

Council Chamber, City Hall, Wednesday, July 6, 2022

A consolidated meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, July 6, 2022, with Mayor Pro Tem Dave Martin presiding with Council Members Amy Peck, Tarsha Jackson, Carolyn Evans-Shabazz, Tiffany Thomas, Mary Nan Huffman, Robert Gallegos, Edward Pollard, Martha Castex-Tatum, Mike Knox, David W. Robinson, Michael Kubosh, Letitia Plummer and Sallie Alcorn; Deidra Penny, Legal Department and Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director, present. Mayor Sylvester Turner, Council Members Abbie Kamin and Karla Cisneros absent on personal business.

At 9:04 a.m., Mayor Pro Tem Martin called the meeting to order and recognized Council Member Knox for the Invocation.

Council Member Knox invited Minister Nikki Keyser, Founder & Executive Director of Simply H.E.R. Movement (Helping Empowerment Restoration) for the Invocation after which he led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Sylvester Turner, Council Members Abbie Kamin and Karla Cisneros absent on personal business.

Council Member Kubosh moved to delay the minutes 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# 115 488 1#. Details for signing up to speak in-person or virtually are posted at <https://www.houstontx.gov/council/meetingsinfo.html>.

Mayor Pro Tem Martin 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 Tuesday 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 Pro Tem Martin stated that the first item today is the Monthly Financial Report and recognized City Controller Brown and Director Emo.

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 - Was presented, City Controller Chris Brown and Director of Finance Department, Tantri Emo reviewed the Monthly Operation and Financial Report; copies of which are on file in the City Secretary's Office for review.

Members of Council commented and questioned Director Emo and City Controller Brown about the Monthly Financial Report.

Council Member Pollard moved to accept the Monthly Financial Report and seconded by Council Member Kubosh, all voting aye, Nays none. **MOTION 2022-0354 ADOPTED**

At 9:26 a.m., Mayor Pro Tem Martin requested the City Secretary to call Items 1 and 2.

1. **REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following individuals to the **REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER TWELVE, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS (CITY PARK ZONE) BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**
Position Two - **ELIJAH J. WILLIAMS**, reappointment, for a term to expire 12/7/2023
Position Three - **CHRIS NEWPORT**, appointment, for an unexpired term ending 12/7/2022
Position Four - **WILLIAM P. HADDOCK**, reappointment, for a term to expire 12/7/2023
Was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and Seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2022-0355 ADOPTED**

2. **REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following individuals to the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY PARK REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**:

Position Two - **ELIJAH J. WILLIAMS**, reappointment, for a term to expire 12/7/2023

Position Three - **CHRIS NEWPORT**, appointment, for an unexpired term ending 12/7/2022

Position Four - **WILLIAM P. HADDOCK**, reappointment, for a term to expire 12/7/2023

Was presented, moved by Council Member Castex-Tatum and Seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2022-0356 ADOPTED**

At 9:30 a.m., Mayor Pro Tem Martin moved to the Public Session and requested the City Secretary call the List of Speakers.

FLOREDA TAYLOR – No Address – 346-399-6624 – Community person – **(Virtual)** – **flo.taylor.pa@gmail.com**. **NOT PRESENT**

TOWANA BRYANT – No Address – No Phone – Mayor’s Administration/OBO – issues with Open Records request – **(Virtual)** – **towana.bryant@trinityfreightservices.com**. **NOT PRESENT**

#1 - YVONNE SILVA – No address – 713-464-2078 – District A, federal fraud not reported to the proper agency – **(Teleconference)**.

#2 - DWIGHT MACK – 4822 N. Braeswood Blvd – 77096 – 832-250-7348 – Elevation grant – **(In Person)**.

RODNEY UNDERWOOD – 2221 Wentworth St. – 77004 – 832-868-7219 – Cleaning up trash on streets – **(In Person)**. **NOT PRESENT**

ROSEMARY ALEXANDER – 5105 Airline Dr., Apt. 2311 – 77022 – 713-694-4640 – HPD – **(Teleconference)**. **NOT PRESENT**

BRENDA MURCHINSON-HAWKINS – 3106 Webster Ave. – 77004 – 713-650-8510 – Fireworks/HPD – **(Teleconference)**. **NOT PRESENT**

ERICKA HARRISON – 10247 Algiers Rd. – 77041 – 830-580-5141 – Housing – **(In Person)**. **NOT PRESENT**

KATY HOLMES – 5408 Groveton St., Apt. A – 77033 – Splash Parks closed in my district – **(In Person)**. **NOT PRESENT**

#3 - JESSI MONA – No Address – 281-678-6662 – Sidewalk – **(In Person)**.

#4 - SELENA HARBOR – No Address – 346-309-1928 – Sidewalk – **(In Person)**.

MOHAMMED MOOSANI – 10 Lochbury Dr. – Spring – 77379 – 832-347-6778 – No payment for work done for the City of Houston – **(In Person)**. **NOT PRESENT**

#5 - MICAH REFFO – 4500 Sherwood Ln. – 77092 – 858-757-5062 – Stolen truck/no assistance from authorities – **(In Person)**.

#6 - KRYSTAL MUHAMMAD – 7125 Reed Rd. – 77087 – 713-261-3558 – Racist government policies – (In Person).

#7 - WILLIAM WHITE – 4300 Dunlavy St. #423 – 77006 – 832-495-9120 – Upcoming Muslim holiday – (In Person).

#8 - PATRICIA WILLIAMS – 13728 W. Cancun Dr. – 77045 – 804-997-8481 – Bail Bond – (In Person).

DEBORAH ELAINE ALLEN – 12000 Martin Luther King Blvd., Apt. 2059 – 77048 – 346-260-1574 – Will appear to express personal opinion – **(Teleconference). NOT PRESENT**

#9 - SHANE JOSHI – 7900 Cambridge St., Apt. 194 – 77054 – 409-504-8457 – General venue for performers/entertainers – (In Person).

#10 - LOVETTA SMITH – 11573 S. Kirkwood Dr. – Stafford, TX – 77477 – 713-418-9697 – Downtown Houston – (Virtual) – lovettalittle@gmail.com.

HENRY TAYLOR – 4717 Vernon St. – 77020 – 832-483-9202 – Water Company customer service complaint **(Teleconference). NOT PRESENT**

JOHN DUNIVIN – 1317 Hawthorne St. #12 – 77006 – 713-302-3933 – Solar energy – **(In Person). NOT PRESENT**

For more information and details from the speakers list, please click here: houstontx.new.swagit.com/videos/176697

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 10:17 a.m., Mayor Pro Tem Martin moved to the Mayor's Report

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Pro Tem Martin stated that he hoped everyone had a great Fourth of July. The City's signature, Freedom Over Texas, was a lot of fun and showcased some great performers. More than 32,000 people showed up to party and celebrate America's birthday at Eleanor Tinsley Park. Mayor Turner is not here this morning but, on his behalf, he wanted to thank the Mayor's Office of Special Events and all of the sponsors that made it possible. Shout out to Susan Christian, who does a fantastic job every time they do an event.

City Council will hold public hearings to receive input from the public for their proposed redistricting plan. The hearings will take place on July 13th at 9:00 a.m. and 7 p.m. and on July 20th at 9:00 a.m. here in the City Council Chamber. By the close of business tomorrow, July 7th, the proposed redistricting plan will be available to the public on the City's website at www.letstalkhouston.org/redistricting.

Yesterday, Mayor Turner and Harris County Attorney Christian Menefee announced they would submit a notice of intent pursuant to the Federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act to Union Pacific Railroad in connection with the long-standing contamination in Houston's Fifth Ward from UP's Houston Wood Preserving Works Creosote Treatment Facility. The Texas Department of State Health Services found significant issues in cancer rates around the UP railyard. According to the news release, the notices of intent to sue will be sent in the coming weeks to UP the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Agency, the Attorney General of the United States and the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality. The notice will state that the City of Houston and Harris County will file a citizen's suit in federal court seeking injunctive relief against UP to address its dangerous storage and disposal of hazardous waste at this UP facility.

The HOV and HOT lanes are open for the summer pilot program. The express lanes that help you avoid traffic on weekdays are now open seven (7) days a week as a part of their regional pilot program approved by METRO's Board of Directors. The HOV/HOT express lanes are managed by METRO and will be open on weekends beginning Saturday, July 2nd through Monday, September 5th. Weekend and holiday operations will follow the same schedule, occupancy requirements and tolls as weekdays. Lanes included in the pilot program run down the middle lane of I-45, U.S. Highway 59 and Highway 290.

Houston Parks and Recreation is still looking for lifeguards for the summer. You can earn a \$500.00 incentive by the end of the summer but you must pass the American Red Cross Lifeguard Training. To apply, go to www.houstontx.gov/jobs or call (832)395-7129 for more information. The Astros won another exciting game last night (nine (9) in a row). Remember to vote for Jose Altuve and Yordan Alvarez daily until Friday July 8th to send them to the 2022 All Star game.

The City of Houston City Hall lights will be lit in orange this weekend in support of the Houston Dynamo and MLS's newest star player, Hector Herrera. Last week, the City of Houston and fans welcomed him to the City. He makes his official debut on the 9th when the Dynamos play the hated Dallas FC.

At 10:20 a.m., Mayor Pro Tem Martin requested the City Secretary to call the Consent Agenda.

ORDINANCES - NUMBERS 6 through 18

6. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Subrecipient Agreement between City of Houston and **ALDINE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT** for COVID-19 Public Health Workforce for the Houston Health Department; providing a maximum contract amount - 1 Year - \$1,105,020.00 - Grant Fund - Was presented, all voting aye, nays none.
ORDINANCE 2022-0524 ADOPTED

7. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Subrecipient Agreement between City of Houston and **TEJANO CENTER FOR COMMUNITY CONCERNS, INC** for services addressing COVID-19 Health Disparities among populations at high-risk and underserved for Community Organizing and Capacity Building for the Houston Health Department, providing a maximum contract amount - 1 Year - \$1,500,000.00 - Grant Fund
Was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2022-0525 ADOPTED**

8. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Subrecipient Agreement between City of Houston and **ALIEF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT** for COVID-19 Public Health Workforce for the Houston Health Department; providing a maximum contract amount - 1 Year - \$599,946.00 - Grant Fund- Was presented, all voting aye, nays none.
ORDINANCE 2022-0526 ADOPTED
9. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Subrecipient Agreement between City of Houston and **UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER AT HOUSTON** for services addressing COVID-19 Health Disparities among populations at high-risk and underserved for Comprehensive Equity Focused Expansion of Community Health Worker Network for the Houston Health Department, providing a maximum contract amount - 1 Year - \$1,143,016.00 - Grant Fund - Was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2022-0527 ADOPTED**
10. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Subrecipient Agreement between City of Houston and **FREE INDEED COMMUNITY WORKS CDC** for services addressing COVID-19 Health Disparities among populations at high-risk and underserved for Workforce Development for the Houston Health Department, providing a maximum contract amount - 1 Year - \$500,000.00 - Grant Fund - **The City Secretary advised that Item 10 has not been received and if received during the meeting, it will be considered at the end of the agenda.**
13. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Subrecipient Agreement between City of Houston and **YOUR HOUSTON, INC** for services addressing COVID-19 Health Disparities among population at high-risk and underserved for Community Organizing and Capacity Building for the Houston Health Department, providing a maximum contract amount - 1 Year - \$1,500,000.00 - Grant Fund - Was presented, all voting aye, nays none.
ORDINANCE 2022-0528 ADOPTED
14. **ORDINANCE** to name six (6) new private internal streets at the Texas Medical Center (TMC) new site to **HELIX PARK AVENUE, FUTURE WAY, ENVISION WAY, DYNAMIC WAY, CATALYST WAY, and BREAKTHROUGH WAY - DISTRICT D - EVANS-SHABAZZ** - Was presented, all voting aye, nays none.
ORDINANCE 2022-0529 ADOPTED
15. **ORDINANCE** amending Ordinance No. 2022-209 establishing the east and west sides of the 1000 block of Walton Street, within the City of Houston, Texas as a special minimum lot size block to replace Exhibit "A" attached thereto - **DISTRICT H- CISNEROS**
Was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2022-0530 ADOPTED**
16. **ORDINANCE** consenting to the addition of 29.389 acres of land to **HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 188**, for inclusion in its district - Was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2022-0531 ADOPTED**
17. **ORDINANCE** consenting to the addition of 28.76 acres of land to **HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 449**, for inclusion in the district - Was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2022-0532 ADOPTED**

18. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Drainage Participation and Maintenance Agreement between City of Houston and **CLEAR LAKE CITY WATER AUTHORITY** for the El Dorado Facilities - **DISTRICT E - MARTIN** - Was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2022-0533 ADOPTED**

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

3. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing agreement between City of Houston and **HOUSTON DMA HOUSING II, LLC** to be used towards Land Acquisition and new Development Costs for Ella Grand, a 128-unit affordable rental development targeted for seniors located at 2077 South Gessner Road, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT G - HUFFMAN** - Was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2022-0534 ADOPTED**
4. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$36,824,588.00 out of Airports Improvement Fund to fund year two of Parking Operations and Management Services Agreement between City of Houston and **SP PLUS GLOBAL IMS - DISTRICTS B - JACKSON and I - GALLEGOS** Was presented and **Tagged by Council Member Kubosh.**
5. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Subrecipient Agreement between City of Houston and **OUTREACH STRATEGISTS, LLC** for services addressing COVID-19 Health Disparities among populations at high-risk and underserved regarding Community Organizing and Capacity Building Project and Complete Communities Civic Leadership Development Project for the Houston Health Department, providing a maximum contract amount - \$1,822,000.00 Grant Fund – Was presented and **Tagged by Council Member Huffman**
11. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Subrecipient Agreement between City of Houston and **HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT** for funding to support COVID-19 testing for Reopening School Project for the Houston Health Department, providing a maximum contract amount \$300,000.00 - Grant Fund - Was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2022-0535 ADOPTED**
12. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Subrecipient Agreement between City of Houston and **ALDINE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT** for funding to support COVID-19 testing for Reopening School Project for the Houston Health Department, providing a maximum contract amount \$1,016,100.00 - Grant Fund - Was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2022-0536 ADOPTED**

MATTERS HELD - NUMBERS 19 and 20

19. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Houston Public Works, reviewed and approved by the Joint Referral Committee, on request from Maria Alejandra Saucedo, owner Agua Santa Properties, LLC, disclaiming a 20 foot-wide paved segment, currently being used as a right-of-way, from E. Erath Street south to the platted alley, located within a portion of Lots 21, 22 and 23, Tracts 18, 19, 20, within Block 39 of the Harrisburg Townsite Plat, out of the J. R. Harris Survey, A-67, South Side Buffalo Bayou, Parcel SY22-092 - **DISTRICT I - GALLEGOS** - **TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS GALLEGOS and ROBINSON**
This was Item 11 on Agenda of June 29, 2022 - Was presented, Council Member Gallegos moved that the rules be suspended to refer Item 19 back to the Administration and Seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none.

MOTION 2022-0357 ADOPTED

20. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between City of Houston and **GUNDA CORPORATION, INC** for Near Real-Time SSO Predictive and Condition Assessment Support for Wastewater Collection Near Systems and Technical Support Services; providing a maximum contract amount - \$12,500,000.00 Enterprise Fund
TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER THOMAS
This was Item 27 on Agenda of June 29, 2022 - Was presented, all voting aye, nays none.
ORDINANCE 2022-0537 ADOPTED

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

There being no further business before Council, the City Council adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

Council Members Peck, Thomas, Huffman, Gallegos, Pollard, Knox and Kubosh absent.

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

Pat J. Daniel, City Secretary