

Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, November 16, 2021

A regular meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 16, 2021, with Mayor Sylvester Turner presiding with Council Members Amy Peck, Tarsha Jackson, Abbie Kamin, Carolyn Evans-Shabazz, Dave Martin, Tiffany Thomas, Greg Travis, Karla Cisneros, Robert Gallegos, Edward Pollard, Martha Castex-Tatum, Mike Knox, David W. Robinson, Michael Kubosh and Sallie Alcorn, Randy Zamora, Legal Department, and Stella Ortega, Agenda Office, present. Council Member Letitia Plummer absent on personal business.

At 1:40 p.m., Mayor Turner called the meeting to order and recognized Council Member Thomas for a proclamation.

Council Member Thomas presented a proclamation to the Houston Area Coalition of Chapters of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. celebrating 110 years of the organization being founded. Accepting the proclamation were Jeffrey Williams, President; Cliff Hodrick, Secretary; Erick Powers, Treasurer; John Barker, Chaplain and Breland Walker, Undergraduate Representative.

Council Member Martin presented a proclamation to BakerRipley celebrating the 2021 BakerRipley Houston Turkey Trot. Accepting the proclamation were Rene Solis, Chief Program Officer, Steve Gomez, Chief of Special Projects and Sassy the Turkey.

At 2:05 p.m., Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Castex-Tatum for the Invocation. Council Member Castex-Tatum invited Sister Mary Margaret Pham, OP, and Sister Catherine Teresa Bui, OP (Dominican Sisters of Mary Immaculate Province) and after which Council Member Castex-Tatum led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Council Member Letitia Plummer absent on personal business.

Council Member Castex-Tatum moved to adopt the minutes of September 28 & 29, 2021 and October 5- 6, 2021 and Seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none.

MOTION ADOPTED

Due to health and safety concerns related to COVID-19, this meeting will offer the options to participate by videoconference or in-person. The meeting will be open to the public but restrictions regarding masks, allowable room capacity, and seating arrangements may be in place.

The public meeting location will be City Hall Council Chamber, 901 Bagby, 2nd Floor, Houston, Texas 77002. The Mayor, as presiding officer of City Council, and some Council Members will be physically present. Other Council Members will be participating by videoconference in accordance with the provisions of Section 551.127 of the Texas Government Code applicable to a governmental body that extends into three or more counties. The meeting will also be streamed as usual on the City's website (<https://www.houstontx.gov/htv/index.html>), Facebook site

(<https://www.facebook.com/pg/HoustonTelevision/videos/>) and the municipal channel on public television.

Members of the public may also provide public comment during the public session portion of the meeting at (936) 755-1521; Conference ID# 463 873 479#. Details for signing up to speak in-person or virtually are posted at <https://www.houstontx.gov/council/meetingsinfo.html>.

Members of the public may attend the Wednesday Council session in-person, or via Teams at (936) 755-1521; Conference ID# 913 181 102# but no public comment will be allowed outside of the public hearing on First amended Project Plan for TIRZ 26 (Sunnyside) or the SCD BLK 250 (Skanska) Reinvestment Zone.

Mayor Turner stated that he wanted to review some of the procedures for conducting the Virtual Public Session. He is requesting for Council Members to speak slowly and clearly because this will help the City Secretary, the Closed Captioner and the General Public. After roll call, they established there was a quorum. If by chance, for example, they have to leave, just let them know on the chat screen if they are leaving temporarily or if they are leaving for the duration because otherwise, they will assume that Council Members are present. If they are making the motion or seconding a motion, they will need to state their name and their action clearly so they can have it down for the record. The Agenda Director will be monitoring the chat and will provide him their names. Please don't use the chat room just for chatting. Please mute themselves when they are not speaking and unmute themselves when they are recognized to speak. For the general public, in order to be recognized as a public speaker, they have to sign up for the meeting on Monday by 3:00 p.m. in the Office of the City Secretary and then they will call the speakers name in the order that they have signed up. When their name is called, press *6 to unmute themselves. They may only speak when recognized and to please note that if they speak during the meeting and he hasn't recognized them, he will have to mute and/or remove them off the call.

Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Pollard for a procedural motion. Council Member Pollard moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of adding David Gordon to the end of the 3 minute Agenda List of Speakers and Seconded by Council Member Kubosh, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2021-0625 ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Kamin for a procedural motion. Council Member Kamin moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of moving Traci Riley, John Zavala, Thomas Rowland, and Alice Newport to the top of the 3 minute Non-Agenda List of Speakers; add Myles Sasser after Alice Newport for 3 minutes and then to be followed by Robert Choate for 1 minute and Seconded by Council Member Castex-Tatum, Council Member Martin voting no, balance voting aye. **MOTION 2021-0626 ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Alcorn for a procedural motion. Council Member Alcorn moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of adding Mike Dishberger and John Williams to the bottom of the 3 minute Agenda List of Speakers and Seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2021-06267 ADOPTED**

At 2:18 p.m., Mayor Turner requested the City Secretary to call the list of speakers

#1 - RYAN MILLER – 18801 Intercontinental Crossing Dr. – 77073 - Item No. 11 – Construction Codes/Electrical Code – (In Person).

Council Member Robinson stated that he has spoken, as of late last week, with Director Haddock. She is convinced that there really wasn't an appropriate vetting within the Public Works Department about the Electrical Code component. This is with all due respect to what was otherwise a relatively fair process. He knows there have been some objectives and they have taken under advisement all of those thoughts and considerations that have been brought to the committee. In particular, the electrical code is such that it is something that the director has recommended they pull from the current proposed agenda so that this would be put forward without that component of what has previously considered. He thinks with every intention that they are going to tag this or refer it back to the administration for further consideration.

Mayor Turner stated that he wanted to be very clear, the low voltage exemption has been put back into the final version.

#2 - MATT STITES – 6714 Theall Rd. – 77066 – 281-397-7770 - Item No. 11 – Construction Codes – (Teleconference).

MEHUL PARIKH – 5890 Point West Dr. – 77036 – 832-293-9081 - Item No. 11 – Construction Codes – **(Teleconference). NOT PRESENT**

STEVE LATTA – 6714 Theal Rd. – 77060 – 832-461-1233 - Item No. 11 – Construction Codes – **(Teleconference). NOT PRESENT**

JASON BEAM – 6714 Theall Rd. – 77066 – 281-397-7700 - Item No. 11 – Construction Codes – **(Teleconference). NOT PRESENT**

STEVE PRIDDY – 6714 Theall Rd. – 77066 – 281-432-8269 - Item No. 11 – Construction Codes – **(Teleconference). NOT PRESENT**

BLAKE WARD – 6714 Theall Rd. – 77066 – 281-397-7700 - Item No. 11 – Construction Codes – **(Teleconference). NOT PRESENT**

JOHN DOBA – 14530 Walters Rd. – 77014 – 281-444-0287 - Item No. 11 – Construction Codes – **(Virtual) – johndoba@bammeltv.com. NOT PRESENT**

#3 - BRIAN TURNER – 10615 Rockley Rd. – 77099 – 832-247-4357 - Item No. 11 – Construction Codes/Electrical Code – (Virtual) – brian@alarmmasters.com.

#4 - ADOLPH MORENO – 8700 Jameel, Apt. #130 – 77040 – 281-850-2522 - Item No. 11 – Construction Codes – (In Person).

In regards to Mr. Moreno's remarks, Mayor Turner asked Mr. Moreno if this is in addition to what exists today? Mr. Moreno answered, yes. Mayor Turner stated that he understands but he wants to make sure when you make something and add changes that's not currently in existence, you never know if somebody else is going to get upset. But to get us back to the status quo, that would be the low voltage change exemption that they have been talking about. Mr. Moreno stated to Mayor Turner that is correct but making that amendment to No. 8 would allow that to give more definition to exactly what that is.

Council Member Robinson thanked Mr. Moreno for coming here today and he thinks that what council is hearing is that something that needs to be clarified through the Public Works Department. The item will be tagged and brought back so Mr. Moreno's concerns and those about the nature of the low voltage exemption will be explained. They are working with the Communications Director for Public Works. They will be putting out the specific language addressing the technical components of what they are concerned with. He wanted to thank everyone for the feedback. This is very helpful and that language will be issued very soon.

RANDALL DUNCAN – No Address – 281-808-2491 - Item No. 11 – Construction Codes – **(Virtual)** – rduncan@datasmartllc.com. **NOT PRESENT**

#5 - J. J. CANON – 4139 Bellaire Blvd., Apt. #171 – 77025 – 832-256-8901 - Item No. 11 – Construction Codes – **(Virtual)** – jjcanon@digitaldelight.com.

MATT LIGHTFOOT – 2429 Bissonnet – 77005 – 832-526-0494 - Item No. 11 – Construction Codes – **(Teleconference)**. **NOT PRESENT**

#6 - FREDDY WARNER – 2803 Ferndale St. – 77098 – 713-392-9750 – Item No. 4 – Residential Parking Permit/Upper Kirby Management District.

#7 - DARREN REAMAN – No Address – 317-735-4044 – Item No. 11 – Construction Codes – **(Virtual)** – dreaman@cedia.org.

Council Member Pollard stated that as he listens to the speakers and he looks at the agenda list and many of them are calling regarding the same item. It causes him to think about the process in which they take to engage those who are within a particular industry space to ensure that they have their voices heard on the front end. It seems that when they were going through the process of amending or implementing policy language that they speak to those who do that job on a day to day. He thinks if those parameters were in place from the beginning, then many of these questions would have been answered and they could find a compromise that works for all parties involved.

#8 - WILL BREAUX – 908 White St. – 77007 – 713-933-0606 – Item No. 11 – Construction Codes – **(In Person)**.

BILL MAXEY – 918 W. 35th St. – 77018 – 713-545-2909 - Item No. 11 – Construction Codes – **(Virtual)** – bmaxy@mediadesigninc.com. **NOT PRESENT**

#9 - DOUG BASSETT – No Address – 215-203-4580 – Item No. 11 – Construction Codes/Electronic Security Association – **(In Person)**.

DRAKE JAMALI – No Address – 301-804-4707 - Item No. 11 – Construction Codes/Electronic Security Association – **(Virtual)** - djmali@securityindustry.org. **NOT PRESENT**

#10 - CHAD JONES – 4125 Highlander Pkwy. – Richfield, Ohio 44286 – 330-861-8521 - Item No. 11 – Construction Codes – **(Virtual)** - cmjones@cisco.com.

#11 - JASON POTTERF – 12515 Research Blvd. – Austin, TX – 78759 – 512-378-1085 - Item No. 11 – Construction Codes – **(Virtual)** – jpotterf@cisco.com.

#12 - DAVID SYMONDS – 6813 Northampton – 77055 – 713-446-2159 - Item No. 11 – Construction Codes/Electrical Code – **(In Person)**.

ROBBY TURNER – No Address – 210-602-9477 - Item No. 11 – Construction Codes – **(In Person)**. **NOT PRESENT**

VICTOR REYES – 3903 Brook Garden Ln. – Katy, TX – 77449 – 832-581-7342 - Item No. 11 – Construction Codes – **(Virtual)** – v.reyes@modernavi.com. **NOT PRESENT**

#13 - JUSTIN CARTER – No Address – 281-516-8126 - Item No. 11 – Construction Codes – (Virtual) – Justin@elite-at.com.

#14 - MORRIS THEO – No Address – 713-305-5777 - Item No. 11 – Construction Codes – **(Teleconference)**

#15 - DAVID DAVIES – 8835 Knight Rd. – 77054 – 713-664-4601 - Item No. 11 – Construction Codes – **(Teleconference)**.

#16 – DAVID GORDON – No Address – No Phone – Item No. 11 – Construction Codes.

Mayor Turner stated to Mr. Gordon that this one is a safety issue. This is coming from strong recommendations from the Houston Fire Department. It's either go with 5 ft or put a one hour resistant firewall. Again, this is coming with strong support from Chief Pena and the Houston Fire Department. This is a life safety issue.

Members of Council commented and questioned at length on Mr. Gordon's statement.

#17 – MIKE DISHBERGER – No Address - No Phone – Item No. 11 – Construction Codes.

#18 – JOHN WILLIAMS – No Address – No Phone – Item No. 11 – Construction Codes.

#19 - JOHN ZAVALA – 2329 Willowby Dr. – 77008 – 713-906-4448 – Variance request for plat 2667 and 2669 – **(In Person)**.

Council Member Kamin stated that they have a few residents coming to speak, especially their

Civic leaders. Her Chief of Staff and representation from Council Member Alcorn's office was on-site yesterday with a lot of the residents. She told Mayor Turner that they do have concerns and it appears there is not consideration for the pedestrian realm and pedestrian safety with this variance request. She knows that the Planning Department is taking a hard look at this and she is in contact with them. She isn't going to chime in on every speaker but she wants each of them to know that they are working with them, she appreciates them and they have raised concerns about public safety and the pedestrian realm.

#20 - TRACI RILEY – 6207 Kury Ln – 77008 – 225-252-5634 - Variance request for plat 2667 and 2669 – **(In Person)**.

#21 - THOMAS ROWLAND – 1302 Ella Place – 77008 – 713-725-3274 – Variance request for Ella Grovewood and Ella Timbergrove – **(In Person)**.

#22 - ALICE NEWPORT – 1113 W. 22nd St. – 77008 – 713-818-7816 - Variance request for plat 2667 and 2669 – **(Virtual)** – allison.newport@gmail.com.

#23 – MYLES SASSER – No Address – No Phone – Variance Request for plat 2667 and 2669

#24 - ROBERT CHOATE – 6107 Hurst St. – 77008 – Variance Request for plat 2667 and 2669 – **(In Person)**.

#25 - RENEE BERTRAND – 7702 Braesdale Ln. – 77071 – 713-377-1648 – Reemployment – (In Person).

Mayor Turner stated that he is reading the letter that he received and he is going to refer it to Jane Cheeks who is over Human Resources. There is a voluntary program and they are indicating that everything was completed. He told Mr. Bertrand that he's not in a position to speak on this right now.

Members of Council commented and questioned Mr. Bertrand's statement.

#26 - CHARLES LUCEY – 515 Avondale St. – 77006 – 202-509-7126 – Tree removal – (Virtual) – ctlucey@yahoo.com.

Mayor Turner stated to Mr. Lucey that he is trying to understand what the request is because he is looking at a note saying, "with the exception of the curb and driveway, the damages that have been raised have been repaired. The driveway and curb can be repaired in the same manner as the sidewalk, which HPW repaired". Having recommendations of installation of a root barrier as a preventative measure but that's the responsibility of the property owner. Having a structural engineer to evaluate the property to determine if the tree was the cause of the property damage, which is the responsibility of the property owner. He told Mr. Lucey that he was going to take a second look at this.

RODNEY UNDERWOOD – 2221 Wentworth St. – 77004 – 832-868-7219 – Landlord tenant/EOC – (In Person). NOT PRESENT

#27 - FORREST STOKES – 8182 Broadway St. – 77022 – 281-914-7400 – Homeless Veteran/Housing - (In Person).

#28 - TEX CHRISTOPHER – No Address – 832-233-8879 – Astroworld tragedy – (In Person).

#29 - SIDNEY BENJAMIN – 4730 Providence St. – 77020 – 713-894-1911 – Ditches in the 1900 block of Brackenridge – (In Person).

#30 - DEMITA BROWN – 20207 Sunset Ranch Dr. – Katy, TX – 77449 – 832-614-4118 – Navigating through Houston Housing Program – (In Person).

#31 - RENEE GREEN – 39 Justice Park Dr. – 77092 – No Phone – Senior concerns – (In Person).

WALTER VIDAL – 141 Casa Grande Dr. – 77060 – 480-262-9717 – Police are corrupt – NEED A SPANISH TRANSLATOR – (Teleconference). NOT PRESENT

ALICIA RICE – 4910 Burma Rd. – 77033 – 832-890-4100 – Storage facility/Damaged property – (Teleconference). NOT PRESENT

#32 - JESSICA WHEELER – 7658 El Rancho St. – 77087 – 281-827-9714 – Dead animals – (Virtual) – jwheelee6jw@gmail.com.

#33 - MICHELLE DEBELEN – 5930 Skyhaven Ln. – Spring, TX – 77379 – 832-382-5956 – Mental Health Resources and Astroworld Festival – **(Virtual)** – **mdebelen@usc.edu**.

Mayor Pro Tem Martin stated that there have been a number of K-12 schools that have reached out to the students and anyone that attended the festival or anyone that might have saw a graphic picture of the festival to make sure that they have the ability to see someone with a mental health background.

#34 - VAN WELDON – 270 Pine Valley Rd. – Cleveland, TX – 77328 – 713-876-8645 – Impact to Lake Houston from Peach Creek Environmental Landfill – **(In Person)**.

DOLORES LOZANO – No Address – 713-503-5242 – ION – **(In person)**. **NOT PRESENT**

#35 - ROSALIND WILLIAMS – No Address – No Phone – Slow response time by HPD/Independence Heights – **(In Person)**.

#36 - MARIAS RODRIGUEZ – 7313 La Paseo – 77087 – 832-970-2568 – Housing – **(In Person)**.

#37 - JAMES WILLIAMS - No Address – No Phone – Slow response time by HPD/Independence Heights – **(In Person)**.

Council Member Cisneros thanked Mr. Williams for the letter that he sent her today. HPD reported back to her office that they tried to call Mr. Williams a couple of times today and the phone rolled over. They also went by the church and no one was there. Council Member Cisneros stated that she will advocate for him and HPD will be in touch.

STEVE WILLIAMS – No Address – No Phone – **(Teleconference)**. **NOT PRESENT**

WILLIAM SOWELL – Post Office Box 1553 – Bellaire, TX – 77402 – Racial Profiling/Discrimination in Harris County Criminal Courts – **(In Person)**. **NOT PRESENT**

JUDY HARDIN – 3614 McKinley Ln. – 77088 – 346-406-9732 – City of Houston Parks and Recreation/Forestry – **(Teleconference)**. **NOT PRESENT**

KRYSTAL RODRIGUEZ – 5900 Selinsky – 77048 – 832-982-1252 – Apartment complex issues – **(In Person)**. **NOT PRESENT**

At 3:00 p.m. Council Member Travis left the meeting.

At 3:56 p.m. Council Member Jackson left the meeting.

At 4:14 p.m. Council Members Kamin and Knox left the meeting.

At 4:25 p.m. Council Member Castex-Tatum left the meeting.

At 4:26 p.m. Council Member Peck left the meeting.

At 4:35 p.m. Council Member Gallegos left the meeting.

At 4:48 p.m. Mayor Turner left the meeting.

At 5:10 p.m. Council Member Robinson left the meeting.

For more information and details from the speakers list, please click here:
houstontx.swagit.com/play/11172021-899

Note: During the public session motions may be 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 5:13 p.m., the City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, November 17, 2021

Pat J. Daniel, 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 17, 2021 with Mayor Sylvester Turner presiding with Council Members Amy Peck, Abbie Kamin, Carolyn Evans-Shabazz, Dave Martin, Tiffany Thomas, Greg Travis, Karla Cisneros, Robert Gallegos, Edward Pollard, Martha Castex-Tatum, Mike Knox, David W. Robinson, Michael Kubosh, Letitia Plummer and Sallie Alcorn; Arturo Michel, City Attorney Legal Department, and Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director, present. Council Member Tarsha Jackson absent on personal business.

At 9:04 a.m., Mayor Turner called the meeting of the Houston City Council to order and requested the City Secretary to call the roll.

ROLL CALL

Council Member Tarsha Jackson absent on personal business.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Turner stated that the first item of business is something that they look forward to every year. It is the CMC "Hold A Snake" event. Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Alcorn, who chaired the CMC this year.

Council Member Alcorn thanked all of her colleagues who contributed this year. They raised money for the BARC Foundation, which is near and dear to many of them. She wanted to welcome their good friends from the Houston Zoo, who will bring up the snake. Every year they raise money for CMC in which everybody donates a part of their earnings to a specific cause. This year they are on track to raise more than they have in the past. She requested Council Members Robinson and Martin to come down to pet the snake because they raised the least. Council Member Martin wasn't present in chamber to pet the snake, but Council Member Travis stepped in to pet the snake. The Houston Zoo Keeper brought a Brazilian Rainbow Boa named Iris. Council Member Alcorn thanked everyone.

Mayor Turner stated that he had the privilege of being at the White House on Monday for the Bi-partisan Infrastructure bill signing by President Biden. One thing is clear is that Houston is on people's minds, which is good. He is glad that the Bi-partisan Infrastructure bill had been signed and he thinks that Texas, along with Houston, will fair well. They are certainly looking for projects that are shovel ready and it is a good step forward. He wanted to thank the Biden Administration, the people in Congress for the passage of the bill. He did want to give a special acknowledgement to our congressional delegation in our region. This coming Saturday, they will be at Henderson Park for the Mayor's "Love Our Park" event. The Park is at 4250 Elysian and he will be there at

11:00 a.m. He hopes to see the unveiling of the improvements made for the neighborhood to enjoy. The Thanksgiving Parade is back and he wants to encourage everyone to participate in the 72nd Annual HEB Thanksgiving Parade. This will take place on Thursday, November 25th at 9:00 a.m. in downtown. This event is one of the oldest Thanksgiving Day parade in the country. He is inviting everyone to come out and join in this holiday celebration. They have so much to be thankful for after 20 months of COVID. This year's Grand Marshall is Dr. Peter Hotez, who did an incredible job keeping everyone informed of this pandemic.

Mayor Turner stated that they are in the middle of Climate Week. This week, the Mayor's Office of Resilience and Sustainability is hosting the Second Annual Virtual Houston Climate Week, in partnership with the University of Houston-Downtown. The weeklong virtual conference will update the public on the implementation of both Resilient Houston and the Houston Climate Action Plan. Today's focus is on green jobs and community and youth climate action. He wants to thank everyone in the Office of Resilience and Sustainability for their work in this area. Lastly, he received word about the death of Beatrice Green, a Houston Civil Rights Activist who cofounded the first Lutheran Church in Texas for African Americans. She died November 9th at the age of 108. She and her aunt cofounded Holy Cross Lutheran Church, the first black Lutheran church in Texas because she didn't like that other churches were making black worshipers enter through a back door. She was also involved in the community and fought for voting rights. She and her group of friends would travel by bus to Austin and would sit on the Capitol grounds all night Friday and Saturday protesting for the right to vote. They continued this action until the Voting Rights Act passed in 1965. Beatrice and others worked to open Precinct 247, the first black voting precinct in the Cuney Home of Houston's Third Ward. Her funeral is Friday and she is a reminder to us all that the fight continues and he doesn't want anyone to assume that things are behind us. We are still dealing with issues of being treated fairly and equitably. The things that Beatrice Green and Beulah Shepherd would not allow unfortunately we are allowing too much to take place today. When he reads of her story and reflect on her life, it's a reminder that we still have a lot of work to do. To be treated fairly in every sense of the word.

Members of Council commended and questioned Mayor Turner about the Mayor's Report.

At 9:43 a.m.; Mayor Turner requested the City Secretary to call the Public Hearing.

1. **PUBLIC HEARING** on: 1) proposed amendment to existing Strategic Partnership Agreement between City of Houston, Texas, and **KINGSBRIDGE MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT** to annex for limited purposes certain territory located within and in the vicinity of such district in Fort Bend County, Texas; 2) proposed amendment to existing Strategic Partnership Agreement between City of Houston, Texas, and **SPRING CREEK UTILITY DISTRICT** to annex for limited purposes certain territory within and in the vicinity of such District in **MONTGOMERY COUNTY, TEXAS**; 3) proposed amendment to the existing Strategic Partnership Agreement between City of Houston, Texas, and **WILLOW POINT MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT** to annex for limited purposes certain territory within and in the vicinity of such district in Fort Bend and Waller Counties, Texas; 4) proposed amendment to existing Strategic Partnership Agreement between City of Houston, Texas, and **HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 55** to annex for limited purposes certain territory within and in the vicinity of such district in Harris County, Texas; and 5) proposal of City of Houston, Texas to impose Sales and Use Tax in such territories; providing for the publication of notice of such hearings - **DISTRICTS B - JACKSON; E - MARTIN and F - THOMAS** - Was presented,

Rupesh Koshy, Principal Planner with the Planning and Development Department, gave a presentation to Item 1 for Members of Council.

Mayor Turner stated that there are no public speakers to speak on Item 1 and asked if there's anyone present to speak on this item. Seeing none, he requested a motion to close the public hearing.

Council Member Castex-Tatum moved to close the public hearing and Seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2021-0628 ADOPTED**

At 9:43 a.m.: Mayor Turner requested the City Secretary to call the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 3 through 28

MISCELLANEOUS - NUMBERS 3 and 5

3. **REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following individuals to the **NORTH HOUSTON DISTRICT (Formerly known as the GREENSPPOINT DISTRICT OF HARRIS COUNTY) BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for terms to expire June 1, 2025:

Position One	- MARGARET EYSTER , reappointment
Position Two	- TERRY ALEXANDER , reappointment
Position Three	- RICHARD SLUTTER , reappointment
Position Four	- KAREN MARSHALL , reappointment
Position Five	- TROY CUMMINS , reappointment
Position Six	- QUENTIN A. WRIGHT , reappointment
Position Seven	- CHARLES R. LOPEZ , reappointment
Position Eight	- THOMAS R. WUSSOW , reappointment
Position Nine	- KAITLIN BELLON , reappointment
Position Ten	- GEORGE W. LUNNON, JR. , reappointment
Position Eleven	- CORY DRISKILL , appointment

Was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and Seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2021-0629 ADOPTED**

5. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Houston Airport System for approval of membership fees in the Airports Council International - North America for the Calendar Year 2022 - \$160,184.00 - Enterprise Fund - Was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and Seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none.
MOTION 2021-0630 ADOPTED

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS - NUMBERS 6 through 9

6. **DIASORIN INC** for sole source purchase of a LIAISON® XL Analyzer, Reagent Kits, and Service Agreement for SARS-CoV-2 Testing for the Houston Health Department - \$115,718.00 - Grant Fund - Was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and Seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none.
MOTION 2021-0631 ADOPTED

8. **IDEXX DISTRIBUTION, INC** for E-Coli Water Test Kits and Supplies for Various Departments - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$6,270,102.12 - Enterprise and Grant Funds - Was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and Seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2021-0632 ADOPTED**
9. **UNIPAK CORP.** - \$1,122,371.00 and **CENTRAL POLY-BAG CORP.** - \$53,836.00 for Linear, Low-Density Polyethylene Bags for Various Departments - 31-Month period with two one-year options General, Enterprise and Stormwater Funds - Was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and Seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2021-0633 ADOPTED**

ORDINANCES - NUMBERS 12 through 28

12. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Loan Agreement between City of Houston and **NHPF CAROLINE CONDUIT, LLC**, a Nonprofit Partner of **MAGNIFICAT HOUSES, INC**, joined by the NHP Foundation to provide a grant of \$15,000,000.00 of Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery Program Funds for the land acquisition and new construction of 3300 Caroline Street, a permanent supportive housing community for homeless persons, in the vicinity of 3300 Caroline Street, Houston, Texas 77004 - **DISTRICT D - EVANS-SHABAZZ** - **The City Secretary advised that Item 12 has not been received but if received during the meeting, will be considered at the end of the meeting.**
13. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing first amendment to Subrecipient Grant Agreement between City of Houston and **HOME BUILDERS INSTITUTE** to provide Hurricane Harvey Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery Funds for the continuing administration and operation of Hurricane Harvey Public Services Activities to provide Career Readiness Training and Job Placement, Construction Skills Training and Case Management to low- to moderate-income persons - **DISTRICT B - JACKSON** - Was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2021-0978 ADOPTED**
14. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing first amendment to Professional Services Agreement (Contract No. C78239) between City of Houston and **ALLIANCE FOR MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITY SERVICES d/b/a THE ALLIANCE (“THE ALLIANCE”)** for Financial Counseling Services for the Mayor’s Office of Complete Communities (Approved by Ordinance 2019-0924) to extend the term of the contract - Was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2021-0979 ADOPTED**
17. **ORDINANCE** awarding contract to **COASTAL ASSOCIATES, LLC dba COASTAL HYDRAULICS** for Hydraulic Cylinder and Valve Repair Services for Fleet Management Department; providing a maximum contract amount - 3-Years with two one-year options - \$1,233,247.50 - Fleet Management Fund - Was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2021-0980 ADOPTED**

18. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$442,084.94 out of Parks & Recreation Dedication Fund and \$39,015.06 out of State Grant Funded, awarding Construction Contract to **TIMES CONSTRUCTION, INC** for Sylvan Rodriguez Park Boardwalk; 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 engineering and materials testing, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by Parks & Recreation Dedication Fund and State-Grant Funded - **DISTRICT E - MARTIN** - Was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2021-0981 ADOPTED**
19. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing the execution of a Compromise, Settlement, Release and Indemnification Agreement between **RONALD LATIL** and City of Houston to settle a lawsuit \$67,000.00 - Property and Casualty Fund - Was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2021-0982 ADOPTED**
21. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Child Care Local Match Contribution Agreement between City of Houston and **GULF COAST WORKFORCE BOARD** for Certification of Child Care Expenditures to obtain additional Federal Funding for Child Care and Related Services Was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2021-0983 ADOPTED**
23. **ORDINANCE** amending Ordinance Number 2021-0042 to include the acquisition of two additional, redesigned parcels for the Antoine Drive Paving and Drainage Project (from Hammerly Boulevard to Hempstead Highway) and further finding and determining public convenience and necessity for the acquisition of such parcels by gift, dedication, purchase and if necessary, the use of eminent domain - **DISTRICT A - PECK** - Was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2021-0984 ADOPTED**
24. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing the transfer and assignment of a 20-foot-wide drainage easement, Parcel SY22-049, situated in the R. Reynolds Survey, Abstract No. 662, Harris County, Texas; transferring and assigning the easement to Harris County Flood Control District, as part of an Asset Exchange Program pursuant to the terms of the Interlocal Agreement between the Harris County Flood Control District and City of Houston, being Contract No. 78378, and pursuant to Ordinance No. 2020-0286 Passed on April 1, 2020, and other good and valuable consideration **DISTRICT F - THOMAS** - Was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2021-0985 ADOPTED**
25. **ORDINANCE** finding and determining public convenience and necessity for the acquisition of real property interests in connection with the public improvement project known as the Transportation and Drainage Operations Facility Project; authorizing the acquisition of fee simple interest to two parcels of land required for the project and situated in the Reels and Trobough Survey, Abstract No. A-59, in Harris County, Texas, said parcels of land being located at 5216 and 5202 North McCarty Street, in Houston, Harris County, Texas, by gift, dedication, purchase and the use of eminent domain and further authorizing payment of the costs of such purchases and/or eminent domain proceedings and associated costs for relocation assistance, appraisal fees, title policies/services, recording fees, court costs, and expert witness fees in connection with the acquisition of fee simple interest to the two parcels of land required for the Project - **DISTRICT I - GALLEGOS** - Was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2021-0986 ADOPTED**

28. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$5,354,838.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding contract to **DL GLOVER, INC** 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 testing services, CIP Cost Recovery and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - Was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2021-0987 ADOPTED**

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

4. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Administration & Regulatory Affairs Department for the designation of a residential parking permit area in the Montrose/Neartown, Washington Avenue/Memorial, Greater Third Ward Super Neighborhoods and the Upper Kirby Management District - **DISTRICTS C - KAMIN and D - EVANS-SHABAZZ** - Was presented and **Tagged by Council Member Kubosh.**
7. **THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON** for Professional Services to Develop and Conduct a series of Symposiums covering Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attacks for the Office of Public Safety and Homeland Security - \$107,307.00 - Grant Fund – Was presented, moved by Council Member Robinson and Seconded by Council Member Castex-Tatum, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2021-0634 ADOPTED**
10. **ORDINANCE** supplementing the City of Houston, Texas Master Ordinance No. 2004-299; providing for the issuance of the City of Houston, Texas, Combined Utility System First Lien Revenue Bonds, Series 2021C, providing for the amounts, interest rates, prices, and terms thereof and other matters relating thereto; providing for the payment thereof; making other provisions regarding such bonds and matters incident thereto; authorizing execution and delivery of a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement; and declaring an emergency - Was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2021-0988 ADOPTED**
11. **ORDINANCE** relating to the adoption of Construction Codes for the protection and preservation of lives and property from fire and other perils; amending the City of Houston Construction Code by adopting new volumes and revised versions of some existing volumes, as well as adopting local amendments or administrative provisions for those volumes, and adopting conforming amendments to the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas, containing other provisions relating to the foregoing subjects; containing a repealer; containing a savings clause; providing for severability; establishing an effective date - Was presented and **Tagged by Council Members Peck, Kamin, Thomas, Travis, Cisneros, Knox, Robinson, Kubosh, Plummer and Alcorn.**

15. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing second amendment to Professional Services Agreement (Contract No. C78238) between City of Houston and **CITIES FOR FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT FUND** and **GREATER HOUSTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION** for implementation of a Financial Empowerment Center for the Mayor's Office of Complete Communities (Approved by Ordinance No. 2019-0923 and Ordinance No. 2020-0657) to extend the term of the contract – Was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2021-0989 ADOPTED**
16. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing amendments to existing agreements between City of Houston and **WDFG NORTH AMERICA, LLC, PARADIES- HOU 2014, LLC, PARADIES-IAH 2014, LLC, HOST INTERNATIONAL, INC., LATRELLES GALLEY, LP, SSP AMERICA TEXAS, INC., INTERNATIONAL SHOPPES SHEKINAH GROUP IAH, LLC, LENLYN LIMITED d/b/a ICE CURRENCY SERVICES USA, SMARTE CARTE, INC., EURONET USA, LLC, ALCLEAR, LLC** and **THE JOINT VENTURE FOR THE ADVERTISING CONCESSION AT HOUSTON AIRPORTS, LLC (JC DECAUX)** due to extended impacts of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency for the Houston Airport System - **DISTRICTS B - JACKSON and I - GALLEGOS** - Was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2021-0990 ADOPTED**
20. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing the use of Texas Department of Transportation Multiple Use Agreement Form; authorizing the Mayor, or the Mayor's Designee, to enter into Multiple Use Agreements between City of Houston, Texas, and **TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**, to allow the City to use State Right-of-Way for Construction, Maintenance and Operation of Public Facilities - Was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2021-0991 ADOPTED**
22. **ORDINANCE** consenting to the addition of 146.97 acres of land to **HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 540**, for inclusion in its district - Was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2021-0992 ADOPTED**
26. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$818,225.00 out of Dedicated Drainage and Street Renewal Capital Fund - Ad Valorem Tax; approving and authorizing agreement between City of Houston and **TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION** for Highway Improvements for FM 1960 from Mills Road to SH 249 - **DISTRICT A - PECK** - Was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2021-0993 ADOPTED**
27. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$1,998,841.95 out of Dedicated Drainage and Street Renewal Capital Fund - Drainage Charge and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between City of Houston and **GRADIENT GROUP, LLC** for Magnolia Park Sec. 2 Area Drainage and Paving Subproject 2; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Dedicated Drainage and Street Renewal Capital Fund - Drainage Charge - **DISTRICT I - GALLEGOS** - Was presented and **Tagged by Council Member Gallegos**

At 10:01 a.m. Moved to Item 2

Notification of Reliant fixed pricing for streetlights

2. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing second amendment to an agreement (Contract No. 4600016083) between the City of Houston and **RELIANT ENERGY RETAIL SERVICES, LLC** for the Supply of Electricity and related services for the City of Houston (Approved by Ordinance No. 2020-341 and Ordinance No. 2021-575) to amend the contract to set a fixed price rate for Streetlights (Pricing Schedule 1) – Was presented,

Tantri Emo, Director of Finance and William Jones, Deputy Director of Finance spoke to Members of Council about Item 2.

Members of Council commented and questioned Ms. Emo and Mr. Jones about Item 2. After a lengthy discussion Mayor requested a vote; all voting aye, nays none.

ORDINANCE 2021-0994 ADOPTED

NON CONSENT AGENDA - NUMBERS 29 and 30

MISCELLANEOUS

29. **SET A PUBLIC HEARING DATE** for the proposed First Amended Project Plan and Reinvestment Zone Financing Plan for Reinvestment Zone Number Twenty-Six (Sunnyside Zone) - **DISTRICT D - EVANS-SHABAZZ**
HEARING DATE - 9:00 A.M - WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 1, 2021 - Was presented, Council Member Castex-Tatum moved to set the public hearing for December 1, 2021 and Seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none.
MOTION 2021-0635 ADOPTED
30. **SET A PUBLIC HEARING DATE** regarding the designation for the **SCD BLK 250 REINVESTMENT ZONE** for tax abatement purposes
HEARING DATE - 9:00 A.M - WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 1, 2021 - Was presented, Council Member Castex-Tatum moved to set the public hearing for December 1, 2021 and Seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none.
MOTION 2021-0636 ADOPTED

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

At 10:34 a.m. The City Secretary advised that Item 12 has been received:

12. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Loan Agreement between City of Houston and **NHPF CAROLINE CONDUIT, LLC**, a Nonprofit Partner of **MAGNIFICAT HOUSES, INC**, joined by the NHP Foundation to provide a grant of \$15,000,000.00 of Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery Program Funds for the land acquisition and new construction of 3300 Caroline Street, a permanent supportive housing community for homeless persons, in the vicinity of 3300 Caroline Street, Houston, Texas 77004 - **DISTRICT D - EVANS-SHABAZZ** - Was presented and **Tagged by Council Member Kubosh.**

Members of Council announced events and discussed matters of interest.

There being no further business before Council, the City Council adjourned at 11:21 a.m. Council Members Martin, Travis, Gallegos, Knox, Kubosh and Plummer absent.

**DETAILED INFORMATION ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY MINUTES
READ AND APPROVED**

Pat J. Daniel, City Secretary