appeared and stated that she is the Program Director for Environmental Non-Profit for Texas Campaign for the Environment, she was here in July when they were going through the first round of single stream recycling contract negotiations and she is here to provide some feedback on the situation right now but first and foremost wanted to publicly thank each and everyone of the Members of Council and the City Employees that continue to work overtime, she recognized that the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of negotiations for this new long term contract was meant to result in a more open evaluation of the bids but she thinks it is important that they should be able to weigh the pros and cons on all of the opinions for the City and she encourages them to ask the 4 Bidders to provide additional information in the following areas, number one, the worst case financial cost and the best case financial cost for the City; number two, the potential for expanding the kinds of materials accepted and the expansion of processing and number three, the public education so that Houstonians are putting stuff in the bins, the contract was also evaluated using worst case scenario calculations, so a more accurate assessment would be to show both the minimum and maximum cost in order to reflect the fluctuation market and resuming glass in the recycling is a big improvement. Council Members Martin, Laster, Kubosh and Edwards absent. **NO QUORUM**

Ms. Linda Murray, 6207 Bending Oaks, 77050, (281)449-5232 appeared and stated that she left her pictures in the fated parking lots in their area and been like that before Hurricane Harvey and she said that she was giving out awards and her first award goes to District B because during the Hurricane Harvey they were able to use the computers and she does have one picture on her phone of the parking lot that she is talking about and if they would pass it around Council; she also wanted to award for District B for having the most people out and most of the time, nobody is in the office, no staff is available, no one answers the phones and Council Member is always on a trip and she wishes he would come to District B and look at the parking lots and another award she wanted to give out, is it would have been nice when they operated the pool as she said before, everyone from every District using the City pool for the disabled and she thanks them for wasting her time and she will bring back the pictures because she spent \$11.58 from printing them up last night. Council Members Martin, Laster, Kubosh and Edwards absent. **NO QUORUM**

Ms. Cesar Hernandez, 818 Ridgecrest, Apt. 216, 77060, **NEEDS A SPANISH TRANSLATOR**, appeared and stated that she is here to ask Council Members to implement new laws and regulations to avoid wage theft and to protect the rights to all workers to have a Union, while she was working JBM and the subcontractor she was a victim of wage theft and when she decided to speak about wage theft and talk to her co-workers about organizing she was fired, she had submitted a Wages Theft claim with the Inspector General with the City and after investigation, the Inspector recognizes and sustained her claim that she made against JBM and today she have received a part of what she was owed however she is still fighting to obtain the rest, the Inspector General also recognized her concern, her complaint of retaliation on being fired from the company and this is a moment that City Council listen to their workers, she is not alone, many of her co-workers have received these letters, they need a better supervision for the Sub-Contractors and Contractor from the City and they need the City to strengthen the protections for workers that

allow them to form a Union. Council Members Martin, Laster, Kubosh and Edwards absent. **NO QUORUM**

Ms. Pamela Cassidy, 3230 W. Little York, 77091, (713)470-7158 appeared and stated that she really loves Houston and it is a wonderful City and that Council has recognized the extraordinary people and she is here to ask for them to recognize a regular person which is her mother, she lives at 775 Dillard Street, there has been a hole in her driveway for the past several months and the City is trying to make her fix the hole, if she could she would, she is 80 years old, she is on a limited budget and her being her daughter, she is on a limited budget, she gets disability and works a part time job, the hole itself is caused by a breakages from the sewage line, the City wants her to fix the sewage line and the hole and she had spoken to people at the City and again they do not have the money can the City help her mother, the hole is close to the street by the sidewalk. Council Members Martin, Laster and Edwards absent. **NO QUORUM**

Members of Council questioned Ms. Cassidy and Mayor Pro Tem Cohen advised that PWE Inspector had visited the site and noted that the hole is in the culvert over the open ditch drainage system and the responsibility is supposed to be on the property owner but Mr. Gary Norman is here from PWE and he is prepared to see what they can do.

Ms. Rita Castillo, 11942 Shady Meadow, 77039, (346)400-7616 appeared and stated that she works for Midwest Employee at Houston First and she does housekeeping and she came to talk about her work, after the Hurricane, when they called them to come back she went back, she left her problems at home, she works all the time with no excuse and sometimes she does not have enough money to buy groceries or they have to choose to pay rent or buy groceries and they have been in a really bad situation after Hurricane Harvey and that is why they came to Council to ask for support for a better raise and a descent salary, they are asking for \$12.00 an hour and to please help them get a better salary. Council Members Martin, Laster and Edwards absent. **NO QUORUM**

Mr. Clifford Hill, 14777 Wunderlich, 77069, (281)964-5388 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Martin, Laster and Edwards absent. **NO QUORUM**

Mr. Stephen Wright, no address, (757)256-9850 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Martin, Laster and Edwards absent. **NO QUORUM**

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 Martin, Laster and Edwards absent. **NO QUORUM**

Ms. Margaret Torres, no address, (346)801-7889, had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Martin, Laster and Edwards absent. **NO QUORUM**

Mr. Fredrick Metoyer, 2574 Marilee Ln., Apt. 39, 77057, (214)298-6088 appeared and stated that he wanted to recommend in a pleasant way and once again he been kinda of in a Litigation way and informed when to use the Public Libraries and he been working on a Litigation case for 18 years and where he is at in his completion and he has about 5 instruments to complete and if he does his work and all of a sudden his computer crashes and each time he completes something and it is kinda of crazy to keep going on with the same thing and what is been happening, the County Library, Federal Library and Public Library, so when he brings to the attention to the people that are in charge and since he is going to the point of going through some injuries and insurance on security exchange as well as Government and when he is writing is in procedure of

the Federal rules and it is not because he is greedy and he been taking he time off and explained what he has found out and what he has found out about himself because he has changed. Council Members Martin, Laster and Edwards absent. **NO QUORUM**

Ms. Deborah Wilkerson, no address, (713)499-9671 appeared and stated that she is still a victim of organized stalking which is a criminal felony, she is being followed, watched and pursued in and out around Houston and she is not alright with this, this is deliberate, repeated and life threatening, this is not easy and she is very stressful. Council Members Martin, Laster and Edwards absent. **NO QUORUM**

Mr. Joseph Omo Omuari, 7373 North Wayside, 77028, (832)815-7006 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Martin, Laster and Edwards absent. **NO QUORUM**

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 Martin, Laster and Edwards absent. **NO QUORUM**

**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 3:56 p.m. The City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, December 6, 2017, Council Members Martin, Laster and Edwards absent. **NO QUORUM**

At 8:22 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, December 6, 2017 Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding, with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Dwight Boykins, Dave Martin, Steve Le, Karla Cisneros, Robert Gallegos, Mike Laster, Mike Knox, David Robinson, Michael Kubosh, Amanda Edwards and Jack Christie D.C.; Ronald Lewis, City Attorney, Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director of the Agenda Office present. Mayor Sylvester Turner, Council Members Jerry Davis, Greg Travis and Larry Green out of the city on city business.

At 9:10 a.m. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen called the meeting to order and advised there will be no Mayor's Report. Council Members Boykins, Le and Robinson absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Cohen requested the City Secretary to call the Consent Agenda.

### **CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 8 through 31**

#### **PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS** - NUMBERS 8 and 10

- 8. LESLIE'S POOLMART, INC** for Chlorinated Chemicals for Various Departments - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$508,195.65 - Enterprise and General Funds- was presented,

moved by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Cisneros, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Le absent. **MOTION 2017-0710 ADOPTED**

- 10. APPROVE** payment to **BROWN & GAY ENGINEERS, INC** for Professional Services for electrical work to address disaster recovery activities due to Hurricane Harvey for the Department of Public Works & Engineering - \$88,704.91 - Disaster Recovery Fund-CUS- was presented, moved by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Cisneros, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Le absent. **MOTION 2017-0711 ADOPTED**

**RESOLUTIONS** - NUMBER 12

- 12. RESOLUTION** authorizing a grant application to the Office of the Governor of Texas for the General Victim Assistance – Direct Services Program by the City of Houston Mayor’s Office; declaring the City’s eligibility for such grant; authorizing the City of Houston Mayor to act as the City’s representative in the application process, with the authority to accept the grant and expend the grant funds, as awarded, and to apply for and accept all subsequent awards, if any, pertaining to the grant- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **RESOLUTION 2017-0035 ADOPTED**

**ORDINANCES** - NUMBERS 13 through 31

- 13. ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 11-63, AND 11-68 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, relating to burglar alarm permits and penalties; containing findings and other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; providing for severability; and declaring an emergency- the City Secretary advised that Item 13 have been pulled by the Administration and will not be considered.
- 14. ORDINANCE** finding and determining that public convenience and necessity no longer require the continued use of an East Richey Road 60-foot-wide stub portion to its terminus, located within the Northwood Subdivision out of the J.L. Runnels Survey, A-979, the Wilson Jones Survey, A-1542, the Richard West Survey, A-860, the W.C.R.R. Co. Survey, A-927, and the Barber Survey, A-125; vacating and abandoning the easement to **RICHEY FM 1960 INDUSTRIAL, LLC**, the abutting owner, in consideration of its payment to the City of \$15,908.00, and other consideration - **DISTRICT B – DAVIS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0942 ADOPTED**
- 23. ORDINANCE** establishing the south side of the 4600 block of Rusk 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. **ORDINANCE 2017-0943 ADOPTED**
- 24. ORDINANCE** establishing the north and south sides of the 4600-4800 blocks of Rusk 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. **ORDINANCE 2017-0944 ADOPTED**

- 25. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$109,049.73 out of Police Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding construction contract to **DNB ENTERPRISES, INC** for Underground Storage Tank Removal, Remediation and above Ground Storage Tank Installation at Police Helicopter Maintenance Facility; 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 materials testing, project management, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Police Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT I – GALLEGOS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0945 ADOPTED**
- 29. ORDINANCE** granting to **ROYAL SERVICES COMPANY LLC, a Texas Limited Liability Company**, 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 - **FIRST READING-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0946 PASSED FIRST READING IN FULL**
- 30. ORDINANCE** No. 2017-918, passed first reading November 29, 2017  
ORDINANCE granting to **MMG BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, LLC., a Texas Corporation**, the right, privilege, and franchise to collect, haul, and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions - **SECOND READING-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **PASSED SECOND READING IN FULL**
- 31. ORDINANCE** No. 2017-919, passed first reading November 29, 2017  
ORDINANCE granting to **WASTE TRANSFER PARTNERS, LLC, a Texas Limited Liability Company**, 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 - **SECOND READING-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **PASSED SECOND READING IN FULL**

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- 1. REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment of **DR. DONALD RICHARD COLLINS** to Position Three of the **HOUSTON ETHICS COMMISSION**, for a term to expire December 31, 2019- was presented, moved by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Knox, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0712 ADOPTED**
- 2. RECOMMENDATION** from the Director of the Houston Emergency Center for approval of the **GREATER HARRIS COUNTY 9-1-1 EMERGENCY NETWORK** for Fiscal Year 2018 Budget January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018- was presented, moved by Council

Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Knox and tagged by Council Members Stardig and Kubosh.

3. **RECOMMENDATION** from Acting Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for payment to **TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY** for Annual Consolidated Water Quality Fee for FY18 for the City's Wastewater Treatment Plants - \$1,734,793.35 - Enterprise Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Knox and tagged by Council Members Stardig, Knox and Martin.
4. **RECOMMENDATION** from Acting Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for payment to **TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY** for 2018 Water System Fees \$2,317,354.10 - Enterprise Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Christie and tagged by Council Member Martin who removed the tag for discussion.

After discussion of Item 3 and 4 Council Member Boykins moved that the rules be suspended to hear from Carol Haddock, Acting Director of PWE and seconded by Council Member Stardig, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0713 ADOPTED**

During discussion and questions, Council Member Martin moved that Item 4 be amended to impose a Financial Contribution of \$170,000.00 from the PWE Operation Fund Budget or \$15,500.00 Per Council District into the Council District Fund for payment of the fee and seconded by Council Member Kubosh.

Upon discussion with Mr. Lewis City Attorney, Mayor Pro Tem Cohen ruled the Motion out of order to amend Item 4 and after discussion and the release of their tag by Council Members Stardig, Knox and Martin, a vote was called on Item 4; Council Member Martin voting no, balance voting aye. **MOTION 2017-0714 ADOPTED**

Mayor Pro Tem Cohen advised that they would return to Item 3, Council Members Stardig, Knox and Martin removed their tags and vote was called on Item 3, Council Member Martin voting no, balance voting aye. **MOTION 2017-0715 ADOPTED**

5. **RECOMMENDATION** from Acting Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$1,447,354.42 and acceptance of work on contract with **JERDON ENTERPRISE, L. P.** for FY2013 Flood Gauge and Flood Warning System Negotiated Construction Work Orders - 3.51% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICTS C - COHEN; D - BOYKINS; H - CISNEROS and I - GALLEGOS** - was presented, moved by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Knox, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0716 ADOPTED**
6. **RECOMMENDATION** from the City Attorney to settle the City of Houston v. St. Luke's Methodist Church Foundation, a Texas not-for-profit corporation, Cause No. 1074492, for acquisition of Parcels AY15-060, AY15-061, AY15-064 and AY15-065; for the **WEST ALABAMA STREET PAVING & DRAINAGE PROJECT - DISTRICT C - COHEN** - was

presented, moved by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Cisneros, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0717 ADOPTED**

7. **BROOKSIDE EQUIPMENT SALES, INC** for John Deere Agricultural Mowers and Agricultural Equipment, Replacement Parts and Repair Services for the Fleet Management Department - 3 Years with two one-year options - **\$1,803,008.20** - Fleet Management Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Cisneros, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0718 ADOPTED**
  
9. **APPROVE** payment to **MELANGE FINE CUISINE, INC** for purchase of Prepared Meals to Relief Workers to address disaster recovery activities due to Hurricane Harvey for **the Office of Emergency Management** - **\$136,088.00** - Houston Emergency Center Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Cisneros, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0719 ADOPTED**
  
11. **RESOLUTION** approving and adopting a revised Investment Policy for the City of Houston, Texas- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **RESOLUTION 2017-0035 ADOPTED**
  
15. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing fifth amendment to the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program Rental Housing Projects Round 2 Subrecipient Grant Agreement between the City of Houston and the General Land Office of the State of Texas, to reduce the amount of the grant award by \$1,254,264.96, which is being transferred to the Round 2 Non-Rental Housing Grant, and to revise the rental housing budget - **DISTRICTS B - DAVIS; D - BOYKINS and H – CISNEROS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0947 ADOPTED**
  
16. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing sixth amendment to the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program Non-Rental Housing Projects Round 2 Subrecipient Grant Agreement, between the City of Houston and the General Land Office of the State of Texas, to increase the amount of the grant award by \$1,254,264.96, which is being transferred from the Round 2 Rental Housing Projects Grant, to extend the term, to revise the performance statement, the benchmarks and the non-rental housing budget - **DISTRICTS B - DAVIS; D - BOYKINS and H – CISNEROS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0948 ADOPTED**
  
17. **ORDINANCE** amending Ordinance No. 2017-0080 (Passed on February 8, 2017) to increase the maximum contract for the contract between the City of Houston and **TETRA TECH, INC** for Disaster Public Assistance Recovery and Consulting Services - \$32,000,000.00 - Various Funds- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0949 ADOPTED**
  
18. **ORDINANCE** amending Ordinance No. 2013-0816, as amended, to increase the maximum contract amounts and approving and authorizing 1) a third amendment to the agreement for Westlaw Computer-Assisted legal research services and clear services, and 2) a third amendment to the library maintenance agreement for print products, between the City of Houston and **WEST, A Thomson Reuters Business**, for the Legal Department- was

presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0950 ADOPTED**

19. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Professional Services Agreement for Legal Services between the City of Houston and **SUSMAN GODFREY, LLP**, for representation of the City in the case styled: City of Houston v. Towers Watson & Co: Civil Action No. 14-CV-02213; making certain findings as required by state law; establishing a maximum contract amount - \$450,000.00 - Property & Casualty Fund- was presented and tagged by Council Member Kubosh.
20. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing an agreement between the City of Houston and **REVRTC, INC** for E-One fire truck OEM replacement parts and repair services for the Fleet Management Department; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$1,999,000.00 Fleet Management Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Martin absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0951 ADOPTED**
21. **ORDINANCE** amending Ordinance No. 2016-0300 (passed on April 20, 2016) to increase the maximum contract amount for a contract between the City of Houston and **STAR SERVICE, INC OF HOUSTON** for Full-Service HVAC Pool Maintenance and Repair Services for the General Services Department - \$60,190.47 - Maintenance, Renewal and Replacement Fund - **DISTRICT H – CISNEROS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Martin absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0952 ADOPTED**
22. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **PRECISION TASK GROUP, INC** through the Texas Department of Information Resources for Software, Hosting, Maintenance & Support, and Professional Services for the Houston Information Technology Services; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$2,626,121.00 - Enterprise and Other Funds- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Martin absent. **ORDINANCE 2017-0953 ADOPTED**
26. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$3,000,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and \$1,000,000.00 out of the Street & Traffic Control & Storm Drainage DDSRF for fiscal year 2018 funding for Developer Participation Contracts (approved by Ordinance No. 2008-0307, as amended)- was presented and tagged by Council Member Kubosh.
27. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing an Assignment Agreement for Wastewater Treatment Capacity in Blackhawk Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility between the City of Houston and the **CITY of FRIENDSWOOD**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0954 ADOPTED**
28. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing an Assignment Agreement for Wastewater Treatment Capacity in Blackhawk Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility between the City of Houston and **HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 55**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0955 ADOPTED**

**MISCELLANEOUS**

- 32. SET A PUBLIC HEARING DATE** to provide a Resolution of No Objection to the 4% Tax Credit application of **ANNA DUPREE TERRACE LP, 10012 Cullen Boulevard - DISTRICT D - BOYKINS HEARING DATE - 9:00 A.M. - WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 13, 2017-** was presented, moved by Council Member Robinson to set the date and seconded by Council Member Laster, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Boykins and Cisneros absent. **MOTION 2017-0720 ADOPTED**
- 33. SET A PUBLIC HEARING DATE** to provide a Resolution of No Objection to the 4% Tax Credit application of **HOUSTON LEASED HOUSING ASSOCIATES VI LLLP, 500 West Airtex HEARING DATE - 9:00 A.M. - WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 13, 2017-** was presented, moved by Council Member Robinson to set the date and seconded by Council Member Laster, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Boykins and Cisneros absent. **MOTION 2017-0721 ADOPTED**

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

Members of Council announced events and discussed matters of interest.

There being no further business before Council; the City Council adjourned at 11:07 a.m. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Le, Cisneros, Laster, Knox, Kubosh and Edwards absent. **DETAILED INFORMATION ON FILE ON THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY**

**MINUTES READ AND APPROVED**

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Anna Russell, City Secretary