

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, October 30, 2018

A regular meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday October 30, 2018; Mayor Sylvester Turner presiding with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jerry Davis, Ellen Cohen, Dwight Boykins, Steve Le, Greg Travis, Karla Cisneros, Robert Gallegos, Mike Laster, Martha Castex-Tatum, Mike Knox, Michael Kubosh, Amanda Edwards and Jack Christie D.C.; Randy Zamora, Legal Department, Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director and Stella Ortega, Agenda Office present. Council Member Dave Martin absent on Personal Business. Council Member David Robinson out of the City on City Business.

At 1:39 p.m. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis called the meeting to order and stated they would start with the presentations. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Cohen, Boykins, Le, Gallegos, Laster, Castex-Tatum and Knox absent.

Council Member Kubosh (on behalf of Council Member Travis) stated that Robert Nowak is a twenty-four-year employee of the City of Houston and has been the webmaster for two decades. During this time, he has served four mayors, four controllers, 62 council members and 26 different supervisors and ss webmaster, Robert Nowak has been responsible for all web content for the Mayor and several city departments, the Controller, and City Council, including four rebrands of the city's website. Each year, he has completed over 1,700 service requests for over 1,000 unique web pages, responding to each in a professional and timely manner. In early 2018, Robert Nowak was one of the team leads for the City of Houston's website re-brand, which saved taxpayers an estimated \$200,000 and in August 2017, the greater Houston area experienced a life-altering natural disaster. Houstonians dealt with devastating losses because of Hurricane Harvey, with unprecedented amounts of rain and flooding, along with widespread destruction. Robert Nowak went above and beyond his role as webmaster for the City, as Houston worked to recover. He assisted by providing exemplary service during extremely difficult times and worked around the clock to assist with the retrieval, hosting and distribution of vital information and on October 30, 2018, Robert Nowak will be honored for his 20 years of service and leadership as webmaster. The City of Houston commends and appreciates Robert Nowak on his exceptional expertise and diligent service that has helped sustain and re-brand the City of Houston's website, improving its usability for all Houstonians, and extends best wishes for continued success, and therefore, on behalf of Mayor Turner, I, Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis hereby proclaimed October 30, 2018, as Robert Nowak Day. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Cohen, Le, Gallegos, Laster and Knox absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding.

Council Member Edwards stated that in 2011, the United Nations declared October 11 as the International Day of the Girl Child with a mission to help galvanize worldwide enthusiasm for goals to better girls' lives, providing an opportunity for them to show leadership and reach their full potential and Girls Inc. was founded in 1942, as an organization dedicated to the empowerment of girls to be strong, smart and bold. Girls Incorporated of Greater Houston has been operating in the Greater Houston area since 1996. Since its inception, the organization has offered its comprehensive, hands-on enrichment curriculum to more than 20,000 girls in after-school programs and out-of-school camps. Girls Incorporated of Greater Houston has partnered with area schools, mostly in high-need, low-income communities, to deliver programming that focuses on the development of girls. Through the leadership and programs of Girls Incorporated of Greater Houston, girls have developed leadership skills that will assist them throughout their lives and on October 30, 2018, the City of Houston encourages all citizens to recognize the importance of emboldening girls so that they may discover and develop their inherent strengths and reach their full potential in alignment with the mission of International Day of the Girl Child. The City of

Houston commends Girls Incorporated of Greater Houston on this occasion and extends best wishes for a rewarding observance and therefore, Mayor Turner hereby proclaimed October 30, 2018, as Girls Incorporated of Greater Houston Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Stardig, Cohen, Boykins, Le, Travis and Gallegos absent.

Mayor Turner stated that Municipal courts provide citizens of the Lone Star State with a local forum where questions of law and fact can be resolved in regard to alleged violations of state law and Municipal Ordinances, because citizens come into contact with Municipal Courts more than any other Courts, the public impression of the Texas Judicial system is largely dependent on their experience there and Judges of the Municipal Courts function also as magistrates, and in that role, they perform such duties as issuing search and arrest warrants, giving magistrate warnings and setting bail for offenses ranging from petty theft to murder and pledging to be impartial and to conform to the standards set by the Canons of Judicial Conduct. The estimated 6,000 employees of Municipal Courts work diligently to ensure the fair administration of justice while upholding the rigorous standards of professionalism. Municipal Judges, Clerks, Court Administrators, Bailiffs and Warrant Officers continually strive to improve the administration of justice through participation in judicial education programs, seminars, workshops and the annual meetings of their state and local professional organizations and the 85<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature designated November 5-9, 2018, as Municipal Courts Week to recognize the accomplishments of Municipal Courts and to salute their critical role in preserving public safety, protecting the quality of life in Texas communities and deterring future criminal behavior, and therefore, Mayor Turner hereby proclaimed November 5-9, 2018, as Municipal Courts Week in Houston, Texas. Council Members Stardig, Le and Travis absent.

At 2:07 p.m. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis recognized Council Member Castex-Tatum for the Invocation and Pledge and she invited Pastor William Cumby for the Invocation and Council Member Castex-Tatum led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Turner stated that before he requests the Assistant City Secretary Call the Roll in consent with the Prayer, Mayor Turner wanted a moment of silence on behalf of those who lost their lives in Pittsburg, for their families and the ones that were injured, the Law Enforcement Personal that were injured and on behalf of our Country as a whole. A moment of silence.

The Roll was Called. Council Member Dave Martin absent on Personal Business. Council Member David Robinson out of the City on City Business.

Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Davis for a Procedural Motion; Council Member Davis moved to suspend the rules to move Glenn Livingston and Isaac Sanchez to the top of the 3 Minutes Agenda Speak after the 1<sup>st</sup> Speaker and seconded by Council Member Kubosh, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Boykins and Le absent. **MOTION 2018-0560 ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Davis for a point of Personal Privilege; Council Member Davis stated that he would like to recognize the Students from Wheatley Wild Cats that who were the Chambers today and requested them to show of hands.

Mayor Turner stated that the City Secretary Anna Russell is not present, and we all want to keep Ms. Anna Russell lifted up and in our Prayers.

At 2:15 p.m. Mayor Turner requested the Assistant City Secretary to call the List of Speakers

Lois Myers, 9701 Westview, 77055, (713)775-2443 appeared and stated that she is speaking on drainage. There should be more detention ponds requiring developers on their own site and paid for by them to detain their own rain run off rather the rain go into the streets. There is a lot of Drainage Projects on this Agenda Item 5, where are they going to go because that is her point, there is no place for them to go so they need to have a really good reform requiring all developers to put in detention ponds on their own site to catch their rain runoff. The last time she was here she had been to an August 28<sup>th</sup> TIRZ Board Meeting which Council Member Stardig doesn't attend anymore but she found out that the engineer for the projects North of I-10 said to her when she asked him later, "how much bigger are they going to make the Briar Branch Creek W140, the Harris County ditch and they found they had only 5 to 7 year level to a flood?" and the engineer told her he does not know and they would have to do a study. Council Member Stardig said that the TIRZ North of I-10 is increasing the drainage by 2 to 3 years and she refuted that statement later when she was here in Council because of what the engineer stated. Today she went to the TIRZ Board Meeting and it is only going to be an increase to a 10 acre field which is a far cry from 100 year acre feed detention during a flood that they anticipated and she also found out about a secretive project that Council Member Stardig and Flood Czar Costello are doing just 4 blocks North of her home and put even more water into her neighborhood and this was a closed meeting. She does understand why she did not include all of them that live in the surrounding neighborhoods, Council Member Stardig, they are very upset because there is going to be an increase in their backyard of 20 feet across to do what they called a Maintenance Project and because of being 20 feet across that is not just maintenance. The County and the City is doing this together and they can't get any drainage information and the Assistant City Attorney denied their Open Request. Council Members Boykins and Le absent.

Council Member Stardig stated they held these secret meeting which the Mayor is very aware of which is the Orphan Ditch that she mentioned to him at that meeting when they had over at the Meeting. The fact is that it's a Flood Control District, but the City of Houston is taking the initiative to maintain the ditches that been there for years and they are going back maintaining them, then the Flood Control District is going to come back on maintaining them going forward. Upstream from there, they are doing a Neuens Project and homes have flooded for years upstream of here, so this is part of the entire system to get the water conveyed from the Northern part of Spring Branch down to Briar Branch and then to the Buffalo Bayou. So, she appreciates Ms. Myers comments today but however it would be better if they work with the facts and the facts are I-10 have the capacity to put an inline detention underneath there because it has flood for years. People can't get to the hospital from Spring Branch and since Spring Branch Hospital has been closed their closest hospital is Memorial and their EMTs can't get through there during high water events. They are going to triple the boxes in some parts and again she wants to make sure that people stick with the facts because the design is in the process and they are working fast and furious and they have it up with Legal. She believes that the Houston Public Works has relayed to the different inquiries that this group has made but they have met with the Homeowners in the area and Ms. Myers advised that they have not. Council Member Stardig stated that the Department has gone above and beyond to have meeting with the impacted Homeowners

Glenn Livingston, 2215 Lockwood Dr., 77020, (346)203-6096 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Boykins and Le absent.

Isaac Sanchez, 318 Woolworth, 77020, (713)674-3146 appeared and stated that he goes to Wheatley High School and he speaks on behalf of the other youth and the community that he

lives in. He is here to talk about the basic necessities that they need in their neighborhood such as breaking racial barriers and more variety in grocery stores. For example, Fiesta is a go to store for them, there is a Walmart by Wayside but not that many people have the transportation to get there and that is a problem. He is sure that everyone can see the reality to that because that is the reason you see shopping carts everywhere on the streets, they are not asking for a Whole Foods, nothing too high end but at least an HEB or a Joe Vs. Another topic is about more Police interaction or try a more positive relation and they may know that they recently had a protest and he feel like there could have gotten out of control if they did not have better relationships with people from the City Council or the Police Department and not to wait until something is to happen. If they had better influences and they do have big auditoriums which people can come and speak. So, more interactions can be helpful in the future; also, the CVS that was just built, they have 2 other pharmacies within the same block of one another. He feels something else could have been built there. He wanted to remind them that gentrification can hurt the community and the families, they need to reinsure the redevelopment in the area to make sure that the families that live in the area already are not priced out or forced to move somewhere else. Maybe more manageable property taxes could help because once they forget the families and bring in the nice stuff, what is the point, the original community is not left there. Council Members Stardig, Boykins and Knox absent.

Mayor Turner stated to Mr. Sanchez he wanted to ask him, "is he in school or out of school?" and Mr. Sanchez advised Mayor Turner that he is a 12<sup>th</sup> Grader at Wheatley High School. The reason why the Mayor asked is because he wanted to commend him for his presentation, he didn't read it off a piece of paper, he spoke from his heart and his thoughtfulness of his presentation and for the points that he has raised. To be a 12<sup>th</sup> Grader and to come before Members of Council to outline those points speak volumes and it also speaks well about the other students that are here. Mayor Turner understands his points and it is important to have better Police interaction and when it comes to redevelopment, they do want to maintain the history and the personality for that community and to make sure the families that are already living there for decades to be able to stay there and not to price them out or force them out. They are working very closely with their City Council Member which happens to be Vice Mayor Pro Tem Jerry Davis and Mayor Turner wonders if the two of them have spoken face to face because the points he made is exactly what Council Member Davis have expressed about and he wanted to tell him again very well done on the presentation.

Council Member Davis thanked Mr. Sanchez for his comments. If he wasn't term limited, he would be a little scared if he was running against him and he is being very serious. His presentation was awesome as the Mayor stated and he will advise him a few months ago they voted to help bring forth another grocery store right behind the CVS and that's the construction right across from the Nickel. Even through the CVS was built and the competitor came and built across from them but it did bring a new grocery store for the community and sometimes it is part of a balance.

Elbert Robertson, 7225 Bellerive, 77036, (832)338-2994 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Boykins and Knox absent.

Bennie Freeman, 4530 Firnat, 77016, (713)254-1984 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Boykins and Knox absent.

Marion Scott, no address, no phone, had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Boykins and Knox absent.

Pastor Will Hill, 3215 Lyons Ave., 77029, (281)964-5388 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Boykins and Knox absent.

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

Arthur Middleton, 8931 Duane St., 77051, (713)738-8124 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Boykins and Knox absent.

Jim Tucker, 507 Welch, 77006, (301)807-9255 appeared and stated that it was a nice walk to the train today, he lives in District C and on occasion he drives elsewhere in the City. They have seen over the past several months about the challenges from what the Solid Waste Management systems brings and they are optimistic that the upcoming relationship with FCC on Recycling Management will move us toward for a greater waste minimization. The Solid Waste Department has been helpful with information on their composting, the bimonthly collection of landscaping debris and the weekly collection of bags cutting, leaves and he does look forward in touring these facilities. He is still working on how much they save on fertilizer for our Parks and Green Spaces from the composting produce. He still sees mattresses left on the curbs by folks who must not coordinate with the bimonthly large item collection for their neighborhood and he understands that the abandoned tires are a huge problem for other neighborhoods, and they do not use their computing abilities very effectively in many operational areas. He suggests that there must be a clever teenager in town somewhere who can build a mobile phone app that citizens can at least report these items when they see them. He regularly drops off neighborhood glass at the facilities that is collected at the West Park Facility and they are very efficient and helpful; he also sees a huge amount of electronics collected at the West Park which is great that they are not going to the land field however, he images that most of the cords from the electronics are ok or fine could be reused but he has not figured out a good way to reuse these cords. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin and Laster absent.

Carol Burrus, 3615 Sun Valley, 77025, (713)818-4470 appeared and stated she wanted to especially say good afternoon to her Council Member Castex-Tatum. She been doing her best to learn about climate change for a decade and for the past 3 years have been working with organizations to try to do her part to help us all learn about what is happening and what we can do to make individual and community changes. She has been convinced that working locally is our best shot and that is why she has focused about learning and advocating on the City and the local community's level. She is very happy that the City is currently working on a Solid Waste Management Plan and she thanked them for deciding to use some of the City's Budget to do this important planning. Planning allows us to use models that are efficient and smart. She comes to speak on what she knows is the best practices that she wants our Solid Waste Management Plan to include. Our Solid Waste Management Plan needs to include for a circular economy packaging and waste which is part of the zero waste model, they reduce the amount of trash and recycling that is produced requiring businesses to stop using single use packaging, containers can be refilled and reused like when she was a little girl and they took their coke cans back to the grocery store for a refund and these practices are possible and we are drowning in plastic. Next, make recycling required not only for single family homes but also apartments and businesses. The amount of recycling that is being done right now is a small percentage of what could be done, the rest of the recyclables are going into landfills every single day until this change is made. Next, require individual homes, apartments and businesses to separate out composite because when composited material is separated from other trash, they sequester carbon out of the atmosphere. Combined with other garbage they create methane. Some Cities make money on good soil to fund their composite program and this kind of good soil is able to absorb more water during floods and holds water during a drought. We can't afford to continue to do business as usual and with scientific information that we have 2 years to turn this around and she is scared, she is here, she

wants Council to use their power. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin and Laster absent.

Council Member Castex-Tatum thanked Ms. Burrus for coming down and making her comments and she was just reading an article about the way they recycle in Singapore and they take the trash and they burn it and they create these beautiful Parks and places from the debris. Trying to look at different ways that we can do a better job on continuing to recycle and encouraging others to recycle. They do have a couple of programs that is coming up in the District and will be announced in 2019 that really emphasizes recycling and in helping students and people to realize how much waste we actually use on a daily basis and she is going to reach out to Ms. Burrus to give her an update on some of the programs that they will be introducing in the schools to encourage students the importance to recycle more and to take that home and to continue that practice.

Joe Richardson, 6101 Bobby Burns, 77028, (713)818-5822 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin and Laster absent.

William Cain, 508 Franklin Blvd., Austin, TX, 78751, (512)521-8874 appeared and stated that he is the President of a Non-Profit call the Radical Empathy Education Foundation that is dedicated in ending human trafficking in one generation and their first goal is to end minor sex trafficking. This is a personal fight for him were his children actually were being groomed by a sex predator and that is really where he had started. He has 25 years in the Interactive Industry and he wanted to use his experience in that to make a difference with the kids. In 2016 the University of Texas did a study across the State and it is the only Statewide study that is performed in the United States and it shows that 300,000 people are victims of human trafficking and of that, 79 are of Minor Sex Trafficking and he knows that this is important to Houston because it is one of the main points of entry for people that is being Sex Trafficked in the United States. They have created a program called One Generation and it teaches the kids signs of someone that might be in danger and also how to notice when people might the trafficking like if it is happening to one of their friends or family members, they have created a Blended Educational Program that combines traditional educational materials that is given to the teachers and the students and also there is an interactive virtual reality experience and the program actually puts them in a shoe of an actual person that is being trafficked, how that person got into the situation and how they were manipulated. The program is not violent or anything like that, it just really tells a story and their goal is to use these materials to have people understand and help the people that have been victimized. There have been studies shown that virtual reality has have an impact in increasing awareness and what they are doing is starting 5 pilot programs in different schools that provides all the material that they will need, and they can use the program indefinitely and their goal is to end trafficking in one generation. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Gallegos, Laster and Christie absent.

Mayor Turner stated to Mr. Cain that they had a symposium just last night on Human Trafficking and he encourages Minal Patel Davis, who is giving leadership in the Human Trafficking initiative for the City of Houston and she would be more than happy to sit down and speak with him and work with him.

Rob Roy, 841 Nursery Rd., Clute, TX, 77531, (210)601-9335 appeared and stated that these ideas was sold to him by Mr. Cain, so he has had an opportunity to go to couple of Billy seminars and meetings and he got very excited about it. He wanted to share a little bit of what he gets out of learning from his reading material and this is kind of putting it in his own words. So, Billy and

he talked about and the significant difference here, Billy has taken this one step further on putting human trafficking on virtual reality and out on the computerized machines since this is what the kids live on and also their perpetrators as well. Once they put on the headset and go through the course, they will be totally amazed how well it is organized. It is amazing how kids relate to the matrix world. He hopes that they received a message today and to consider working with their organization in the future and they would love to partner up with the City of Houston and they certainly appreciate all the great work that they do in the community and it is an honor to be here. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Gallegos, Laster and Christie absent.

William Beal, no address, no phone, had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Gallegos, Laster and Christie absent.

Jennie Cordova, no address, (832)462-3347 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Gallegos, Laster and Christie absent.

Andrew Evans, 2402 Napoleon St., 77004, (832)495-6323 appeared and stated that he is here to speak about the gas station at 2324 Scott Street and he had pictures for Members of Council to see how close this gas station actually is. The first picture that they can see, he is showing the distance from his front window out at of the gas station, they can see how close the gas station is to his home. Where the trash can is, is where they plan to build a drive that will come directly to his home and it's just not his home but the rest of the homes that are on the block. The second picture is him standing across the street where they are building the gas station and it shows around the area where the cars will be driving out that is across his home. The third picture is down the block and on the left is the gas station and further down is a Popeyes and they can see that there are homes all down the street. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Laster and Christie absent.

Council Member Boykins stated to Mr. Evans that he will give him a few moments after he asked him some questions and he wanted to make sure that this was directly across the street from Mr. Evans house which he advised Council Member Boykins that it was and then Council Member Boykins allowed him to finish his comment.

Mr. Evans stated that the last picture that they see, is him on Scott Street and showing a fence and once the fence is gone, that whole strip will be a driveway. The cars will be coming and going at the gas station and along with 2 fast food places which is leading out directly to their block. They can't see it in the picture but right behind the Popeye's there is an active drug house and the reason there are no pictures of that house is because there were builders outside of the house watching him take pictures. He wanted people to see actually how close it is and he is not exaggerating the proximity to his home.

Council Member Boykins stated that he commends him for coming down here for the past couple of weeks and it's a sad situation because the City of Houston does not have zoning and it is sad that they can't really do anything about it and he express that people need to go to their State Representatives to voice their opinion because they can make changes on the State side then it comes down to local Government and unless they can prove there is an environmental issue and then be able to prove it but if they can't, they will issue the permits because it is their land.

Fredrick Metoyer, 2574 Marilee Ln. Apt.# 39, 77057, no phone, appeared and stated that he is here once again and he wanted to say this here and right of the bat that how he acted in the community concerning something that happened to him in a Library which he did report it and he needed some help but he was detained. He is not able to complete what he was doing at the

Library, he is going to several other Libraries and the same thing is happening to him. He is writing something that is prolific. Council Members Stardig, Martin and Christie absent.

Mayor Turner requested Pastor Hill to come to the podium to speak.

Pastor Will Hill, 3215 Lyons Ave., 77029, (281)964-5388 appeared and stated that he is present on behalf of Unity Baptist Church and he has spoken to the Council Members several times along with Former Mayor Annise Parker. He has come to them as humble as he could. He is a Master Plumber for over 33 years and even his son has a license. He has been a positive icon for the Houston area, he does have many clients plus City Inspectors and he spoke to them about the conspiracy and the theory of him filing a court case in the Federal Court and City Court and in Austin Texas. They are at the point now, they have whistle blowers in the Church. Pastor Gains, Pastor Landrieu and Pastor Jordan, he has spoken to them as a man in seeking justice. They have stopped his plumbing trucks saying that he had cocaine in the trucks. They had file a homicide case and said he was dead, he was assaulted in Memorial on several occasions. They have not had any problems with his company here in Houston. He even spoke to Sheila Jackson Lee when she was trying to get reelected even the Church spoke to her and she wrote to the State to Martha Hernandez and Martha Hernandez wrote her back saying that it was settled and after that he had not heard anything back from Shelia Jackson Lee and they are still waiting for the situation to be settled. It's not going away, it is not going to be covered up and all he is asking for is justice. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Laster and Christie absent.

**Note:** During the public session motions were offered to extend time for questions of various speakers, and votes taken, which were not prepared in written form and may be viewed on HTV Houston or on disc.

At 3:06 p.m. The City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, October 31, 2018, Council Members Stardig, Martin, Laster and Christie absent.

Pat J. Daniel, Assistant City Secretary read the description or captions of the Items on the Agenda.

The Houston City Council reconvened at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, October 31, 2018 Mayor Sylvester Turner presiding, with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jerry Davis, Ellen Cohen, Steve Le, Greg Travis, Karla Cisneros, Robert Gallegos, Mike Laster, Marta Castex-Tatum, Mike Knox, David Robinson, Michael Kubosh, Amanda Edwards and Jack Christie D.C.; Ronald Lewis, City Attorney, Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director and Stella Ortega, Agenda Office present. Council Member Dwight Boykins absent on Personal Business.

At 9:08 a.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting to order and will go to the Monthly Financial Report. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Le, Travis, Laster and Edwards absent.

**REPORT FROM CITY CONTROLLER AND THE CITY ADMINISTRATION REGARDING THE CURRENT FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE CITY** including but not limited to, a revenue, expenditure and encumbrance report for the General Fund, all special revenue funds and all enterprise funds, and a report on the status of bond funds and a Quarterly Investment Report by the City Controller- was presented, Chris Brown, City Controller and Tantri Emo, Director of Finance Department reviewed the Monthly Operation and Financial report; copies of which are on file in the City Secretary's office for review.

After a lengthy discussion and questioning by Members of Council, a vote was called to accept the Monthly Financial Report, Council Member Edwards moved to accept the monthly financial

report and seconded by Council Member Christie, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Stardig and Laster absent. **MOTION 2018-0561 ADOPTED**

At 9:26 a.m. Mayor Turner moved to the Mayor's Report.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Turner stated that of course tonight is Halloween and for those that will be out there for the limited period of time before the rain comes, he is requesting for everyone to be safe and follow common sense and safety rules. Tonight, we are expecting rain and was said it could pass quickly through but there could be some street flooding and they will be monitoring the situation very carefully and again encourage people to be very careful out on the roads tonight with the rain coming through. They briefly spoke about the Pittsburg Synagogue Massacre that took place and he simply wanted to be Prayerful for those families and for the City of Pittsburg and quite frankly for the Country as a whole, it was and still is very painful and there is no place for hate in this society. They have just seen a number of incidents that have gone back since 2015 and again there is no place for "hate" against any group.

Mayor Turner said on Sunday evening he attended the Houston Rockets Chris Paul's Family Foundation dinner and one of his focus on his Foundation is the homelessness initiative, working with the Coalition for the Homeless and he wanted to applaud him for the work that him and his family is doing and then thanks to the efforts of many of the Faith Leaders, Houston is sending another two 18 wheelers with donated relief supplies to parts of the South due to Hurricane Michael. He wanted to thank Janice Weaver and Bill Baldwin for giving leadership to this effort.

Also, Mayor Turner wanted to bear in mind about how early voting will end this coming Friday. The Poles remain open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and he wanted to encourage people to vote for whoever their choice is and to remember that the Proposition A and Proposition B are at the very end of the Ballot, Proposition A is dealing with Rebuild Houston in Street Drainage and Flooding and Proposition B is dealing with the pay raise that the Firefighters are requesting and if people vote the voice of the people will be heard.

At 9:31 a.m. Mayor Turner requested Assistant City Secretary to call the Agenda.

### **CONSENT AGENDA NUMBER 3**

#### **MISCELLANEOUS** - NUMBER 3

- 3. RECOMMENDATION** from Director Houston Public Works for payment to **TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY** for Annual Consolidated Water Quality Fee, Air Emission Fee and Air Inspection Fee for FY19 for the City's Wastewater Treatment Plants - \$1,789,294.72 Enterprise Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis and Knox absent. **MOTION 2018-0562 ADOPTED**

#### **ACCEPT WORK** - NUMBER 4

4. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Houston Public Works for approval of final contract amount of \$14,368,623.38 and acceptance of work on contract with **PEPPER-LAWSON WATERWORKS, LLC** for 69th Street Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements (Package 5) 0.71% under the original Contract amount - **DISTRICT H – CISNEROS**- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Stardig, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis and Knox absent. **MOTION 2018-0563 ADOPTED**

**ORDINANCES** - NUMBERS 7 through 22

7. **ORDINANCE** supplementing the City of Houston, Texas Master Ordinance providing for the issuance of Combined Utility System Revenue Obligations to authorize the amendment of one or more qualified hedge agreements with respect to Certain Outstanding Combined Utility System Bonds; making other provisions incident thereto; and declaring an emergency- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis and Knox absent. **ORDINANCE 2018-0866 ADOPTED**
12. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **HARRIS COUNTY** relating to the Joint Election to be held on November 6, 2018; providing a maximum contract amount - \$1,079,680.00 - General Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis and Knox absent. **ORDINANCE 2018-0867 ADOPTED**
14. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$300,000.00 from the Police Consolidated Construction Fund for Paving of Parking Lots at Houston Police Facilities- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis and Knox absent. **ORDINANCE 2018-0868 ADOPTED**
17. **ORDINANCE** amending Ordinance No. 2015-690 to increase the maximum contract amount; approving and authorizing first amendment to the agreement for Operation and Maintenance Services for the Greater Northeast Houston Service Area (GNEHSA) Water and Wastewater Utilities and Facilities between the City of Houston and **INFRAMARK, LLC f/k/a SEVERN TRENT ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC** for Operation and Maintenance Services for GNEHSA \$500,000.00 - Enterprise Fund - **DISTRICT E – MARTIN**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis and Knox absent. **ORDINANCE 2018-0869 ADOPTED**
18. **ORDINANCE** consenting to the addition of 26.127 acres of land to **CHIMNEY HILL MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT**, for inclusion in its district- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis and Knox absent. **ORDINANCE 2018-0870 ADOPTED**
19. **ORDINANCE** consenting to the addition of 93.9534 acres of land to **DOWDELL PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT**, for inclusion in its district- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis and Knox absent. **ORDINANCE 2018-0871 ADOPTED**
20. **ORDINANCE** consenting to the creation of **FORT BEND COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 229**, containing 437.6585 acres of land within the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Houston, Texas; authorizing the district to exercise road powers and to issue bonds for road facilities- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis and Knox absent. **ORDINANCE 2018-0872 ADOPTED**

21. **ORDINANCE** consenting to the addition of 27.72 acres of land to **HARRIS COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 84**, for inclusion into its district- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis and Knox absent. **ORDINANCE 2018-0873 ADOPTED**
22. **ORDINANCE** consenting to the addition of 487.49 acres of land to **HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 504**, for inclusion in its district- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis and Knox absent. **ORDINANCE 2018-0874 ADOPTED**

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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

1. **REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following individuals to the **PLANNING COMMISSION**:
- Position Two - **MEERA D. VICTOR**, reappointment, for a term to expire 6/30/2020
  - Position Four - **SUSAN ALLEMAN**, reappointment, for a term to expire 6/30/2020
  - Position Five - **RANDALL L. JONES**, appointment, for a term to expire 6/30/2019
  - Position Six - **ILEANA RODRIGUEZ**, appointment, for a term to expire 6/30/2020
  - Position Eight - **LYDIA MARES**, reappointment, for a term to expire June 30, 2020
  - Position Ten - **MEGAN R. SIGLER**, reappointment, for a term to expire 6/30/2020
  - Position Eleven - **ISABEL LONGORIA**, appointment, for a term to expire 6/30/2019
  - Position Twelve - **LESTER O. KING**, appointment, for a term to expire 6/30/2020
  - Position Eighteen - **PAUL R. NELSON**, reappointment, for a term to expire 6/30/2020
  - Position Twenty - **ANTOINE BRYANT**, reappointment, for a term to expire 6/30/2020
- Was presented, moved by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Stardig, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Knox absent. **MOTION 2018-0564 ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner invited the Members of the Planning Commission to the podium, Mayor Turner and Members of Council thanked them for their willingness to serve.

2. **RECOMMENDATION** from Fire Chief for Extension of Injury on Duty Leave for **Engineer Operator EMT JASON ANNIS** for the period March 30, 2018 through April 16, 2018- was presented, moved by Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis and tagged by Council Member Edwards.
  
5. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Houston Public Works for approval of final contract amount of \$1,499,013.16 and acceptance of work on contract with **T CONSTRUCTION, LLC** for FY2013 Local Drainage Project Construction Work Orders 1 - 1.00% under the original Contract amount **DISTRICTS A - STARDIG; C - COHEN; D - BOYKINS; E - MARTIN; F - LE; G - TRAVIS; H - CISNEROS; I - GALLEGOS and K - CASTEX-TATUM**- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis and tagged by Council Member Stardig.
  
6. **RESOLUTION** approving and authorizing the nomination and submission of nine projects for funding consideration in the 2018 Transportation Improvement Program call for projects administered by the Houston-Galveston Area Council- was presented, after a lengthy discussion, a vote was called, Council Member Martin voting no, balance voting aye. **RESOLUTION 2018-0035 ADOPTED**
  
8. **ORDINANCE** authorizing the use of \$360,000.00 from previously appropriated Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) Affordable Housing Funds and approving and authorizing contract between the **SEARCH HOMELESS SERVICES** and the City of Houston to provide a Homeless Services Program that will include a Mobile Outreach/Welcome Center and Housing Case Management Services to be funded with TIRZ and Texas Homeless Housing and Services Program Funds - \$390,000.00 - Grant Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **ORDINANCE 2018-0875 ADOPTED**
  
9. **ORDINANCE** amending Ordinance No. 2018-0007 (Passed on January 3, 2018) to decrease the maximum contract amount of an agreement between the City of Houston and **APTIM ENVIRONMENTAL & INFRASTRUCTURE, INC** for Master Program Management Services for Disaster Related Projects; approving and authorizing Amendment No. 1 to said agreement- was presented and tagged by Council Member Laster.
  
10. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$301,240.00 out of Airports Improvement Fund and \$24,185,681.00 out of the HAS Consolidated ITRP AMT Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Amendment No. 1 to the contract for Construction-Manager-At-Risk Services between the City of Houston and **AUSTIN GILBANE**, Joint Venture, for the IAH Mickey Leland International Terminal at George Bush Intercontinental Airport/Houston (Project No. 826; Ordinance No. 2017-335); providing funding for engineering testing services and the Civic Art Program - **DISTRICT B – DAVIS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0876 ADOPTED**
  
11. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Amendment No. 1 to Professional Services Contract between the City of Houston and **FENTRESS ARCHITECTS, LTD.**, for Architectural and Engineering Design Services for the Mickey Leland International Terminal at George Bush Intercontinental Airport/Houston (Ordinance No. 2016-919; Project No. 826) - **DISTRICT B – DAVIS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0877 ADOPTED**

- 13. ORDINANCE** relating to the retail gas utility rates of **CENTERPOINT ENERGY RESOURCES CORP. d/b/a CENTERPOINT ENERGY ENTEX and as CENTERPOINT ENERGY TEXAS GAS**; approving the reduction to base rates for gas utility customers in the City of Houston, as filed by CenterPoint; establishing the legal gas utility rates of CenterPoint until changed as provided by law- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0878 ADOPTED**
- 15. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$5,000,000.00 out of Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) Affordable Housing Fund and approving award of an Outreach, Intake and Case Management Services Agreement between the **City of Houston** and **ICF INCORPORATED, L.L.C.**, for Hurricane Harvey Disaster Recovery Services; establishing a maximum contract amount - 1 Year with two one-year options-was presented and tagged by Council Members Kubosh and Laster.
- 16. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$1,516.60 out of Metro Projects Construction DDSRF as an additional appropriation to contract between the City of Houston and **FLORIDA TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES, INC** for the Fiber Cable and Communication Equipment Installation Project (Approved by Ordinance Nos. 2014-0981 & 2015-1080); providing funding for construction of facilities financed by the Metro Projects Construction DDSRF - \$6,066.42 - Grant Fund **DISTRICTS C - COHEN; H - CISNEROS and I - GALLEGOS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0879 ADOPTED**
- 23. ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **DELOITTE & TOUCHE, LLP**, for Financial Services for disaster related funding for the Finance Department; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$5,000,000.00 General Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0880 ADOPTED**
- 24. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$284,394.00 out of Parks & Recreation Dedication Fund and \$135,607.00 out of Parks Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding construction contract to **McKENNA CONTRACTING, INC** for Playground Fall Surface Replacements FY18; 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 contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Parks Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS A - STARDIG; B - DAVIS; C - COHEN; D - DAVIS; E - MARTIN; G - TRAVIS; H - CISNEROS and I - GALLEGOS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2018-0881 ADOPTED**

**NON-CONSENT AGENDA** - NUMBER 25

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**25. SET A PUBLIC HEARING DATE** to provide a Resolution of No Objection to the 4% tax credit application of **ST. ELIZABETH PLACE LP.** for an Affordable Housing Community located at 4514 Lyons, Houston, Texas 77020 - **DISTRICT B - DAVIS**  
**HEARING DATE - 9:00 A.M. - WEDNESDAY - NOVEMBER 7, 2018**- was presented, Council Member Cohen moved to set a Public Hearing date for November 7, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2018-0565 ADOPTED**

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

Members of Council announced events and discussed matters of interest.

There being no further business before Council; the City Council adjourned at 10:44 a.m. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Le, Travis, Laster, Knox and Kubosh absent.

**DETAILED INFORMATION ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY**

**MINUTES READ AND APPROVED**

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Pat J. Daniel, Assistant City Secretary