

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, June 12, 2007

A Regular Meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 12, 2007, Acting Mayor Pro Tem Michael Berry presiding and with Council Members Toni Lawrence, Jarvis Johnson, Anne Clutterbuck, Ada Edwards, Addie Wiseman, M. J. Khan, P. E., Pam Holm, Adrian Garcia, Carol Alvarado, Peter Brown, Sue Lovell and Ronald C. Green; Ms. Susan Taylor, Deputy Chief, Legal Department; Ms. Constance Acosta, Senior Assistant City Attorney-Division Chief, Legal Department; Ms. Judy Johnson, Director F & A; Ms. Claudia Vasquez, Director Citizens Assistance; Mr. Terence H. Fontaine, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations; and Ms. Marty Stein, Agenda Director present. Mayor Bill White absent due to being ill.

Note: Council Member At-Large Position 3 vacant.

At 1:48 p.m. Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry called the meeting to order and the City Secretary called the roll. Mayor White absent due to being ill. Council Members Holm, Garcia, Brown and Green absent.

Council Members Khan and Alvarado moved that the minutes of the preceding meeting be adopted. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor White absent due to being ill. Council Members Holm, Garcia, Brown and Green absent. MOTION ADOPTED.

HEARING - 1:30 P. M.

1. **PUBLIC HEARING** on the City Budgets for the time period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 – was called.

The City Secretary stated that no one had reserved time to speak and asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak and with no one being present, Council Member Alvarado moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Council Member Khan. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor White absent due to being ill. Council Members Holm, Garcia, Brown and Green absent. MOTION 2007-0557 ADOPTED.

At 1:49 p. m. Council Member Johnson invited his father, Rev. James J. McLaughlan, director of Office of Substance Abuse for the AME Church as well as pastor of Wayman Chapel AME to lead all in the prayer and Council Member Johnson led all in the pledge. Council Members Holm and Brown absent.

Council Member Alvarado was recognized for a point of personal privilege and stated that her mother and father were celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary and presented them a Proclamation recognizing that anniversary and accomplishing something amazing, 60 years of life together. Council Members Holm and Brown absent.

Council Members congratulated Mr. and Mrs. Alvarado on their successful life together. Council Member Holm absent.

At 2:00 p.m. the City Secretary began calling the public speakers. Council Members Holm and Alvarado absent.

Ms. Nora Olmos, 7650 Greendowns, Houston, Texas 77087 (713-644-4082) appeared, presented information and stated that she was representing the Reveille-Park Place Civic Association, in the Gulfgate Mall and Hobby Airport area, urging Council to please support the proposed ordinance for no cars on yards because of the safety and health hazard, property

value reductions and unkept neighborhoods did attract crime. Council Members Holm and Alvarado absent.

Mr. Anthony Harkins, 6865 E. Alpine Drive, Houston, Texas 77061 (713-644-4082) appeared, presented pictures to view and stated that he was also present to support the ordinance prohibiting cars in yards; that he was the Neighborhood to Standards Committee Chairman for a neighborhood of 1,100 families and they had large lots which were parked on and it caused visual blight; ruts caused standing water for mosquitoes, there was loss of property values and loss of tax revenue and slows down real estate real estate turnover. Council Members Holm and Garcia absent.

Mr. Tom Horan, 12 Greenway Plaza #1100, Houston, Texas 77046 (713-940-0645) appeared, presented information and stated that no one wanted a 50 foot, 4-story parking garage behind their home; that the River Oaks Shopping Center was to build such and he agreed with Ms. Suzy Hargrove that in general the city could not prohibit development on private property but it would cause horrible visual blight, traffic congestion, etc. Council Members Holm and Garcia absent.

Council Member Edwards stated that they had a 5-story garage in District D and their efforts were not too successful in the past on the issue but maybe they learned something from their past experience and would work with the community; but the issue of parking was very valid. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Holm and Garcia absent.

Council Member Brown stated that he brought up an issue which was a result of not having planning in the city or the kind of standards to protect neighborhoods, but many were willing to work together and if they would get with Weingarten Realty about a visual mitigation to lessen the negative visual impact they would probably work with them; that near Lamar Terrace they had a wall of greenery and that would be what he would recommend. Council Members Johnson, Holm and Garcia absent.

Ms. Kit Gwin, 2041 Brentwood, Houston, Texas 77019 (713-520-0089) appeared and stated that she was also present regarding the parking garage; that the east end of Brentwood Drive had a beautiful cul-de-sac and Live Oaks Park which was established in 1942 and it seemed the City could work with Weingarten to move the garage to the other end and it would not back up to million dollar homes or be on Shepherd which was already disastrous during rush hour. Council Members Johnson, Wiseman, Holm and Garcia absent.

Ms. Cindy Rice, 2061 Brentwood, Houston, Texas 77019 (832-618-5464) appeared and stated that she too was from the Live Oak Subdivision regarding the garage and another concern was security issues; that it would be about five feet from their property line and it would be cover for intruders to come over their fences; that when brought to the attention of Weingarten they said they would do all possible to protect their employees and customers. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Khan, Holm and Garcia absent.

Council Member Edwards stated that her office was willing to work with them and if she would call their office and speak with members of the Central City Civic Club, particularly Ms. Johnson, they had a large garage in their front yard and dealt with safety issues and traffic and had gone to the state to help mitigate such issues and if she would wait someone would bring them the number. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Khan, Holm and Garcia absent.

Council Member Brown stated that they should also be concerned with overhead utility poles, again the city had inadequate standards and left it up to Center Point and they could end

up with them looming over them unless they got the issue settled and the standard for Center Point was seven feet; and Ms. Rice stated that she may have over spoke, but it was close. Council Members Khan, Holm, Garcia and Green absent.

Council Member Alvarado moved to suspend the rules to add Ms. Dusti Hyde to the speakers list, seconded by Council Member Clutterbuck. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor White absent due to being ill. Council Members Khan, Garcia and Green absent. MOTION 2007-0558 ADOPTED.

Ms. Dusti Hyde, who was previously added to the speakers list, appeared, presented pictures to view and stated that she lived in the Garden Villas Subdivision and was present as she had driven down three streets and saw 90 cars parked in the yards and discussed each photo such as Airport Auto Sales on the corner of Telephone and Brays who owned a residential lot beside them which had 5 boats and 24 cars parked on it; that their area also had 6,000 pecan trees which were brought in on horse drawn carriages and roots were being parked on. Council Members Khan, Garcia and Green absent.

Council Member Lawrence stated that she appreciated her coming; that this was a hard issue and Houston had no zoning and they were looking at environmental issues and she appreciated her input. Council Members Khan, Garcia, Brown and Green absent.

Council Member Alvarado thanked those who came to speak and stated that she was familiar with the neighborhood and the streets were not narrow and could allow parking on them, it was just that people were not considerate in maintaining the integrity of the neighborhood; and Ms. Hyde stated that she agreed; that when 10 to 15 cars were parked in a yard there was an issue and it was a serious environmental hazard. Council Members Johnson, Khan, Garcia, Brown and Green absent.

Mr. Dare Kyle, P. O. Box 300554, Houston, Texas 77230 (832-244-2772) appeared and stated that he was present regarding the proposal of washing city vehicles for HPD; that the choice of mobile detailing units was "x" out and it seemed it would be more beneficial. Council Members Johnson, Khan, Garcia, Brown and Green absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Edwards, Mr. Kyle stated that he had not presented his proposal to the chairman of the safety committee; and Council Member Edwards stated that she would encourage him to do so and Council Member Garcia was the chair. Council Members Johnson, Khan, Garcia, Brown and Green absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Lawrence, Mr. Kyle stated that he was in that line of business and to just wash the outside of 100 cars the minimum would be \$4.00 a car. Council Members Khan, Garcia, Brown and Green absent.

Council Member Holm stated that there had been much discussion of car washes, etc., and they had initiated a one year contract but were looking at other opportunities and she too would suggest heavily that he contact Council Member Garcia. Council Members Khan, Garcia, Brown and Green absent.

Mr/Coach R. J. (Bobby) Taylor, 3107 Sumpter, Houston, Texas 77026 (202-FA3-4511) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Khan, Garcia, Brown and Green absent.

Ms. Phyllis Bailey P. O. Box 77235, Houston, Texas (281-438-0985) appeared and stated that she was the associate publisher of Who's Who In Black Houston, a copy of which she

presented to the Council Members, and it was a tool for the City of Houston to sell at conventions, etc., and to recognize the contribution of African Americans, it was also to help school children consider jobs they would not have thought of. Council Members Clutterbuck, Edwards, Khan, Garcia, Lovell and Green absent.

Council Member Johnson thanked Ms. Bailey for a great book and great tool which could be used for children to see more than what was seen on television, not enough role models were in their presence; and Ms. Bailey stated that the book was on sale in the City Hall Visitor's Center. Council Members Clutterbuck, Edwards, Garcia, Lovell and Green absent.

Council Member Lawrence moved to suspend the rules to add Mr. Marcus McKissick to the speakers list, seconded by Council Member Khan. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor White absent due to being ill. Council Members Edwards, Holm, Garcia, Lovell and Green absent. MOTION 2007-0559 ADOPTED.

Mr. Marcus McKissick, who was previously added to the speakers list, appeared and stated that he was present regarding the parking in front yards as it was a big problem in his neighborhood and they were appealing to Council for help; that they were in the Hobby Airport area. Council Members Edwards, Wiseman, Holm, Garcia, Lovell and Green absent.

Ms. Shani Daigle, 2480 W. Cardinal, Beaumont, Texas 77005 (409-893-9997) appeared and stated that she worked for Invisible Armor and was the advertising and marketing executive for the company and present to speak on City of Houston's employees health; that invisible armor was a revolutionary product used during 9/11 by the U. S. postal workers and during the 2004 tsunami and Hurricanes Rita and Katrina to protect from germs, disease and bacteria; that the product was so effective NASA, U. S. Air Force and U. S. Army exchange had purchased it; that the hand sanitizers killed germs on contact but once you started touching things you were once again contaminated and invisible armor provided against 4 hours of recontamination and could be used over the entire body; that several city departments had expressed a need and desire for the product and they were registered as a City of Houston vendor and the product was also cheaper than the one the city was now using; and she hoped they would consider its purchase. Council Members Wiseman and Green absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Edwards, Ms. Daigle stated that she had spoken with HPD. Council Members Wiseman and Green absent.

Mr. Larry Lemond, 4811 S. Loop East, Houston, Texas 77033 (832-630-3405) appeared with Ms. Tracy Collins and stated that he was present on behalf of Ms. Tracy Collins and they were present before; that she had something to go over. Council Members Wiseman and Green absent.

Council Member Khan moved to suspend the rules to add Ms. Tracy Collins to the speakers list, seconded by Council Member Alvarado. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor White absent due to being ill. Council Members Wiseman and Green absent. MOTION 2007-0560 ADOPTED.

Ms. Tracy Collins, 225 N. Carolina, Houston, Texas and who was previously added to the speakers list, appeared and stated that she was present before and passed around pictures of her home which was practically unlivable with electrical faults making it dangerous and the city agreed it was their fault for not doing the HOH inspection; that recently she received a contract from the City of Houston requiring her to sign over for 50 years just about the rights to her property, it had restrictions on how tall the grass could be, when, where and how her house was to be painted, where her dogs could be and for 50 years; that the wording was so uncomfortable

and out there it made her uncomfortable; that it was only a 1,600 square foot wood frame house and the wording made her want to hand over the keys and walk away from the mortgage, but she heard it was a mandate from the Mayor and she wanted to know why. Council Members Wiseman and Green absent

Mr. Lemond stated that an inspector came and went into the breaker box and all the 220 wires were the wrong size and that was why the wire caught on fire, it was 10 gauge and should be 8 gauge; and Ms. Collins stated that last winter their home would not heat and after checking outside they found the wires had been on fire on top of her house. Council Members Wiseman, Holm and Green absent

Council Member Johnson stated that he understood her concerns and needed some questions answered; that the original city contractor did not do what he was supposed to do and what was concerning was so many restrictions being placed for 50 years and he would like someone from Housing to explain to him why it was 50 years; that he would not sign the contract either, how many actually lived in a house for 50 years; and upon questions, Ms. Collins stated that she bought the house with HOH money and when the money was given to her from the City of Houston a HUD inspection was supposed to be done and never was and if it had been the home would not be approved. Council Members Wiseman, Holm and Green absent

Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry stated that someone from Housing was on their way and would meet with her and he understood there was an item on last week's agenda dealing with this. Council Members Wiseman, Holm and Green absent

Council Member Edwards stated that there was not even a 50 year requirement when the city gave money for home buyer's assistance; and Ms. Collins stated that it was 5 years for her and she was in her 4th year. Council Members Holm and Green absent

Mr. Jose Rios, 110 McCullough, San Antonio, Texas 78215 (no phone) appeared and stated that he had a paper to present to Mayor White, that was all he had to say and left a rolled news paper. Council Members Holm and Green absent.

Ms. Katy Emde, 6033 Glen Cove, Houston, Texas 77007 (713-628-7575) appeared and stated that she was having a problem with water running off her neighbor's property onto hers in District G near Memorial and Westcott; that she was told by Public Work that the structural inspectors charged with protecting citizens looking for drainage problems caused by new construction were only responsible for the problems when the house was being built and the responsibility ended with final inspection and with that being the case they needed to be sure such issues were solved before the building passed final inspection; that today at 11:00 a.m. she was told inspectors could require a builder to fix a runoff problem if an error was made during final inspection and the property next to her must fix all problems and she was assuming that meant the sink hole caused by the runoff; that it was good news but she called 311 two times and spoke to five persons in Public Works and left messages for two others over a three week period and received conflicting reports and then signing up today to get the word out the problem must be fixed; that for commercial buildings the developer must include a plan for drainage on his original plans and that should be the same for residential and then the inspector would only have to see that those plans were followed and there should be a revision to the ordinance which allowed inspectors to revisit the building for a period of one year in case a runoff problem developed and then require the builder to fix the problem. Council Members Wiseman, Khan, Alvarado, Holm and Green absent.

Council Member Clutterbuck thanked Ms. Emde for coming and stated that this was an issue all struggled with and she liked the suggestion of a one year provision to come back and evaluate; and upon questions, Ms. Emde stated that the house elevation was built up two to four feet above the base and then they added more dirt to the yard and she spoke to the builders and over a year and a half and to the inspectors twice. Council Members Wiseman, Khan, Alvarado, Holm and Green absent.

Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry stated that he was advised Public Works had determined there was a mistake made and the report was issued in error and they were working to conclude it and Mr. Gary Norman who was present would meet with her and he thought there would be a resolution. Council Members Wiseman, Khan, Alvarado, Holm and Green absent.

Council Member Lawrence stated that she was visiting an area this week and there was no limit of time and she felt Public Works would take care of her. Council Members Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Khan, Holm and Green absent.

Council Member Brown stated that he read her letter and it was very informative and she had good suggestions; that he also felt the city needed a design detail and he would ask Mr. Norman or someone in Public Works to come up with a detail which solved the problem she described and probably affected thousands of others. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Khan, Holm, Lovell and Green absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Edwards stated that she was glad her problem was being resolved and wanted to address several components of her statement; that there was no limitation on whether or not it was done correctly and if people saw fill being dealt with in their community they should call 311 and they would check and hopefully stop it before it started and one problem they had with inspection was there was no hydrologist and she knew they did a budget amendment to hire a hydrologist for the inspection team and asked Mr. Norman to get with her and let her know that status and if they were on point what their role was in her situation. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Khan, Holm, Lovell and Green absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Steve Stavo, 10507 Mayfield, Houston, Texas 77043 (713-948-4909) appeared, presented information and stated that around January 2004 a house one door from him caught fire and it had been three years and six months today that they had to go through what his pictures would tell; that the gentleman had no regard for those in the neighborhood and though much was cleaned up his permit was coming due August or September and the way he avoided fines was to pull one year permits, the house was a shell with a roof, no exterior, and this was his second time to plead with Council to implement the permit policy which he included on the front of his presentation as this was very frustrating. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Khan, Holm, Lovell and Green absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Lawrence stated that they had a problem and she spoke to Public Works a number of times about residential permits and this was an exception; that they sent out inspectors and had probationers clean the yard but it was still a nuisance; and to inform Council Members that when the man received tickets he went to Municipal courts and the Judge said, "Oh, it was a bad hair day for the inspector." and threw them out, it should not be going on and they were working on it and she believed it was a war of you can't make me fix my house going on and she asked Public Works to look at it again. Council Members Clutterbuck, Khan, Holm, Lovell and Green absent.

Mr. Michael Villasana, 3303 Louisiana #115, Houston, Texas 77006 (713-529-9200) appeared and stated that he was an attorney who practiced in the Municipal Courts for more

than six years now on a daily basis and last week Mr. James Gallay, the Assistant Chief Prosecutor for the City of Houston was arrested for driving while intoxicated and he was the same man who fired city prosecutors such as Sue Long and Lilly Knight saying they were unprofessional and not team players, but those prosecutors unlike him did not go to work smelling of alcohol or say to others throughout the day, "Gosh, I need a drink."; they did not get drunk and drive and endanger others and then refuse the request to blow into a breathalyzer when asked by an officer; that the prosecutors committed no crimes and stood against Mr. Gallay's inappropriate, if not illegal, policies; that Mr. Gallay threatened a judge for rulings made on motions and when he refused to bow to his threats he got his team player, Berta Mejia, the presiding judge to remove that judge from the bench; that policies Mr. Gallay, Randy Zamora and Berta Mejia implemented forced city prosecutors to engage in or partake communications with judges on a daily basis and repeatedly prosecutors state the goals to create and skew statistics to place blame on defense attorneys and the police department and it was Randy Zamora who said to Judge St. Jermame, "It was the prosecutors who dictate to the judges what to enter into the system." And Mr. Gallay's policies went over well with Judge Steven Kirkland, the judge was repeatedly stating from the bench when pointing to defendants, "None of them would be here if they had not violated the law." and from the bench he called attorneys names such as jackass and prick and treated those represented by attorney's harsher than those without; that it was undoubtedly going to occur that Mr. Gallay's license would be suspended and if he was permitted to expend vacation and sick time while his license was suspended it was the same as slapping the face of each clerk at the court house; that clerks were asked to do more than their job description and work longer hours only to get comp time they knew they would never be allowed to use and this was the only court house he operated in where clerks said routinely, "If we help you we will get in trouble."; and rather than rewarding the incompetence and corruption going on down there City Council should give serious consideration to ridding the city of it starting with James Gallay. Council Members Clutterbuck, Edwards, Khan, Holm, Lovell and Green absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Upon questions by Council Member Khan, Mr. Villasana stated that he could create a written form to send to him; that basically what was going on was citizens were being taken advantage of, the Code of Criminal Procedure was not being followed on a regular basis, Judge Mejia, Randy Zamora, James Gallay and Jim Moriarity were all working in concert to achieve this goal of shifting blame from the prosecutors to the police; that prosecutors for example were not being able to enter that they had insufficient evidence, if a prosecutor entered that for the basis of dismissing a case he was brought before Jim Gallay who would browbeat him and make him change his ways and in all fairness he felt Jim was the heavy for Randy Zamora and Berta Mejia but none the less he was the one the prosecutors talked about coming in and looking over everyone's shoulders. Council Members Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Khan, Holm, Lovell and Green absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry stated that they were not hearing the other side, but what troubled him was he was not the first person to say this, he was hearing this repeatedly and that was troubling, they were talking about the justice system on its most local level and Council was responsible for it; and upon questions, Mr. Villasana stated that this system was where the most amount of people were introduced to the system and most citizens of Houston were not exposed to county or district courts, but the municipal courts and from there they got a sense of government which operated on their behalf and attorneys and judges and ever since the new system took place or since Jim Gallay and Randy Zamora became Chief Prosecutors and Assistant Chief Prosecutors, the government was not out for justice, it was out to make a quick buck, this was a legalized mob, legalized extortion and that was what he heard from his clients daily and something he did not want to be a part of; and Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry stated that first of all if half of what he claimed had happened it was abominable and when the meeting was over he could have his cell phone number and if a Municipal court Judge ever used terms such

as he just used from the bench, or anywhere else, toward citizens it was instant removal in his opinion and he would ask that he bundle some of his colleagues and place it in writing so they could begin to address it because unfortunately he heard it all too often from people at all levels and when you get a broad enough group of people saying it you started to realize there were kernels of truth and now it was up to them to do something about it. Council Members Clutterbuck, Holm, Alvarado and Lovell absent.

Council Member Green stated that since they had the committee he had been nothing but helpful and he did want to follow-up with him. Council Members Clutterbuck, Holm, Alvarado and Lovell absent.

Mr. Steven Williams, no address (no phone) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Clutterbuck, Holm, Alvarado and Lovell absent.

Ms. Vickie McBride, 16518 Teak Drive, Missouri City, Texas 77789 (832-971-4313) appeared and stated that she was a 17 year employee of Housing and Community Development and one of the 11 employees in the May 4th layoff and was here today because she needed a job and was concerned with the stigma some attached to being laid off; that she was a qualified, hardworking and dedicated City of Houston employee and the new management staff never asked what she did or her skills and there was no assessment to see if she fit in the reengineering of the department; that she did not mind working beyond hours to see the community served and was currently a doctoral student in the Urban Planning and Environmental Policy Program at TSU and during her tenure she created partnerships and showcased the successes of community development block grant funds and she looked forward to working in another city department. Council Members Clutterbuck, Holm, Alvarado and Lovell absent.

Council Member Edwards stated that all responses she received wanted to know why Ms. McBride was gone that she was one they could talk with and get an understanding of policies, etc., and she agreed she needed to be somewhere in the city, but she had a problem with her saying her skills were not assessed in a general overall plan as that was one of the questions she asked the department, how they would determine which jobs and persons would be eliminated and she was told in writing there was an assessment made; and Ms. McBride stated that she was abruptly let go, she was told to see the director and the management staff was there and when she got to her office her computer was dead and she was told to get out and not come back; and Council Member Edwards stated that hopefully her knowledge and services would be used by the city. Council Members Lawrence, Clutterbuck, Holm and Alvarado absent.

Council Member Johnson stated that they understood there was to be a reengineering of the entire department and that you could reapply for your job; and upon questions, Ms. McBride stated that she was not told she could reapply for her position but that there would be other positions in the city at another date, but there was no need for what she did; and Council Member Johnson stated that was not what was conveyed to him and he hoped they could talk at a later date. Council Members Lawrence, Clutterbuck, Khan, Holm, Alvarado and Brown absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Upon questions by Council Member Green, Ms. McBride stated that they had until June 1st and now she was no longer an employee in the City of Houston and now she would be a rehire under the new policy; that her entire tenure was in Housing in various positions and she specifically trained in Washington, D. C., and was a specialized person in the area; that her function had to be absorbed because she produced many of the reports which brought in the

\$64 million here and she had calls to explain some of her responsibilities; and Council Member Green stated that he would follow-up with her. Council Members Clutterbuck, Holm, Alvarado and Brown absent.

Council Member Edwards stated that one of her questions was how were the positions eliminated having their duties absorbed and she would share her answer with him; that of the 11 laid off she understood 4 had retired, 3 were placed in other positions and 4 were being worked on; and upon questions, Ms. McBride stated that she was one of those four; and Council Member Edwards stated that she did not understand you could reapply for your same position that would not make sense but you could apply for another position. Council Members Clutterbuck, Holm, Alvarado and Brown absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Green, Ms. McBride stated that she believed one person was rehired by the department at a lower level capacity. Council Members Clutterbuck, Holm and Alvarado absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Berry, Ms. McBride stated that she was told there was a reengineering in the department and her services were no longer needed. Council Members Holm and Alvarado absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Garcia, Ms. McBride stated that her pay grade was 26; and Council Member Garcia stated that it appeared that pay grade was targeted; and upon further questions, Ms. McBride stated that was correct, but it was never said to her they would help her find another position and the goal of the layoff according to her letter was a reduction in force. Council Members Johnson, Holm, Alvarado, Lovell and Brown absent.

Ms. Juanita Knight, 25814 Water Ridge Drive, Huffman, Texas 77336 (281-681-5612) appeared and stated that she was representing numerous residents in her subdivision in Huffman, Texas, regarding the increase of sewer billing; that they lived in a county subdivision but since many had property which touched the lake it was considered city so they paid city taxes but had no city water or sewer and septic systems had to be at least 50 feet from the lake and they had small lots so they used holding tanks; that since they paid city taxes and had no amenities the city cleaned their holding tanks for a fee of \$42.00 for 2,000 gallons and that was what the city and state required for a three bedroom home, but recently the city increased the price to \$415.00 from \$42.00 and the first they knew of it was when they had their tanks cleaned, it was an increase of \$5,000 a year for her and her husband and yet they paid taxes and no sewer; that she felt they should have been notified and allowed to protest and it should not have been such a monumental amount; that many just heard about it last night when she contacted them and they would like the city to vote against this as it was phenomenal. Council Members Johnson, Khan, Holm, Alvarado and Brown absent.

Council Member Wiseman stated that she represented the portions of Huffman within the city limits and she and Council Member Johnson were the two no votes on that issue; that she looked into a hardship policy in place and there was none and it was a tremendous increase; that they could get a private contractor to do it for them, but they had been paying a nominal fee and to up it in that amount was not right, with respect to sewer services and how they related to taxes the water and sewer was an enterprise service provided, funded through fees collected from water and sewer usage; that she would like to know from the Administration why there was no notice sent to customers receiving the service and she urged the Administration to reconsider by repealing it and would urge those in the predicament to urge the Administration to reconsider as well and someone from her staff was on their way to get information from her and Mr. Fontaine with the Mayor's Office would like to visit with her as well; and Ms. Knight stated that the form she had faxed to her she wanted to present for the Council Members to view along

with signatures protesting which she collected last night. Council Members Johnson, Khan, Holm, Garcia, Alvarado and Brown absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Edwards stated that when the ordinance was in committee she asked about the rate hike and was told it was only applicable to commercial and it was the going rate; and upon questions, Ms. Knight stated that she and everyone on the list was residential; and Council Member Edwards stated that there was a portion in District D which was primarily residential with septic tanks and that was why she questioned and was told it would not apply. Council Members Johnson, Khan, Holm, Garcia, Alvarado, Brown and Lovell absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Wiseman stated that one constituent's fee went up from \$15.00 a week to \$115.00 a week and another from \$20.00 to \$180.00 and that was a lot of money; and Ms. Knight stated that it depended on the tank size. Council Members Johnson, Khan, Holm, Garcia, Alvarado, Brown and Lovell absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Ms. Marilyn Curry, 25842 Water Ridge Drive, Huffman, Texas 77336 (281-392-4246) appeared and stated that she was present with the same concern, she and her husband owned a home on Lake Houston on the Huffman side and they paid \$42.00 to have their holding tanks pumped out by the City of Houston Wastewater Operations and last Friday learned the cost would increase to \$415.00 and she thought increasing it tenfold must be a mistake but they were told because they lived on the lake they were a part of the City of Houston; and for that reason paid city taxes, yet they pumped water from wells they dug and paid for sewage removal; that a neighbor said they paid Houston taxes for almost 25 years and all they did was pick up trash once a week and in the Summer it was really stinky; that most who lived on the lake loved it and wanted to protect the water and wildlife; that they would love to have regular sewer systems and have no holding and septic tanks but they could not install the systems because of their lot sizes and they were stuck, all they could do would be have sewage hauled away and if an increase was needed it should be fair and reasonable; that she could not believe Council Members knew how high the rate hike would be for individual families, if the rate change went into effect she, her husband and others would be paying ten times more for their service; and urged a rate change which would not create a hardship. Council Members Johnson, Khan, Holm, Garcia, Alvarado, Brown and Lovell absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Wiseman stated that she was sure this was not the last they would hear of this and was sorry they were in the situation and if the Administration would have looked at other ways of recapturing fees she did not think they would be dealing with this, but just as easily as they could pass ordinances, they could repeal them and urged all to keep the pressure on and then maybe the Administration and Mayor would have the heart to repeal. Council Members Johnson, Khan, Holm, Garcia, Alvarado, Brown and Lovell absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Edwards stated that she would go to the Deputy Director because she had asked the question, but maybe she misunderstood what she asked as she was told it was commercial and in line with that cost and if it was not she had done a disservice to her constituents and she would find out what it was and what it was not and what could be done; and Council Member Wiseman stated that she appreciated Council Member Edwards concern and because of misinformation she voted in the affirmative and she had authority under Council rules to have the item reconsidered by Council. Council Members Johnson, Khan, Holm, Garcia, Alvarado, Brown and Lovell absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Lionel Alexander, 7931 Booker, Houston, Texas 77028 (713-673-4765) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Johnson, Khan, Holm, Garcia, Alvarado, Brown and Lovell absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Ms. Annie Lyles, 610 E. 43rd., Houston, Texas 77002 (7130692-1665) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Johnson, Khan, Holm, Garcia, Alvarado, Brown and Lovell absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Ben Crabb, 2502 Haverhill Drive, Houston, Texas 77008 (713-861-5354) appeared, presented information and stated that he was present regarding issues surrounding the pending consideration of a developer participation contract concerning the old Minimax property sitting adjacent to some 365 homes in Timber Grove Manner and Holly Park, a community of well tended 1960's ranch style homes; that some were fearful one proposal to open Salford as a through street would bring an end of time to their safe community; that some feared the developer would take revenge because they got in his way even to a small degree; that the handout was from Public Works and by opening Salford it may cause a decrease in quality of life which may reflect in property values; that even a modest request for guidelines concerning what was to be built such as originated by Council Member Lawrence seeking assurances that no more than 20% of living units constructed on the site would be multi family were rejected by the developer; that studies such as Transportation Corridor studies, Houston/Galveston Area Council 2035 study, etc., had initiatives on issues not the least of which was requiring developers to contribute something toward additional green spaces, the studies seemed to point to a concept of master plan communities especially when dealing with substantial tracts such as involved here; that they became destinations unto themselves with combined business and residential and pure residential and greenspace and the developer had not reached out to the community but remained aloof and attempted to get his desire of opening Salford by exerting political pressure and it was to the credit of Mayor White and Council Member Lawrence that their community was alerted and drawn into the discussion. Council Members Johnson, Wiseman, Khan, Holm, Garcia, Alvarado, Brown and Lovell absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Lawrence stated that the item was not on the Agenda this week but it was being discussed and when a proposal came about she would notify them; that Houston had about 50% apartments and 50% single family and for a city this size she thought the city made great strides and she did not want them going backwards especially if the city was doing a 70%/30% participation. Council Members Johnson, Wiseman, Khan, Holm, Garcia, Alvarado, Brown and Lovell absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Charlie Jones, 4307 South Acres Drive, Houston, Texas 77047 (713-734-0772) appeared and stated that he was present because he had a car accident by Hobby Airport and he flagged down to sergeants and they called an officer to the scene and when he tried to give him or the sergeants information they did not want to communicate with him; that he was present because he had been dealing with offices and could get nothing cleared up; that in this accident the report did not have the three lanes on it or the speed limit right and it was his understanding to correct a report you had to go to the officer and he wanted to go to the officer's supervisor to get it done so he would have no direct impact in what was going on; that the other driver said he had crossed three lanes from a stop but was not issued a ticket and he was told in the transportation code there was an ordinance to that effect; that he wanted to know what to do to get the report corrected. Council Members Johnson, Wiseman, Khan, Holm, Alvarado, Brown and Lovell absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry stated that Ms. Vasquez would help him and Captain Williams was also present and would speak with him. Council Members Johnson, Wiseman, Khan, Holm, Alvarado, Brown and Lovell absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

President Joseph Charles, P. O. Box 524373, 77052-4373 (832-453-6376) appeared and stated that he was the official president of the United States; and continued expressing his personal opinions until his time expired. Council Members Johnson, Wiseman, Khan, Holm, Alvarado, Brown and Lovell absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Ms. Sue Kinney, 17435 Imperial Valley, Houston, Texas 77060 (281-405-8394) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Johnson, Wiseman, Khan, Holm, Alvarado, Brown and Lovell absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

At 3:57 p.m. City Council recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 13, 2007. Mayor White absent due to being ill. Council Members Johnson, Wiseman, Khan, Holm, Alvarado, Brown and Lovell absent. Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Wednesday, June 13, 2007

A Regular Meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, June 13, 2007, Mayor Bill White presiding and with Council Members Toni Lawrence, Jarvis Johnson, Anne Clutterbuck, Ada Edwards, Addie Wiseman, M. J. Khan, P. E., Pam Holm, Adrian Garcia, Carol Alvarado, Peter Brown, Sue Lovell, Ronald C. Green and Michael Berry; Mr. Arturo Michel, City Attorney; Ms. Marty Stein, Agenda Director and Ms. Marta Crinejo, Assistant Agenda Director, present.

Note: Council Member At-Large Position 3 vacant.

At 8:21.m. the City Secretary read the descriptions or captions of items on the Agenda.

At 9:30 a.m. Mayor White called the meeting to order. Council Members Wiseman, Garcia and Berry absent.

Council Member Holm stated that Ms. Sylvia Copland began a small restaurant in 1998 and today it was called Sylvia's Enchilada Kitchen and was located at the corner of Westheimer and Dairy Ashford; that she had a great operation and had been featured in the Houston Chronicle, the Houston Business Journal and had received several excellent reviews at the Texas Monthly; that Ms. Copland provided breakfast for the Council Members today. Council Members Wiseman, Garcia and Berry absent.

Council Member Edwards moved to suspend the rules to consider Item Numbers 2, 3, 4, 5 and 34 before the Mayor's Report, seconded by Council Member Alvarado. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Wiseman, Garcia and Berry absent. MOTION 2007-0561 ADOPTED.

2. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following to the **GREATER GREENSPPOINT MANAGEMENT DISTRICT OF HARRIS COUNTY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for terms to expire June 1, 2011:

Position Twelve	-	MR. JAMES N. CURRY , reappointment
Position Thirteen	-	MS. ANNE MUNOZ , appointment
Position Fourteen	-	MS. FAITH K. LEE , reappointment
Position Fifteen	-	MS. MELODY KELLY DOUGLAS , reappointment
Position Sixteen	-	MS. LAURA BAILEY , reappointment
Position Seventeen	-	MS. MICHELLE WOGAN , reappointment

- Position Eighteen - **MR. RICHARD "RICK" E. CARDEN**, appointment
- Position Nineteen - **MR. STEPHEN (STEVE) E. DUNNING**,
reappointment
- Position Twenty - **MS. ROSA ISELA (ROSE) LÓPEZ**, appointment
- Position Twenty-One - **MR. GEORGE W. LUNNON, JR.**, reappointment
- Position Twenty-Two - **MS. PAMELA MINICH**, reappointment

- was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Green. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Wiseman, Garcia and Berry absent. MOTION 2007-0562 ADOPTED.

3. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following to the **NEAR NORTHWEST MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

- Position Three - **MR. DENNIS H. MILLER**, appointment, to fill an unexpired term ending 6/1/2009
- Position Six - **MR. JAMES KILPATRICK**, reappointment, for a term to expire 6/1/2011
- Position Seven - **MS. VIOLA M. GARCIA**, reappointment, for a term to expire 6/1/2011
- Position Eight - **MR. MICHAEL SCOTT CIRILLO**, appointment, for a term to expire 6/1/2011
- Position Nine - **MR. ROBERT R. BURCHFIELD**, reappointment, for a term to expire 6/1/2011
- Position Ten - **MR. KAMAL HUSSEIN**, reappointment, for a term to expire 6/1/2011

- was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Green. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Wiseman, Garcia and Berry absent. MOTION 2007-0563 ADOPTED.

4. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following to the **HOUSTON READ COMMISSION:**

- Position Three - **MS. SULTANA MANGALJI**, appointment, for an unexpired term ending 1/1/2008
- Position Four - **MR. JEREMY RADCLIFFE**, appointment, for a term to expire 1/1/2009
- Position Five - **MR. HARRISON WILLIAMS**, reappointment, for a term to expire 1/1/2010 and to serve as Chair
- Position Seven - **MS. MICHELLE TREVIÑO-AGUILAR**, appointment, for a term to expire 1/1/2009
- Position Eight - **MS. MY HANG (SABRINA) NGUYEN**, reappointment, for a term to expire 1/1/2010
- Position Ten - **MR. ROLAND B. SMITH, JR.**, appointment, for a term to expire 1/1/2009
- Position Eleven - **MS. WENDY CORONA**, appointment, for a term to expire 1/1/2010
- Position Thirteen - **MR. JAMES L. PHILLIPS**, reappointment, for a term to expire 1/1/2009
- Position Fourteen - **MS. LINDA G. CLARKE**, reappointment, for a term to expire 1/1/2010
- Position Seventeen - **MS. CHINHUI JUHN**, reappointment, for a term to expire 1/1/2010

- was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Alvarado. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Wiseman, Garcia and Berry absent. MOTION 2007-0564 ADOPTED.

Mayor White stated that Mr. Roland Smith was in the audience and asked that he stand and be recognized and thanked him for his service. Council Members Wiseman, Garcia and Berry absent.

5. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following to the **WESTCHASE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

- Position Nine - **MR. MARK D. SMITH**, reappointment, for a term to expire 6/1/2011
- Position Ten - **MR. MARK D. TAYLOR**, reappointment, for a term to expire 6/1/2011
- Position Eleven - **MR. GARY BLUMBERG**, appointment, for a term to expire 6/1/2011
- Position Twelve - **MR. BRAD FRICKS**, reappointment, for a term to expire 6/1/2011
- Position Thirteen - **MR. DAVID J. LEE**, reappointment, for a term to expire 6/1/2011
- Position Fourteen - **MR. PHILIP SCHNEIDAU**, appointment, for a term to expire 6/1/2011
- Position Fifteen - **MS. SUZANNE ANDERSON**, reappointment, for a term to expire 6/1/2009
- Position Sixteen - **MR. LLOYD T. LAULAND, JR.**, reappointment, for a term to expire 6/1/2011
- Position Seventeen - **MR. ANDREW R. LEAR**, reappointment, for a term to expire 6/1/2011

- was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Alvarado. Council Members Wiseman, Garcia and Berry absent.

Council Member Holm offered the following motion to amend the above motion "to reappoint Suzanne Anderson to Position Fifteen of the Westchase District Board of Directors for a term to expire June 1, 2011."

A vote was called on Council Member Holm's motion to amend. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Wiseman, Garcia and Berry absent. MOTION CARRIED

A vote was called on the main motion as amended. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Wiseman, Garcia and Berry absent. MOTION 2007-0565 ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

34. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing first amendment to contract between the City of Houston and **HERMANN PARK CONSERVANCY (Formerly FRIENDS OF HERMANN PARK)**, for the Operation of Pedal Boat Concession and other concessions in Hermann Park - **DISTRICT D – EDWARDS** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Wiseman, Garcia and Berry absent. ORDINANCE 2007-0661 ADOPTED.

Council Member Edwards stated that probably one of the best places in the whole State of Texas was Hermann Park and the work that the Hermann Park Conservancy had done to embolden the park and make it user friendly for thousands of families; and asked that the members of the conservancy stand and be recognized and thanked them for their work. Council Members Wiseman, Garcia and Berry absent.

Council Member Holm stated that she too wanted to thank the Hermann Park Conservancy and the Parks Department for the expansion of the contract that was going to provide the new mini train for the City. Council Members Wiseman, Garcia and Berry absent.

MAYOR'S REPORT - Equipment Acquisition Plan

Mayor White stated that he wanted to visit with the City Council principally about the equipment budget but would make one comment about the budget generally; that he was trying to convey to them some information so that they could act more effectively as a body; that historically they could think of the City's budget as being divided into three pots, operation and maintenance, long term capital expenditures in the CIP and then the equipment budget; that their real business was delivering services to people and it was somewhat arbitrary that they had three different buckets into which to put the various funds, they do so principally for a reason having to do with the law and financial transparency concerning the source funds and by that he would say that within the General Fund Budget the money that they could use for long term capitol investments and equipment generally would be the property tax that was allowed for Debt Service, they could spend current money for some equipment or capital expenditures but they would be able to spend a whole lot less or get a whole lot less if they took all of the charges in the current year as opposed to using debt, which was a business like approach to doing so; that in a perfect world what they would do was have superb people running each department with great financial skills and continuing oversight and dialog for the governing body throughout the year and they would give a department, say HPD, a number that would include money they could spend for operating expenses or equipment or capitol expenditures and there would be an annual amount that would be charged on capitol expenditure, if it was a \$20 million project it would be how long it was amortized and what the debt and the interest and principal associated with that particular project would be, and that would count to the current year spending plus the salaries and the current year plus if it was a vehicle they kept for four years that year's worth of payment on the vehicle and people would be able to manage during the year, between years, based on some of these broad categories, but if they did that they really could not quite do that because they set the rate for property tax for debt service and then O&M once a year and they could not change it, they could not incur obligations over that amount, so the best way for them to do it for accountability was to separate Capitol Expenditures from O&M expenditures from these budgets, but there were problems from the way it had been done historically and it related to equipment; that before he was in office, as he was told by some Council Members with more experience, the equipment budget was taken up after the General Operating Budget and the CIP, that they had five year CIP but they had a one year equipment plan, and one of the problems with doing it that way was that there was a big risk that the Equipment Budget becomes a stepchild because the first budget they wanted everybody wanted to clean out the shelves either for ad valorem tax increase or more police, that was generally what they had been doing and where people were keen to do those things and then they had the CIP and by the time they got to the Equipment Budget it was sort of a stepchild, the Equipment Budget was principally composed of two things, IT Equipment, which needed to be replaced from time to time and upgraded, and Rolling Stock, which consisted of specialty passenger vehicles, such as marked units for the police, and then some kind of Heavy Operating Stock, that would include Fire trucks and Solid Waste trucks and some of the Public Works type vehicles; that when he came into office, he thought it was the fiscal year before the one when some of them came into office, they had bought no Police vehicles, none, zero, and the reason was that it came at the end, so no Police vehicles, they could not do that, they were going to have to pay for them sooner or later, and thank goodness some years before they came into office somebody had bought a slug of Fire vehicles; in the 1980's and 1990's there was a deferral of replacing Fire vehicles and then there had to be a huge massive replacement of them at one time, and that sort of benefited them a bit because they had been

able to live off of those; that on the garbage trucks they had a bunch of truck where the annual maintenance cost was greater than the cost to buy a new vehicle; that he mentions all of this to tell them where they wanted to be next year and for the people within F&A and Mr. Fontaine the departments would be his expectation; first they were not prepared enough right now to do a sort of five year plan that looked like the 5 year CIP because there was too much bad data and too many questions that he had and because the various people who were helping the consultants were late in preparing the reports, but next year he wanted to do two things, number one, instead of taking up the Equipment Budget sort of last, take it up first, and second, have a five year plan, that they would not be obligating future Councils, they would not do that, but when Congress passed a budget what they do, and it was part of the 1990 budget reforms that really helped them, when the deficits were out of control a bipartisan group in Congress said to do a five year plan when they adopt a budget so when they adopt a budget this year they would see what the consequences were in the next four years, that was not to say they would appropriate money during the next four years but they needed to see that, it was a brilliant idea and that was what they were going to do with the Equipment Budget; and finally he would say they had the Equipment Budget today and it had been raised concerning the number of marked vehicles in the Police Department and what a replacement schedule there was, that was not to say those were the most important ones, they were important; that Solid Waste and Fire vehicles, ambulances, that any mission critical vehicle was important, but the administration was in the process, and it would be completed this week, of reexamining the issues involved with the number of marked units they were replacing this year, they got a report from Chief Montalvo and she had asked some specific questions about that and he wanted them to know that there may be an amendment to that budget based on what the results of that particular inquiry were. Council Member Berry absent.

Mayor White stated that his final point on budgeting and it had to do with the budget discussion; that he knew there were issues that the budget was an opportunity for individuals to bring to the attention things that might not be ready for an ordinance and under the City Charter form of government it was a vehicle for people to bring by amendment various things they wanted to bring to the table at Council, he would say if people felt pretty strongly about a particular issue one thing he would encourage folks, for example, he talked to a Council Member today who thought it would be appropriate to have certain Council hearings on something, he agreed completely and he had never been in the middle of what a City Council committee held hearings on, etc., that there needed to be good communication between them all year long; that he would tell them that one of the most important pieces of information that they all had was the General Fund Five Year Planning Scenario that Ms. Judy Johnson went through at the Fiscal Affairs Committee, some of the numbers had changed a bit because of the new revenue estimates, but it showed that because of the Fire Fighter increase, because of the increase in head count of the Police Department, the cost of living adjustment in the Police contract, the Health Benefit adjustments, which had increased even with the greater cost sharing by the employees, it had been somewhat greater than the growth in revenues of the City, that pension benefits that they paid and the fact that they were using more and more current funds and less debt to pay those pension benefits, because of those combination of things and the fact that they were dealing with increased services for a bigger City, that they had not figured out how to balance the budget in 2009 and 2010 based upon the proposed budget that they made in 2008; that the average police officer, without overtime, but including the uniform and some personal equipment, but not including a patrol car, \$96,000, that he was not whining, he thought it was great to have the most educated, professional and productive Police Department in their Country, there were many needs in the Police Department, thank goodness Chief Hurtt had doubled the amount that they had spend on forensics, which was one reason why the great progress and turnaround of the certification of all of their forensics lab, that they were not a stepchild as they once were in the budget, but if somebody wanted to add 100 officers, and they were adding a lot more than that, as they well knew, within this budget, take

\$96,000, because it would not be that cost the first year, that was the average cost of all of their officers, but eventually it would be more than \$96,000, and then multiply that by 100, \$9.6 million, that was something like a one and a half cent increase in the tax rate; that he just wanted people to know that math, just know the math; that it was not the policy of this administration, they were doing everything that they could do avoid an increase in the property tax rate so they would continue to have an affordable cost of single family housing and housing within the City of Houston. Council Member Berry absent.

Mayor White stated that they would move to the consent agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 2 through 73

DAMAGES - NUMBER 6

6. RECOMMENDATION from City Attorney for settlement of lawsuit styled **ROBERT JOSEPH BRENGEL** v. City of Houston; in the County Civil Court at Law No. Three (3) of Harris County, Texas; Cause No. 831,740 - \$35,000.00 - Property and Casualty Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Alvarado. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Berry absent. MOTION 2007-0566 ADOPTED.

ACCEPT WORK - NUMBERS 7 and 8

7. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$6,754,510.00 and acceptance of work on contract with **INDUSTRIAL TX CORPORATION** for Kingwood and Northbelt Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements, WBS R-000265-0015-4 - **DISTRICTS B - JOHNSON and E - WISEMAN** – was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Alvarado. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Berry absent. MOTION 2007-0567 ADOPTED.
8. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$1,273,622.92 and acceptance of work on contract with **INDUSTRIAL TX CORP.** for Construction of Two Ground Storage Tanks at Two Pumping Stations, WBS S-000610-0034-4 - 2.01% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICTS A - LAWRENCE and E - WISEMAN** – was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Alvarado. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Berry absent. MOTION 2007-0568 ADOPTED.

PROPERTY - NUMBER 11

11. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering to purchase Parcel AY6-027, located at 1460 Blalock, owned by Triet Minh Tran and wife, Tram Thi Cao, for the **LONG POINT AT BLALOCK INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT from Oak Tree to Freedonia**, N-000674-0002-2-01 - **DISTRICT A - LAWRENCE** – was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Alvarado. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Berry absent. MOTION 2007-0569 ADOPTED.

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS - NUMBERS 13 through 19

13. **FORT BEND MECHANICAL** to Furnish and Install a HVAC System at Fire Station No. 9 for Building Services Department - \$68,700.00 and contingencies for a total amount not to exceed \$72,135.00 - In-House Renovation Revolving Fund – was presented, moved by

Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Alvarado. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Berry absent. MOTION 2007-0570 ADOPTED.

14. **UNITED EQUIPMENT RENTALS GULF, L.P.** for Electric Forklift for Convention & Entertainment Facilities Department - \$30,241.00 - Enterprise Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Alvarado. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Berry absent. MOTION 2007-0571 ADOPTED.
16. **STAGERIGHT CORPORATION** for Folding Stage and a Portable Dance Floor for Convention & Entertainment Facilities Department - \$138,600.00 - Enterprise Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Alvarado. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Berry absent. MOTION 2007-0572 ADOPTED.
17. **PORTABLE CHURCH INDUSTRIES, INC** for Emergency Response Trailers for Health & Human Services Department - \$33,487.21 - Grant Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Alvarado. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Berry absent. MOTION 2007-0573 ADOPTED.
18. **PHILADELPHIA GEAR CORPORATION, dba PHILADELPHIA MIXING SOLUTIONS** for Aeration Mixers and Motors for Department of Public Works & Engineering - \$354,780.00 Enterprise Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Alvarado. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Berry absent. MOTION 2007-0574 ADOPTED.
19. **MARS COMPANY** for Truck-Mounted Water Meter Test System for Department of Public Works & Engineering - \$42,239.99 - Enterprise Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Alvarado. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Berry absent. MOTION 2007-0575 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES - NUMBERS 23 through 71

23. ORDINANCE finding and determining that public convenience and necessity no longer require the continued use of a portion of Old MacGregor Drive Street Right of Way, from MacGregor Way to Highway 288, containing 61,636 square feet of land, more or less, to Gateway Medical Properties, Ltd., the abutting owner, in consideration of (i) the dedication in fee of two tracts of land for storm water drainage to the City containing an aggregate of 61,376 square feet plus owner's agreement to maintain the drainage areas of the two tracts; both the abandonment and dedication parcels being located in the Riverside Terrace Subdivision, Fifth Section, G.P. Foster Survey A-273 Houston, Harris County, Texas; (ii) cutting and plugging of certain utilities and the construction of certain other utilities and intersection improvements at North MacGregor Drive and North MacGregor Way, more particularly described in the body of this ordinance, (iii) delivery to the City of a letter of credit in the face amount of \$123,525.33 to ensure completion of all construction requirements, and (iv) delivery to the City of a lien holder's consent, owner's payment of \$300.00 as a minimum fee and other consideration to the City - **DISTRICT D - EDWARDS** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Berry absent. ORDINANCE 2007-0662 ADOPTED.
24. ORDINANCE consenting to the addition of 16.18 acres of land to **HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 304**, for inclusion in its district – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Berry absent. ORDINANCE 2007-0663 ADOPTED.

25. ORDINANCE consenting to the creation of **HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 477** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Berry absent. ORDINANCE 2007-0664 ADOPTED.
26. ORDINANCE consenting to the addition of 7.087 acres of land to **NEWPORT MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT**, for inclusion in its district – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Berry absent. ORDINANCE 2007-0665 ADOPTED.
27. ORDINANCE consenting to the addition of 260.545 acres of land to **NORTHEAST HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1**, for inclusion in its district – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Berry absent. ORDINANCE 2007-0666 ADOPTED.
28. ORDINANCE consenting to the addition of 45.899 acres of land to **PORTER MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT**, for inclusion in its district – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Berry absent. ORDINANCE 2007-0667 ADOPTED.
29. ORDINANCE consenting to the addition of 1.033 acres of land to **TIMBER LANE UTILITY DISTRICT**, for inclusion in its district – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Berry absent. ORDINANCE 2007-0668 ADOPTED.
32. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing submission of an application for grant assistance to the **OFFICE OF THE TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CRIME VICTIMS' SERVICES DIVISION** for funding for the Hispanic Victims' Outreach Project; declaring the City's eligibility for such grants; authorizing the Mayor to act as the City's representative in the application process; authorizing the Director of the Mayor's Office of Public Safety and Homeland Security for the City of Houston to accept such grant funds and to apply for and accept all subsequent awards, if any, pertaining to the program – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Berry absent. ORDINANCE 2007-0669 ADOPTED.
33. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contracts for Computerized Library Services through the Houston Area Library Automated Network (HALAN) that allows the City of Houston (Houston Public Library), City of Bellaire (Bellaire City Library), City of Port Neches (Hebert Public Library), City of Nederland (Marion & Ed Hughes Public Library), Lee College (Lee College Library), City of Pasadena (Pasadena Public Library), City of Port Arthur (Port Arthur Public Library) and City of Baytown (Sterling Municipal Library) to share the use of an Integrated Library System and other technology – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Berry absent. ORDINANCE 2007-0670 ADOPTED.
37. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Amendment No. 1 to an agreement between the City of Houston and **COMMEMORATIVE AIR FORCE** for conducting annual Air Shows at Ellington Field **DISTRICT E - WISEMAN** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Berry absent. ORDINANCE 2007-0671 ADOPTED.
38. ORDINANCE terminating lease agreement No. 22708, authorized by Ordinance No. 83-193, and approving and authorizing new lease agreement between the City of Houston and **7979 AIRPORT GARAGE, LLC** for certain premises at William P. Hobby Airport - **DISTRICT I - ALVARADO** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Berry absent. ORDINANCE 2007-0672 ADOPTED.

39. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing lease agreement between the City of Houston and **PREFLIGHT PARKING HOBBY, LP**, for certain premises at William P. Hobby Airport - **DISTRICT I - ALVARADO** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Berry absent. ORDINANCE 2007-0673 ADOPTED.
41. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Communication Equipment License between the City of Houston and **T-MOBILE TEXAS, LP**, for certain premises at George Bush Intercontinental Airport/Houston - **DISTRICT B - JOHNSON** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Berry absent. ORDINANCE 2007-0674 ADOPTED.
42. ORDINANCE awarding contract to **GE FANUC AUTOMATION AMERICAS, INC** for the Human Machine Interface (HMI) Software for the City's Wastewater and Water Purification Plant Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition System; providing a maximum contract amount \$1,604,804.26 - Enterprise Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Berry absent. ORDINANCE 2007-0675 ADOPTED.
43. ORDINANCE appropriating \$423,480.00 out of Public Library Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Architectural Services Contract between the City of Houston and **JAMES RAY ARCHITECTS** for Oak Forest Neighborhood Library, WBS E-000073-0001-3; providing funding for the Civic Art Program - **DISTRICT A - LAWRENCE** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Berry absent. ORDINANCE 2007-0676 ADOPTED.
44. ORDINANCE appropriating \$26,819.76 out of Fire Consolidated Construction Fund as an additional appropriation to the In-House Renovation Revolving Fund for Renovation/Reconstruction Projects for the Houston Fire Department, WBS C-000122-0005-4 **DISTRICTS F - KHAN and H - GARCIA** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Berry absent. ORDINANCE 2007-0677 ADOPTED.
45. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing second amendment to Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **RODS SURVEYING, INC** (approved by Ordinance No. 2002-779) for Survey Control, WBS N-000645-0004-3 – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Berry absent. ORDINANCE 2007-0678 ADOPTED.
46. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing first amendment to an Advance Funding Agreement between the City of Houston and **TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TXDOT)** (approved by Ordinance No. 99-452) for Reconstruction of Edgebrook Street from IH 45 to SH 3, WBS N-001304-0001-4, S-000521-0025-4 and R-000521-0025-4 - **DISTRICT E - WISEMAN** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Berry absent. ORDINANCE 2007-0679 ADOPTED.
47. ORDINANCE appropriating \$469,647.00 out of Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund No. 4506 and approving and authorizing Public Road At-Grade Crossing Agreement with **UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY** for reconstruction and widening of the existing Gessner Road At-Grade Public Road Crossing at Railroad Mile Post 8.52 - Eureka Subdivision for the widening of the 30-foot crossing surface with a new 90-foot crossing surface, WBS N-000658-0003-4 **DISTRICT A - LAWRENCE** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Berry absent. ORDINANCE 2007-0680 ADOPTED.
48. ORDINANCE issuing permit to **ENTERPRISE GC, L.P.**, to own, acquire, construct, operate, maintain, improve, repair, and replace pipelines in certain portions of specified

public street rights-of-way and prescribing the conditions and provisions under which said permit is issued **DISTRICT E - WISEMAN** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Berry absent. ORDINANCE 2007-0681 ADOPTED.

49. ORDINANCE issuing permit to **MAGELLAN PIPELINES HOLDINGS, L.P.**, to own, acquire, construct, operate, maintain, improve, repair, and replace pipelines in certain portions of specified public street rights-of-way and prescribing the conditions and provisions under which said permit is issued - **DISTRICTS B - JOHNSON; E - WISEMAN and I - ALVARADO** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Berry absent. ORDINANCE 2007-0682 ADOPTED.

57. ORDINANCE appropriating \$302,250.00 out of Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund as an additional appropriation for Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **BARNHART ENGINEERING** for Design of East Brays Bayou Bikeway/Pedestrian Bridges (approved by Ordinance No. 05-0888), WBS N-000420-0007-3; providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT D - EDWARDS** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Berry absent. ORDINANCE 2007-0683 ADOPTED.

59. ORDINANCE appropriating \$8,267,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding construction contract to **DIVISIONONE CONSTRUCTION, LP**, for Cullen Maintenance Facility, WBS R-000534-0001-4; setting a deadline for the proposer's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance and other required contract documents to the City; holding the proposer in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for material testing and inspection services, construction management and administration, project management and air monitoring services, Civic Art Program, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund **DISTRICT D - EDWARDS** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Berry absent. ORDINANCE 2007-0684 ADOPTED.

60. ORDINANCE appropriating \$5,365,000.00 out of Drainage Improvements Commercial Paper Series F Fund; \$4,845,000.00 out of Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund; \$1,649,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding contract to **TEXAS STERLING CONSTRUCTION, L.P.** for Edloe Storm Drainage Improvements Project Segment 1, WBS M-000253-0001-4, R-000500-0054-4, S-000500-0054-4 and N-000383-0002-4; 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 testing, project management, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Drainage Improvements Commercial Paper Series F Fund; the Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund and the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT C - CLUTTERBUCK** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Berry absent. ORDINANCE 2007-0685 ADOPTED.

62. ORDINANCE appropriating \$2,348,677.59 out of Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding construction contract to **TRAFFIC SYSTEMS CONSTRUCTION, INC** for South Zone Traffic Signal Construction, WBS N-000650-0027-4; 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 Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Berry absent. ORDINANCE 2007-0686 ADOPTED.

64. ORDINANCE appropriating \$3,903,200.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund awarding contract to **INDUSTRIAL TX, CORP.** for Southeast Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements - Package 2, WBS R-000265-0055-4; 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, testing, project management, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT E - WISEMAN** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Berry absent. ORDINANCE 2007-0687 ADOPTED.
65. ORDINANCE appropriating \$4,975,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund awarding contract to **PRIME CONTROLS, L.P.** for Waste Water SCADA Improvements, WBS R-000512-0012-4; 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, testing, project management, integration and programming, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Berry absent. ORDINANCE 2007-0688 ADOPTED.
66. ORDINANCE appropriating \$4,303,300.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **RELIANCE CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, L.P.** for Water Line Replacement in the Woodland Heights East Area, WBS S-000035-00E9-4; 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 testing, project management and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT H - GARCIA** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Berry absent. ORDINANCE 2007-0689 ADOPTED.
68. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,559,800.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund No. 8500, awarding contract to **LEM CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC** for Pressure Reducing Valves Station Improvements Package No. 4, WBS S-000701-0007-4; 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 testing, project management, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund No. 8500 - **DISTRICTS E - WISEMAN and I - ALVARADO** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Berry absent. ORDINANCE 2007-0690 ADOPTED.
70. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 97-1476 which authorized legal services contract between the City and **ZUMMO, SCHIRRMEISTER & AJAMIE, L.L.P., now known as ZUMMO & MIDKIFF, L.L.P.**, by amending Section 4 of such ordinance relating to the maximum contract amount - \$70,000.00 - General Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Berry absent. ORDINANCE 2007-0691 ADOPTED.
71. ORDINANCE No. 2007-633, passed second reading June 6, 2007

ORDINANCE granting to **MOUSER CONTAINER SERVICE, INC, a Texas corporation**, the right, privilege and franchise to collect, haul and transport Solid Waste and Industrial Waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions; and making certain findings related thereto - **THIRD AND FINAL READING** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Berry absent. ORDINANCE 2007-0633 ADOPTED THIRD AND FINAL READING IN FULL.

Council Member Holm stated that Mayor White had made a comment that the average police officer, with no overtime, made \$96,000 per year, and Mayor White stated no, that it was cost, that he was talking about pensions, salary, uniform and equipment. Council Member Berry absent.

MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA WERE CONSIDERED AS FOLLOWS:

PROPERTY

9. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering, reviewed and approved by the Joint Referral Committee, on request from Diann B. Andrews, on behalf of Ahmad El Naggar (dba El Naggar Furniture), declining the acceptance of, rejecting, and refusing the dedication of Brittmore Park Drive from West Sam Houston Parkway to its terminus, located within the Parksedge Section Two Subdivision, Parcel SY7-112 - **DISTRICT A - LAWRENCE** – was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Alvarado. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Berry absent. MOTION 2007-0576 ADOPTED.
10. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering, reviewed and approved by the Joint Referral Committee, on request from Trish Ricklesen, Houston Metro Properties, on behalf of Label Imaging Technology, Inc. (William Hossley, Jr., President), declining the acceptance of, rejecting, and refusing the dedication of Live Oak Street from West 34th Street to H. B. & T. Railroad, located within the Live Oak Addition, Parcel SY7-129 **DISTRICT A - LAWRENCE** – was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Alvarado. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Berry absent. MOTION 2007-0577 ADOPTED.

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS

12. **DIGITAL DETECTION CORPORATION** for Emergency Security Upgrade of Six Radio Towers for Building Services Department - \$176,850.00 - Grant Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Alvarado. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Berry absent. MOTION 2007-0578 ADOPTED.
15. **RETRO LIGHTING & CONSERVATION, L.C.** to Re-lamp the Theater District Parking Garages for Convention & Entertainment Facilities Department - \$34,245.00 - Enterprise Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Alvarado. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Berry absent. MOTION 2007-0579 ADOPTED.
20. **ALTIVIA CORPORATION** for Chemical, Sodium Hypochlorite for Department of Public Works & Engineering - \$34,926,668.33 - Enterprise Fund – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Alvarado. Council Member Berry absent.

21. **CITILABS, INC** for Cube Suite™ traffic modeling software for Department of Public Works & Engineering - \$35,000.00 - Limited Use Roadway Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Alvarado. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Berry absent. MOTION 2007-0580 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES

22. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing special warranty deed conveying to Matt Tabrizi, an individual, the former Fire Station No. 11, a protected landmark, and the Center Street Lift Station, located at 4520 Washington Avenue, consisting of two tracts of land containing an aggregate of 7,750 square feet, more or less (Parcels S98-46A and S98-46B), in Block 56 of the Brunner Addition, Houston, Texas, according to the plat thereof recorded at Volume 42, Page 26, of the Map Records of Harris County; in consideration of Matt Tabrizi's payment to the City of \$350,000.00 and other good and valuable consideration - **DISTRICT H - GARCIA** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Berry absent. ORDINANCE 2007-0692 ADOPTED.
30. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing the submittal of a grant application to the **U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA)** for Community-Scale Air Toxics Monitoring in the Houston Ship Channel Area; declaring the City's eligibility for such grant; authorizing the Director of the Health & Human Services Department to act as the City's representative in the application process; authorizing the Director of the Health & Human Services Department to accept the grant and the grant funds, if awarded, and to apply for and accept all subsequent awards, if any, pertaining to the grant - **DISTRICT I – ALVARADO** - was presented, and tagged by Council Member Wiseman. Council Member Berry absent.
31. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing the submittal of a grant application to the **U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA)** for funding to Measure Volatile Organic Compounds in the Houston Ship Channel Area; declaring the City's eligibility for such grant; authorizing the Director of the Health & Human Services Department to act as the City's representative in the application process; authorizing the Director of the Health & Human Services Department to accept the grant and the grant funds, if awarded, and to apply for and accept all subsequent awards, if any, pertaining to the grant - **DISTRICT I - ALVARADO** - was presented, and tagged by Council Member Wiseman. Council Member Berry absent.
35. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS OF HOUSTON/HARRIS COUNTY** to provide \$60,925.00 in Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") Funds for the provision of Short Term Housing Assistance and Supportive Services to Homeless Persons – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Berry absent. ORDINANCE 2007-0693 ADOPTED.
40. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Amendment No. 2 to lease agreement by and between the City of Houston, Texas and **FEDERAL EXPRESS CORPORATION** - **DISTRICT B – JOHNSON** – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Green. Council Members Lovell and Berry absent. (Note: Council Member Green released his tag later in the meeting.
36. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Interlocal Agreement between the City of Houston and **HARRIS COUNTY** for City Firefighting and Fire Protection Services to

unincorporated areas of Harris County – Revenue – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Berry absent. ORDINANCE 2007-0694 ADOPTED.

50. ORDINANCE issuing permit to **MAGELLAN PIPELINE COMPANY, L.P.**, to own, acquire, construct, operate, maintain, improve, repair, and replace pipelines in certain portions of specified public street rights-of-way and prescribing the conditions and provisions under which said permit is issued - **DISTRICTS B - JOHNSON and I - ALVARADO** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Berry absent. ORDINANCE 2007-0695 ADOPTED.
51. ORDINANCE appropriating \$809,053.81 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Developer Participation Contract between the City of Houston and **AIRPORT/288 ASSOCIATES LIMITED** for Construction of Sanitary Sewer Lines along Mowery Road, WBS R-000802-0047-4 - **DISTRICT D – EDWARDS** - was presented. Council Member Berry absent.

Council Member Brown stated that Item No. 51 was related to an extension of a sewer line that went east to west, just north of Sims Bayou, between Highway 288 South and Alameda Road and he wanted to point out that it was a line that served five in City municipal utility districts which were all contiguous, plus one of the utility districts that had portions of it that were non contiguous; that he had spent a good deal of time talking with various people and stake holders that were involved in that area; that there was not enough coordination in terms of the infrastructure between the five different utility districts and he thought that they needed a policy in the City that when utility districts were using the same sanitary sewer main that there was coordination. Council Members Lovell and Berry absent.

A vote was called on Item No. 51. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Lovell and Berry absent. ORDINANCE 2007-0696 ADOPTED.

52. ORDINANCE appropriating \$132,173.57 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and \$120,000.00 out of Homeless and Housing Consolidated Fund; approving and authorizing Developer Participation Contract between the City of Houston and **HCA HOMES, LTD.** for Construction of Water, Sanitary Sewer and Storm Sewer Lines for the South Shaver Estates Subdivision, WBS S-000800-0100-4, R-000800-0100-4 & M-000800-0100-4 - **DISTRICT E - WISEMAN** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Lovell and Berry absent. ORDINANCE 2007-0697 ADOPTED.
53. ORDINANCE appropriating \$286,086.46 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and \$381,000.00 out of the Homeless and Housing Consolidated Fund; approving and authorizing Developer Participation Contract between the City of Houston and **WATERWAY DEVELOPMENT INC** for Construction of Water, Sanitary Sewer and Storm Sewer Lines for the Sterling Village Subdivision, WBS S-000800-00M3-4, R-000800-00M3-4 & M-000800-00M3-4 **DISTRICT E – WISEMAN** – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Wiseman.
54. ORDINANCE appropriating \$430,489.32 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and \$375,000.00 out of Homeless and Housing Consolidated Fund; approving and authorizing Developer Participation Contract between the City of Houston and **MIDDLEBURY PROPERTIES, LP** for Construction of Water, Sanitary Sewer and Storm Sewer Lines for Section Two of the Fuqua Landing Subdivision, WBS S-000800-00N2-4, R-000800-00N2-4 & M-000800-00N2-4 - **DISTRICT E - WISEMAN** – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Wiseman.

55. ORDINANCE appropriating \$461,639.06 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and \$420,000.00 out of Homeless and Housing Consolidated Fund; approving and authorizing Developer Participation Contract between the City of Houston and **MIDDLEBURY PROPERTIES, LP** for Construction of Water, Sanitary Sewer and Storm Sewer Lines to serve Section Four of the Clearwood Crossing Subdivision, WBS S-000800-00N1-4, R-000800-00N1-4 & M-000800-00N1-4 - **DISTRICT E - WISEMAN** – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Wiseman.
56. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,304,037.42 out of Storm Sewer Consolidated Construction Fund (Number M-000126-00RE-2-01) and approving and authorizing the purchase of easements and other interests in real property and payment of the costs of such purchases and/or condemnations of such real property and associated costs for Appraisal Fees, Title Policies/Services, Recording Fees, Court Costs and Expert Witness Fees, for and in connection with, and finding a public necessity for, the Capital Improvement Projects identified in the body of this ordinance – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2007-0698 ADOPTED.
58. ORDINANCE appropriating \$200,000.00 out of Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund as an additional appropriation for Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **NATHELYNE A. KENNEDY & ASSOCIATES, INC** for Design of Hillcroft Reconstruction from Southwest Freeway (US59) to Bellaire Blvd. (approved by Ordinance No. 05-0447), WBS N-000716-0001-3; providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT F - KHAN**

Council Member Clutterbuck stated that Item No. 58 was an addition to a contract to expand a portion of Hillcroft and her concern was that the southern portion of Hillcroft that ran into Highway 90A had long been feared to be expanded into being a major thoroughfare and all of the residents of that area had been assured over the years by TXDOT and the Houston Galveston Area Council that it would indeed not be a major thoroughfare area and she would ask that Ms. Gafrick, Planning Department, and others understand her voting for the item was not an approval of expanding it to a major thoroughfare; that she would like for them to reassert their belief that Hillcroft would not be a major thoroughfare and not be an extension in the next 20 to 40 years.

Council Member Khan stated that he wanted to thank Council Member Clutterbuck for her thoroughness; that on behalf of his constituents he thought it was important that they work together.

A vote was called on Item No. 58. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2007-0699 ADOPTED.

61. ORDINANCE appropriating \$2,243,426.83 out of Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding construction contract to **TRAFFIC SYSTEMS CONSTRUCTION, INC** for North Zone Traffic Signal Construction, WBS N-000650-0026-4; 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 Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund – was presented.

Council Member Garcia stated that they had talked about the MWBE goals to be set as project specific and timelines to be provided for each respective project.

Mayor White stated yes, that what Council Member Garcia was referring to was that there were a number of different RFPs which went out over the last several months for low bid contracts, where instead of having the percentage goals based on the best capacity for performing the work it went out just with the overall goal, the aggregate goal without reference to what the capacity was and that required some ownership and personnel within Public Works to be making some decisions and to be looking at the actual firms that had the actual capacity for that particular project for those goals to be meaningful; that following their meeting he put that in a memo to Director Marcotte and knew that the City Attorney had communicated with him at least once already but did not know what the status of that was.

A vote was called on Item No. 61. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2007-0700 ADOPTED.

63. ORDINANCE appropriating \$10,200,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund awarding Contract to **CSA CONSTRUCTION, INC** for Sims South Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements - Package 2, WBS R-000265-0053-4; 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, testing, project management, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT I – ALVARADO** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2007-0701 ADOPTED.

Council Member Green stated that he would release his tag on Item No. 40.

40. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Amendment No. 2 to lease agreement by and between the City of Houston, Texas and **FEDERAL EXPRESS CORPORATION - DISTRICT B – JOHNSON** – was again before council. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Lovell absent. ORDINANCE 2007-0702 ADOPTED.
67. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,320,827.19 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **RELIANCE CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, LP** for Service Line Replacement, WBS S-000035-00H1-4; 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 testing, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS F - KHAN and G - HOLM** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2007-0703 ADOPTED.
69. ORDINANCE appropriating \$11,736,304.84 out of Police Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding construction contract to **PRIME CONTRACTORS, INC** for Property Room Replacement, WBS G-000101-0001-4; setting a deadline for the proposer's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance and other required contract documents to the City; holding the proposer in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering testing, construction management services, Civic Art Program, high density storage shelves, office furniture and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by Police Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT H – GARCIA** - was presented, and tagged by Council Members Wiseman and Edwards.

FISCAL YEAR 2008 BUDGET MATTERS

72. ORDINANCE providing for the continuation of appropriations for the support of the City Government pursuant to the requirements of Article VIa, Section 1 of the City Charter; creating a Library Special Revenue Fund and making an appropriation related thereto; making other provisions related to the subject; containing a severability clause – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Wiseman.
73. ORDINANCE related to the Fiscal Affairs of the City; approving the annual budgets of the City of Houston, Texas, for Fiscal Year 2008 for the General, Enterprise and Special Revenue Funds; providing for future adjustment to the beginning fund balances; making various amendments to the proposed budgets; re-designating a cash reserve in the fund balance; authorizing various other transfers; creating new funds; establishing a cost for copies of the budget; making other provisions related to the subject; making certain findings related thereto; providing a repealing clause; providing for severability – was presented.

Mayor White stated that there would be a number of amendments and would ask the Council Members to refrain from tagging the main item until they got amendments on the table.

Council Member Wiseman offered the following written motion to amend Item No. 73:

- 10.01 Motion to amend Item 73 to reduce City Council budget from proposed FY08 amount of 5,068,588 to FY07 approved budget amount of 4,502,237.

Council Member Green offered the following written motion to amend Item No. 73:

- 4.01 Transfer \$1,465,445 and 12 full-time employees from the Public Works Real Estate Branch (200006) into the Building Services Real Estate Division (2500080001).

Council Member Khan offered the following written motions to amend Item No. 73:

- 11.01 Institute a 7th and 8th HPD cadet class to start before the end of Fiscal Year 2008 each with a minimum class size of 45 cadets.
- 11.02 Reduce the City of Houston property tax rate by \$.0025 to 64.25 cents per \$100 valuation.
- 11.03 Require the City Finance and Administration Department to report on the unfunded liability of retiree health benefits in the Monthly Financial and Operations Report.
- 11.04 Request that the Administration develop and implement a plan to consolidate software licensing agreements for all City departments
- 11.05 Request that the Administration implement a plan to consolidate servers that are used by departments citywide.
- 11.06 Add and fund two neighborhood protection inspector positions at the appropriate pay grade.

- 11.07 Require Water/Wastewater billing department to stop sending duplicate paper bills in the mail to customers currently enrolled in the online billing program by the end of Fiscal Year 2008 and redesign the online bill payment program to make it more user friendly.
- 11.08 Conduct a feasibility study to establish an office of "Economic Development" which includes overseas locations to promote international trade with Houston based companies.
- 11.09 Request that the Administration identify funding in the amount of \$28,000 for the purchase of one (1) SUV type vehicle to be used as the unmarked vehicle during dignitary visits.
- 11.10 Request that the Administration identify funding in the amount of \$25,000 for the Criminal Investigative Division and include it as a line item of the Houston Police Department budget for costs associated with protocol services.
- 11.11 Request that the Administration identify funding in the amount of \$10,000 for the Houston Sister Cities Chapter to assemble a business database that will enable small to medium-size companies to reach their counterparts abroad, with the expectation that it will lead to increasing global commerce for Houston based companies.

Council Member Lovell offered the following written motions to amend Item No. 73:

- 2.01 I propose the addition of four (4) full-time professional employees in the City of Houston Planning Department for FY08. The title and pay grade should be planner as listed in the City of Houston pay scale.

Note: Council Member Lovell stated later in the meeting that she would add Historical Preservation to 2.01.

- 2.02 I propose the following to enhance the revenue in the municipal courts administrative department: 1) electronic citation submission plan to address issue of when an officer is not present, purchasing 300 to 350 new devices (cost 385,000) and temporary resources to outsource data entry in interim (cost 150,000); 2) notification system/outbound calling campaign use of technology to ensure that officers receive subpoenas to appear by having notification go to officer's device. This also will include the use of notification software (Amerilert cost 25,000) and an outbound call campaign (cost 100,000); 3) creation of officer attendance reporting enhancements - this potential management tool will allow HPD and municipal courts to find additional solutions to the underlying cause of this lost revenue. Software will be required to allow the tracking (cost 50,000) and FTE will be required to handle reports and communication associated with this (cost 25,000); 4)streamline trial setting process implement pay or set support (cost 50,000).

Council Member Clutterbuck offered the following written motions to amend Item No. 73:

- 8.01 Institute a 7th Houston Police Cadet class to begin in June of 2008, with funding derived from any end-of-year surplus in the Houston Police Department budget and/or other grant sources

- 8.02 Delete Section 15[c]. No waste reduction fund or waste reduction fee shall be established unless and until public hearings are held and the City Council approves and authorizes a waste reduction fee and/or waste reduction fund under a separate ordinance
- 8.03 Provide \$299,938 to the Health & Human Services Department allocated directly to the Bureau of Animal Regulation & Care (BARC) for an additional 6 full time employees and 4 vehicles for BARC's Trap & Compliance Team Program to improve the pickup of aggressive animals, pickup stray animals and better enforce animal control regulations from the general fund and/or grant sources and/or asset forfeiture funds.

Council Member Alvarado offered the following written motions to amend Item No. 73, and tagged her amendments.

- 14.01 The administration will create a plan to provide incentives to Taxi Cab Fleets that switch to hybrid vehicles.
- 14.02 The administration will create a plan to increase the number of Hybrid Vehicles in the City's "light fleet" to a minimum of 75% of the total "light fleet".
- 14.03 Increase funding at BARC by \$300,000 to provide for 6 new staff members and 4 vehicles for a "Trap Team" and a "Compliance Team", in order to deal with aggressive nuisance dogs and provide door-to-door Animal Control code violation inspections. Funding source to be determined by the administration
- 14.04 The administration will create a program to reduce off-road diesel emissions from contracted construction projects by developing clean contract specifications paired with a contract allowance not to exceed 5% of contract value in accordance with Section 271.907, Local Government Code.
- 14.05 Allocate \$100,000 to the Mayor's HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY OFFICE to conduct a sustainability evaluation of converting the existing sludge digestion and handling facilities at the 69th Street wastewater treatment plant to an anaerobic digestion process with biogas capture and beneficial re-use. Funding Source to be determined by the administration.

Council Member Lawrence offered the following written motions to amend Item No. 73:

- 6.01 Reduce the City of Houston property tax rate by \$.0025 to 64.25 cents per \$100 valuation
- 6.02 Request to make one individual responsible for the purchase of all City computer software
- 6.03 Request to designate the Building Services Director as the sole purchaser of City vehicles
- 6.04 Request to consolidate all City of Houston parking responsibilities under a single individual.

Council Member Johnson offered the following written motions to amend Item No. 73:

- 7.01 A policy amendment for the Housing and Community Development Department's application process to consider increased points in the scoring process for those projects that provide social service program(s) as a part of the funding process.
- 7.02 An amendment to the Fire Department's budget that maintains the Professional Development Division in the Fire Prevention Department, per the Mir Fox study, and dedicate a Chief Training Inspector to implement the training concerns addressed in the study which includes inadequate professional and job related training.
- 7.03 Continuation of the budget amendment approved in FY 07 that required the Fire Department, in conjunction with Finance and Administration, to conduct a study on the need to increase fire inspection fees based on the days it takes to inspect facilities, and the possible recovery of man-hour costs.
- 7.04 An amendment to the Fire Department's budget to add 10 additional FTEs to the Fire Inspection Division budget to adequately ensure the inspection of facilities at a more frequent and necessary basis when new businesses are established or relocated. Funding from the adjustment of fire inspection fees from the above referenced amendment would fund these positions.
- 7.05 An amendment to the Fire Department budget to require buildings that contain hazardous materials to carry remediation insurance in the event of an episode.
- 7.06 Continuation of the sweat-equity program in the Houston Police Department's FY08 Neighborhood Protection Division budget, which allocated \$24,000 to two Super Neighborhood Councils identified as the Acres Homes SNC and Fifth Ward SNC, to abate weeded lots within their respective neighborhoods.
- 7.07 An amendment to the Houston Police Department budget that provides funding for juvenile drug prevention programs. The funding for this effort would be through the Municipal Service Fee in the TIRZs budgets for District B. The Municipal Service Fee would fund juvenile public safety issues such as the D.A.R.E. program in District B.
- 7.08 A policy amendment for the Planning Department's budget requiring a commitment to help steer quality development to neighborhoods that historically have been underserved. To enhance communities that have been affected by multiple bio-psycho-politico and social conditions such as poverty, violence, racism, and substance abuse.

Council Member Holm offered the following written motions to amend Item No. 73:

- 12.01 For FY 2008 all fees, fines, and revenue generated from permitting and enforcement of signage shall be used to fund Public Works and Engineering - Sign Administration Fund 2300 in order to establish sustainable enforcement of the Sign Code.
- 12.02 Transfer \$150,000 from the General Fund Parks and Recreation 1000/3600 designated to Lake Houston Park to Public Works and Engineering - Sign Administration Fund 2300 to fund a complete city-wide sign audit.

- 12.03 Transfer \$150,000 from the General Fund Parks and Recreation 1000/3600 designated for Grant, Legislation, and Development Office to esplanade landscaping.
- 12.04 Request that within thirty days the Mayor place on the agenda an ordinance amending Chapter 2, Article 6, Section 201 of the Code of Ordinances to require Council action prior to acceptance of any property offered to the City
- 12.05 The Houston Police Department will submit quarterly reports to the Mayor and City Council detailing all HPD expenditures for special events, street functions and parades. Report will include the number of staff provided, identifying the stations assignment of each officer, the amount expended on staffing, and any costs recovered for staffing the functions
- 12.06 Transfer \$750,000 funds designated for the Mobility Response Team to support neighborhood traffic studies, evaluation, equipment, and programs for improving public safety and mobility challenges in neighborhoods during FY 2008.
- 12.07 Effective August 1, 2007 assign and fund 20 additional classified police officers positions to Westside Command.
- 12.08 Continue to evaluate and assign/reassign the number of classified police officer positions assigned to Westside Command until the desired ratio of officers to citizens is achieved

Council Member Berry offered the following written motions to amend Item No. 73:

- 5.01 Fund one (1) additional HPD cadet class.
- 5.02 Transfer the 3 employees who report to the Mayor but are paid out of the PWE budget to the Mayor's Office. Use the PWE surplus funds created by the transfer to hire 2 additional employees to handle matters before the Joint Referral Committee.
- 5.03 Fund a trap-alter-vaccinate-release program at BARC.
- 5.04 Eliminate the Mayor's Office of Immigration and Refugee Affairs.

After discussion, Council Member Berry stated that he would withdraw amendment 5.02.

Council Member Garcia offered the following written motions to amend Item No. 73:

- 13.01 In response to Bromwich's final Crime Lab recommendations, in annual budget book presented by Administration, a separate line item be written in, detailing funding for Crime Lab.
- 13.02 In monthly MFOR report presented by Administration a new performance measure be added under Municipal Courts, listing total time spent by officer and defendant in arraignment court and judge/jury trials.
- 13.03 Department of PW&E shall institute within one year an executive level diversity mentorship program and shall submit to Council Committee on Minority/Women

Business Enterprise and Small Contractor Development and Contract Compliance progress of.

- 13.04 Within one year, Administration will submit to Council a plan of action for funding of \$580,000 to institute a HPD/HEC partnership program with the High School for Law Enforcement.
- 13.05 Require all City Facilities to participate in a recycling program and submit a report at years end to Council.
- 13.06 Administration conduct a study to review opportunities to consolidate city services that use private leases instead consolidating these services to public facilities.
- 13.07 Administration initiate a study and report back to Council Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security within 90 days reviewing the amount of vehicles transporting toxic chemicals in City's ROW.
- 13.08 Initiate an independent task force appointed by Mayor and Council to review outsourcing Affirmative Action Department certification process.
- 13.09 At the end of fiscal year, Administration shall submit to Council Committee on Minority/Women Business Enterprise and Small Contractor Development and Contract Compliance a report indicating number and total amount of purchase orders under \$25,000 by department and % issued to MWBE's.
- 13.10 [Add a new position titled "After Hours/Liquor License Czar" using \\$100,000 contingent on Governor's signature of HB 1 \(Article V, page 516 of the Conference Committee Report\).](#)
- 13.11 Reinstate Land and Grounds Maintenance funding to 07' level. Approximate cost - \$476,576.00
- 13.12 Create a special revenue fund titled "Street Repair Program" to be managed by PW&E. No expenditure of the fund is authorized unless and until City Council approves and authorizes an Over/Over Truck Ordinance.
- 13.13 HFD implement recommendations from Mir Fox Audit for Life Safety Bureau/Inspection Division – Fire Marshall's office.
- 13.14 Add an additional two inspectors for HFD to conduct atrium and mid-rise inspections and safety programs.
- 13.15 Funding for 10 additional HPD marked vehicles. Approximate cost - \$360,000.
- 13.16 Determining amount of one-time expenditures in police and fire budgets and use no more than 10% of surplus funds for hiring of two additional police academy classes of 70 each.
- 13.17 Study the feasibility of creating a parking department, separating from CEF with current funding and revenue. Council Member Berry absent.

Council Member Brown stated that he did not have his amendments in writing at this time and would outline the topics on which he would offer his amendments to Item No. 73; (1) increasing the budget for historic preservation; (2) funds from the Community Development budget for the Lower Fifth Ward Revitalization Plan, (3) Funds for Community Vision Planning and Design related to improvement of Emancipation Park and Project Row Houses in the area of the park, (4) a gentile modification of the scope of work in the proposed City Mobility Plan, CMP, and (5) another try at homesteading, a pilot program, and (6) a restoration of \$250,000 for the D.A.R.E. Program, and would present them in writing later in the meeting. Council Members Lawrence, Clutterbuck, Holm, Garcia, Lovell and Berry absent.

Council Member Edwards offered the following written motions to amend Item No. 73:

- 9.01 190,462 cases were dismissed due to the absence of subpoenaed officers' in the courtroom. The average cost of a moving violation is \$30.00. We are requesting that HPD be required to reimburse the City for those losses. Therefore we suggest the computation be as follows... the amount of cases dismissed multiplied by the average cost of moving violations (190,462 x \$30.00). This amount would be reimbursement to the appropriate municipal court revenue stream.
- 9.02 The Chief of Police and appropriate staff members should perform a mandatory operational audit every 5 years, beginning with the 2008 fiscal year.
- 9.03 Requesting that the \$1M appropriated for HIV/AIDS outreach and prevention services (presented and amended at the table in the 2007 budget), be allocated to the appropriate HIV/AIDS Emergency Task Force immediately.
- 9.04 Requesting \$1M be allocated to the Parks and Recreation Department from either the general fund or CDBG funds to initiate historic preservation and restoration to Emancipation Park, the oldest public park in the City of Houston; established in 1872.
- 9.05 Appropriate \$70K to Historic Preservation department in the Mayor's office from the general fund or CDBG funds. This will add an additional staff member to help in the area of historic preservation for the City of Houston.
- 9.06 Requesting that PWE develop a drainage impact policy and fee. Such action would produce a dedicated revenue stream to mitigate flooding and drainage issues in the City of Houston. Council Members Garcia, Lovell and Berry absent.

Council Member Wiseman stated that she had a written motion to amend the main item to read as follows "Amend Item 73 to reflect an adjusted property tax revenue estimate equal to the effective tax rate", that she would tag the amendment and all of the other amendments that had been introduced and the main item. Council Members Garcia and Berry absent.

Council Member Johnson stated that he would like to amend 7.04 with the inclusion of the word "facilities" in the fourth line and in 7.05 with the inclusion of the word "insurance" in the third line, that he would like to make those revisions to his amendments. Council Members Garcia and Berry absent.

Mayor White stated that Council Member Johnson had made minor edits to the amendments he offered and if there was no objection it was so ordered. Note: Council Member Johnson had distributed revised written motions. Council Members Garcia and Berry absent.

Council Member Khan stated that they had corrected a typo also by adding the word “study” after the word “feasibility” in 11.08, and he would add his tag to all of the amendments offered at the table today, and Mayor White stated that if there was no objection to the minor edit that Council Member Khan had suggested, and hearing none by consent it was so ordered. Note: Council Member Khan distributed revised written motions. Council Members Garcia and Berry absent.

Council Member Lawrence stated that she would add amendment 6.05, that due to the Koosman Case, “change the MWBE Program Office to the Small Business Office, seconded by Council Member Wiseman. Council Members Garcia and Berry absent.

Mayor White stated that if there was no objection to accepting Council Member Lawrence new amendment it was so ordered. Council Members Johnson, Garcia and Berry absent.

Council Member Wiseman stated that she would tag Council Member Lawrence amendment. Council Members Johnson, Garcia, Brown and Berry absent.

Council Member Lovell stated that she wanted to amend her amendment number 2.01 to add “Historic Preservation” after “Houston Planning Department”, and Mayor White stated that if there was no objection it was so ordered. Council Members Johnson, Garcia, Brown and Berry absent.

Council Member Alvarado offered an additional written motion to amend Item No. 73:

14.06 The administration shall explore selling city infrastructure assets as a financing option for pension/benefits and infrastructure projects, seconded by Council Member Wiseman, and tagged by Council Member Alvarado. Council Members Garcia, Brown and Berry absent.

Council Member Wiseman stated that she would tag Item No. 73 and all the amendments, and Council Member Khan stated that he would tag all of the amendments to Item No. 73. Council Members Garcia, Brown and Berry absent.

NON CONSENT AGENDA - NUMBERS 74 and 75

MISCELLANEOUS

74. MOTION to set a date not less than seven (7) days from June 13, 2007 to receive nominations for Position 3 on the **PORT OF HOUSTON AUTHORITY OF HARRIS COUNTY**, for a two-year term – was presented.

Council Member Garcia moved to set June 20, 2007 to receive nominations for Position 3 on the Port of Houston Authority of Harris County, seconded by Council Member Alvarado. Council Member Berry absent.

Council Member Edwards stated that she wanted to advise her colleagues that she had passed out a resume for their review for her nomination to re-nominate for their position for Dr. Kase Lawal.

A vote was called on the motion to set the date of June 20 to receive nominations for Position 3 of the Port of Houston Authority of Harris County. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Berry absent. MOTION 2007-0581 ADOPTED.

75. **SET A PUBLIC HEARING DATE** regarding the designation of a Tax Abatement Reinvestment Zone for **ACTION BOX COMPANY, INC (ACTION BOX COMPANY, INC REINVESTMENT ZONE) - DISTRICT A – LAWRENCE - SUGGESTED HEARING DATE - 9:00 A.M. - WEDNESDAY - JUNE 27, 2007** - was presented. Council Member Berry absent.

Council Member Alvarado moved to set a public hearing for June 27, 2007, seconded by Council Member Garcia. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Berry absent. MOTION 2007-0582 ADOPTED.

MATTERS HELD - NUMBERS 76 through 84

76. WRITTEN Motion by Council Member Garcia to amend Item 76A as follows:
Department of Building Service's will submit an annual report to Council on Manpower to vehicle ratio and functionality detailing average life expectancy standards per department vehicles and environmental standards per department vehicles – (**TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS WISEMAN and CLUTTERBUCK**) – was presented.

Council Member Garcia stated that he would move to amend Item No. 76 to change "Department of Building Services" to "the administration", seconded by Council Member Alvarado.

Mayor White stated that the administration did not object to the amendment or the motion to amend the amendment.

A vote was called on the motion to amend. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Berry absent. MOTION CARRIED.

A vote was called on Item No. 76 as amended. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Berry absent. MOTION 2007-0583 ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

- 76a. RECOMMENDATION for approval of the Fiscal Year 2008 Equipment Acquisition Plan – (**This was Item 1 on Agenda of June 6, 2007, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS WISEMAN and CLUTTERBUCK**) – was presented.

Upon questions by Council Members, Mayor White stated that within the operating budget's of the departments they did see a line item for the Operation and Maintenance associated with various equipment; that on occasion there was some equipment that was purchased by the departments, although that was not the general practice and certainly not when it came to rolling stock within the City; that the question was that if they looked at the department's budget where would they see the annual charge or account for the actual capitol cost of the equipment, capitol cost being the amount that they paid or the principal and interest on associated debt, the answer was when they simply looked at the department's budget of the City of Houston they would not see that, and it had gone on since some time, was it good, no it was not good, was there a reason for it, yes there was a reason, there was a separate pot from which it had to be paid, an equipment acquisition portion of the ad valorem debt service and that was defined in advance every year; that they wanted to be in a situation where they could see, when they looked at the department's budget, the annual prorated portion of the expense related to the equipment used by that department, but they were starting on absolutely square one, the City had never done anything like that before so it required inventory management procedures, allocation of debt or assumptions that were well known to everyone concerning the allocation of debt and debt related cost to that equipment and that was where they wanted to be

able to be and it would give departments more ownership of making the right choices concerning more maintenance or more equipment in the current year, but the answer was that they could not see in the current budgets the expense associated with the acquisition of equipment, that had been that way forever at the City of Houston, there was a reason for that, it was not good and they would like to move in a direction where they would see the prorated amount of the debt associated with that equipment, that he would finally say that they had done something fairly similar that promoted accountability with respect to the pension expense, that it used to be that the pension expense was something in the General Government category and now they had allocated that among various departments so that the departments understood the amounts, and that elected officials understood that it was the more they paid in pensions the less money they had to hire people today.

After further questions by Council Members, Mayor White stated that they were not appropriating anything, that the Equipment Acquisition was similar to the CIP, only for equipment, that he did monitor some of the discussion by Members of Council and the command staff and alike and did request certain information, a draft of the Mercury Consultant Report and other information that was provided to him two days ago concerning police vehicles, the marked units in particular, that he wanted to make sure that they were prudent and had an adequate number of those marked vehicles; that he had also heard around the Council table various people seeking to increase the number of classified officers at the Police Department and during this week they would be discussing with Council Members how they thought they ought to go about doing that if they decide to do that, in the past a lot of it had been done by deferring equipment purchases, which he did not want to do, and within the next week they ought to have a good and reliable answer about whether or not this amount of police vehicles was appropriate or whether or not they should increase the spending on the vehicles, that he was talking in particular about the marked units and how they went about paying for that, that was his goal, and he thought that based on the numbers he had seen there was a significant likelihood that they would need to increase the amount of those vehicles, but there were some holes in the data that he had gotten so far and needed to make sure they got that, that it would take several months for them to come up with a five year plan, but it may be that the number was a little bit low on the marked vehicles.

After further discussion, Council Member Holm asked how could they get a complete inventory of all their rolling stock so they would know comparatively just to get an idea, and Mayor White stated that he would ask their personnel to get together with her when they had things like the numbers by various categories and age and would get that to her office; that in summary he knew that if people were working in the field and for people not working in the field there were two general categories of vehicles and one had to do with those working in the field; that generally it was based upon the age of the vehicle and the field usage of the vehicle, and Council Member Holm asked for an explanation of that to understand it better; that on IT they gave them totals of how much they spent in 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007 but there was no availability for where that money was spent and if there was somebody who could get her that backup and Mayor White stated that they would get that to her.

After further discussion, Council Member Wiseman asked if they would continue to have the Building Services Director oversee those purchases, and Mayor White stated that it would be his intention that they would have a separate equipment budget, if nothing else he thought the risk of not separating out those things that were serviced by a separate fund, the ad valorem debt service account, and putting them in separate budgets, could create some risk in a term limited strong form of government that somebody may lose track of what funds were paying for what, so they would still have that and there would be formal processes that they would see through the appropriations for the purpose of rolling stock, that with due respect to Mr. Dadoush and Mr. Fontaine, there were personnel within Fire who knew a lot about the fire equipment and

dealt directly with a limited number of firms that could manufacture their equipment, the same thing with the Solid Waste Department, so each of these departments already had a big amount of input into these things, that they would continue to have input but they would have only one overseer in this situation.

After further discussion, Council Member Wiseman stated that she did have some reservations about the IT portion of the plan, and did not feel that any discussion could be held at the Council table that would change that level of comfort for her and would move to divide the question to consider the Rolling stock and other equipment portion of the plan, which they had been told totaled \$20.9 million and divide it from the IT recommendation, which totaled \$20.3 million, seconded by Council Member Alvarado.

Mayor White stated that they did not object to dividing it up into those two categories and a vote was called on the motion to divide the question between the IT and the Rolling Stock. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2007-0584 ADOPTED.

Council Member Wiseman moved to adopt the portion of the plan that related to the Rolling Stock and other equipment, seconded by Council Member Lawrence.

Council Member Edwards requested that someone share with her who would be responsible that it was implemented, who would be responsible for it, and Mayor White stated that for example within the Rolling Stock there was a team of people that met and for example for the police marked vehicles it was the Police and Building Services, and he had asked the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations to report back to him if there were particular problems, he never wanted to see again the case where they did not coordinate the purchases of the radio and equipment with the purchases of the car, that it took several people but the Building Services, the relevant department and the Mayor's Chief of Staff for Operations and Equipment, those would be the three.

A vote was called on the Rolling Stock portion of the plan. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2007-0585 ADOPTED.

Council Member Khan moved to adopt the proposed plan for the IT portion, seconded By Council Member Alvarado. Council Members Wiseman, Holm and Lawrence voting no, balance voting aye. MOTION 2007-0586 ADOPTED.

77. RECOMMENDATION from Finance & Administration Department to award to **PHILPOTT MOTORS, LTD.** for Utility Vehicle through the Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Purchasing with Houston-Galveston Area Council for the Police Department - \$28,235.30 - Major Accessories Shop 15 Fund – **(This was Item 16 on Agenda of June 6, 2007, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER HOLM)** - was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Alvarado. Council Member Clutterbuck voting no, balance voting aye. MOTION 2007-0587 ADOPTED.
78. MOTION by Council Member Khan/Seconded by Council Member Alvarado to adopt recommendation from Finance & Administration Department to award to **ASHLAND, INC** - \$10,800,000.00 and **POLYDYNE, INC** - \$7,200,000.00 for Chemicals, Liquid Polymer Flocculant for Department of Public Works & Engineering - Enterprise Fund – **(This was Item 17 on Agenda of June 6, 2007, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS WISEMAN and KHAN)** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2007-0588 ADOPTED.

79. ORDINANCE **AMENDING CHAPTER 28 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, relating to the parking of vehicles on certain residential properties; containing other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; providing a penalty; providing for severability; providing an effective date – **(This was Item 19 on Agenda of June 6, 2007, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS WISEMAN, LAWRENCE, GARCIA and EDWARDS)** – was presented.

Council Member Lawrence moved to postpone Item No. 79 for two weeks, seconded by Council Member Wiseman. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2007-0589 ADOPTED.

80. ORDINANCE **CREATING A NEW ARTICLE VIII TO CHAPTER 34 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS**, providing for the creation of a Public Safety Video Program; making other findings and provisions related to the subject; providing a severability clause – **(This was Item 20 on Agenda of June 6, 2007, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS WISEMAN, KHAN and CLUTTERBUCK)** - was presented. Council Members Lawrence, Clutterbuck, Edwards, Wiseman and Berry voting no, balance voting aye. ORDINANCE 2007-0704 ADOPTED.

81. ORDINANCE altering and establishing maximum prima facie speed limits in certain zones in the City of Houston; containing findings and other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; providing a repealer; containing a savings clause; providing for severability; declaring certain conduct to be unlawful and providing a penalty – **(This was Item 26 on Agenda of June 6, 2007, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS WISEMAN, LAWRENCE and HOLM)** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2007-0705 ADOPTED.

82. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **AIR PRODUCTS AND CHEMICALS, INC** for Operation and Maintenance of Oxygen Plant, 69th Street Wastewater Treatment Facility for the Public Works Department; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$8,492,400.00 - Enterprise Fund – **(This was Item 28 on Agenda of June 6, 2007, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ALVARADO)** – was presented.

Council Member Alvarado moved to postpone Item No. 82 for one week, seconded by Council Member Garcia. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2007-0590 ADOPTED.

83. ORDINANCE appropriating \$209,043.82 out of Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund for Landscaping and Beautification of City Streets and Thoroughfares, WBS N-000675-0006-4; providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS A - LAWRENCE; B - JOHNSON; D - EDWARDS; G - HOLM; H - GARCIA and I - ALVARADO** – **(This was Item 42 on Agenda of June 6, 2007, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER HOLM)** – was presented.

Council Member Brown stated that in response to a question he had the Parks Department was really doing a good job in figuring out some attractive design standards for their esplanades and medians.

A vote was called on Item No. 83. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2007-0706 ADOPTED.

84. ORDINANCE determining that the formal taking of competitive bids is not required for the work described herein; and awarding contract to **TIBH INDUSTRIES, INC** for Trailer

Repair Services for the Houston Police Department - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$412,445.00 - General Fund – **(This was Item 57 on Agenda of June 6, 2007, POSTPONED BY MOTION #2007-554)** – was presented. Council Member Wiseman voting no, balance voting aye. ORDINANCE 2007-0707 ADOPTED.

Council Member Garcia moved to suspend the rules in order to submit some final budget amendments to Item No. 73.

Council Member Wiseman stated that it was her understanding that her colleagues wished to add amendments to an item that had already been tagged and the only action that would be permissible under their rules was a release of a tag for the reconsideration of the item and she believed she was the only one who tagged the main item and would release her tag for that purpose.

73. ORDINANCE related to the Fiscal Affairs of the City; approving the annual budgets of the City of Houston, Texas, for Fiscal Year 2008 for the General, Enterprise and Special Revenue Funds; providing for future adjustment to the beginning fund balances; making various amendments to the proposed budgets; re-designating a cash reserve in the fund balance; authorizing various other transfers; creating new funds; establishing a cost for copies of the budget; making other provisions related to the subject; making certain findings related thereto; providing a repealing clause; providing for severability – was again before Council.

Council Member Garcia offered the following motion to amend Item No. 73:

“Conduct study to determine what the City of Houston’s Police to resident ratio should be and submit to the Public Safety Committee within 90 days, seconded by Council Member Khan, and tagged by Council Members Khan and Wiseman.

Council Member Brown offered the following written motions to amend Item No. 73, and tagged his amendments.

- 1.01 Institute a collaborative partnership with YouthBuild USA for the purpose of training at-risk young adults in the construction of much needed affordable housing in Houston.
- 1.02 Provide \$250,000 to fund the creation of a Lower Fifth Ward Model Neighborhood Revitalization Plan, which assists local residents in defining a vision, assists local developers in coordination of private efforts in the area, assists the City of Houston/ Harris County and METRO in developing a long-term strategy for the provision of municipal and transportation services, and is suitable for inclusion in a future federal HOPE VI application to HUD. Matching funds to be provided by Harris County & private sources
- 1.03 Establish a revolving enterprise fund with an initial balance of \$250,000 to fund an urban homesteading program for the City of Houston.
- 1.04 Amend the scope of work of the Public Works & Engineering Department’s City Mobility Plan to include a “Development Opportunities” map, specific policies and coordination with the Master Drainage Plan, and adding \$50,000 to the budget to fund the same.

- 1.05 Provide \$50,000 for community visioning, planning and design of improvements in the area of Emancipation Park.
- 1.06 Provide \$250,000 for public safety in the HPD budget for crime prevention programs including the re-instatement of the DARE program.
- 1.07 Allocate \$100,000 from CDBG funding for the purpose of advancing historic preservation.

Council Member Wiseman stated that she would tag the amendments and the main item, being Item No. 73.

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Alvarado stated that she was involved in a meeting dealing with train crossings, but the problem still continued in the East End with the lack of consideration from the rail industry; that on Saturday she was in Manchester and there was a train that was blocking for at least 20 minutes, it finished, and then there was another one right behind it for about 10 to 15 minutes, that she called 3-1-1, but it seemed they had to stay on them constantly, when they get after them they do good for a little while and then they slack up again; that she did not know what else they could do but it was very frustrating, not to mention there was construction going on at that particular rail crossing as well; that if they were monitoring all the train traffic she did not know why they allowed two trains consecutively to be passing over the same intersection, one after another, so any suggestions that the Mayor may have would certainly be welcome because the abuse had gone on to long. Council Members Johnson and Clutterbuck absent.

Mayor White stated that he agreed with her and they would make a note of it; that he briefly had a conversation with the Chief concerning the kind of citations that the police could issue to the drivers of the trains, they may have seen some memo's; that they ought to consider a committee as a whole meeting about it and having to analyze the cameras and video tape because he shared her perception, they made improvements and then they see some backsliding; and Council Member Alvarado stated that when they call 3-1-1 they transfer them to HPD and they ask for an intersection and street address if they have it, but then they ask for another number but it was a number that was on a pole, and she did not think many of them wanted to get out of their car and climb up a pole to look for the number they were talking about, so she would ask that HPD look at that, and Mayor White stated that the HPD representative present pass it on, but it seemed to him if somebody had the list of the pole numbers at various intersections it would be a lot of easier for somebody rather than a citizen to put that full number in there if a citizen gives them the intersection and why were they not doing it. Council Member Johnson absent.

Council Member Khan stated that there would be a townhall meeting this evening at Kim Son Restaurant on Bellaire Blvd. at 5:30 p.m. with Mayor White and Chief Hurtt, that it was organized by the Asian Business Council; that they were going to share with the Mayor and Chief about the efforts that the business community was making towards fighting crime in the City, especially in southwest Houston; that they wanted to find out from Chief Hurtt as to what some of the things that were being planned by HPD to combat crime in that area, that they would invite everybody to be there. Council Members Johnson and Brown absent.

Council Member Khan stated that he wanted to make sure that everybody would go out and vote in this Saturday's election, that it was very important election. Council Members Johnson and Brown absent.

Council Member Khan stated that the following was one of the reason for one of his budget amendments; that many times individuals, companies or groups approach them about starting a business in Houston or relocating to Houston and they wanted to know what were some of the opportunities available in Houston; that Mayor White was very accessible to the Council Members but most of the time the discussion did not reach to the level where they could get the Mayor involved directly, and they tried to share the information through whatever was available through the Greater Houston Partnership and things like that, but there seemed to be more people wanting to know, that he always thought that if there was somebody in the Mayor's office especially who was primarily responsible for economic or business development who could share some of the things that people could expect and work towards; they needed to make sure they could give them the resources available to them in the City of Houston to help them make the decision of relocating, moving and developing. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Clutterbuck and Alvarado.

Council Member Green stated that the next Fiscal Affairs Committee meeting would take place on Monday, July 9, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Clutterbuck and Alvarado absent.

Council Member Green stated that the Houston Juneteenth Multicultural Health Festival would take place on Saturday, June 16, 2007 at Tom Bass Park from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson and Alvarado absent.

Council Member Green stated that in District B there would be the Acres Homes Citizens Chamber of Commerce Annual Juneteenth Festival on June 16, 2007 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Highland Heights Elementary School at 865 Paul Quinn Street, if they needed any information the could call Sharon Johnson at 713-692-7003. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson and Alvarado absent.

Council Member Green stated that June 15, 2007 was the last day for the Municipal Courts Amnesty Program, that it was for qualifying defendants with outstanding warrants, and delinquent parking tickets. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson and Alvarado absent.

Council Member Berry stated that he had a nice report on Ms. Dawn Herd, a 3-1-1 operator; that a gentleman called in February for a broken water main that was a bad leak, the account was closed because the wrong address was called in and when they went out they saw nothing and the constituent called back and Ms. Herd, the 3-1-1 operator got involved and actually went out to the address and figured out which one it was and they were able to resolve the problem and for that particular constituent they asked for the assistance that City government was supposed to provide and it did, so thanks to the Public Works Department for a job well done and to the 3-1-1 operator who went the extra mile, that was what made them proud to be involved with the City of Houston. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson and Alvarado absent.

Council Member Brown stated that he wanted to commend Mayor White on a really thoughtful budget and a convincing presentation in terms of rationalizing and maximizing the expenditures of taxpayer dollars; that he wanted to compliment his colleagues on some very insightful amendments and they all looked forward to that process. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Wiseman and Alvarado absent.

Council Member Brown stated that a growing phenomena in the City, they felt it in the community, Houston as a green City, that in that respect they needed to be aware that they were about to miss a Federal Clean Air deadline for the one hour standard which tells them that the State implementation for Clean Air was not working in the City of Houston and he thought

they all needed to be aware of that and support the Mayor in his push to clean the air in the City of Houston, that there was a court case pending because there was a recent finding in a Federal Court that the EPA could not weaken or eliminate the penalties for failure to meet deadlines for attaining the One Hour Standard and if that decision stands in appeal then the City of Houston stood to lose significant federal funding, so it was something that he thought was akin to the insufficiency of the standards promulgated by TCEQ for air quality in Houston and he very much favored the City, County and other municipalities taking the initiative to set their own clean air standards and really move forward to making it a greener City. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Wiseman and Alvarado absent.

Council Member Brown stated that he wanted to mention Leland Woods, which was an affordable housing community in Council Member Johnson's District B, that it was at a standstill and it was a project that was assisted by the City of Houston in terms of the developer participation contract, that he spent quite a bit of time with the various parties, Greater Houston Builders Association, the two builders out there, Gateway Homes and LARA's Homes, they could not sell houses out there because the people who could afford these "affordable houses" did not want to live in a poor neighborhood, there were no parks or amenities, it was just a cookie cutter subdivision and the people who could afford the units could not qualify for a mortgage; so he would suggest that they really needed to take a serious look at their DPC Program and revise the program and set some standards that would lead to mixed income neighborhoods, with the kind of neighborhood amenities like parks and places to walk and lots that were not 40 feet wide exclusively, that he was asking the administration to take a hard look at their DPC Program and come up with some standards that would make the program work. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Wiseman and Alvarado absent.

Council Member Brown stated that in taking a look at growth trends in the City, they had some presentations recently at the Greater Houston Partnership and it was really important that the Council and administration, as the leaders of the City of Houston, make the distinction between growth in the City and growth in the region and that the statistics indicate that they needed to do all they could to stimulate quality growth within the City limits of Houston; that in the last 5 years Houston had accounted for only 11% of the region, the region had grown at a rate of 11% over the last 5 years, the central City, Houston, had grown by only 3.2% in 5 years, that was less than 1% a year and they needed to do everything they could to accelerate that with quality growth, there had been discussion of how they compared to other metropolitan regions, that in that last 5 year period the fastest growing regions in terms of percentage change in growth, increase in growth, were Las Vegas, Phoenix, Austin, Atlanta, Dallas, Fort Worth and Houston, Houston did not have the same growth in the Region as the Dallas Fort Worth area, but in terms of the central City it was quite a different story, that growth in the central City, the leader was Raleigh Durham by far with 19.6% growth, that the growth in the City of Dallas over the last five years had been almost double that of the City of Houston, that he thought it was a very important indication of the kind of initiatives that the City, together with private enterprise, needed to take to attract business, jobs and rooftops to the City of Houston. Council Members Wiseman and Green absent.

Mayor White stated that on the Leland Woods in particular, what he would be interested in was that homebuilders had an incentive to build something that would sell, were there any particular impediments or barriers to their using their own brains or brains they may engage of others to try to sell the houses, in other words was there something that they needed to relax on a rule of regulation that the City imposes on them so they could do well what they do for a living, sell houses to people, that he understood Council Member Brown's comment that the houses were not selling at a good pace, and Council Member Brown stated that they were not selling at all right now, and Mayor White stated that he knew there were additional restrictions that Council Member Brown would like to impose on, but he would like to ask whether there were

restrictions that limited their ability to sell that they could try to eliminate so that the houses could sell, and Council Member Brown stated that he had detailed conversations with the principals, the builders, and with Council Member Johnson and they all agreed on a program to go forward and he did not think it was an issue particular of whether they would define it as an incentive or assistance by the City or a restriction, they wanted a park in it and wanted a community center because they could sell houses and would like to even have a pool in there, and Mayor White asked if they were prevented by the City from platting that, and Council Member Brown stated that the way the economics were set up and the restrictions on the sale price of the houses it did not justify that but there was a whole package, it was a rather simple package, and he thought that Mayor White would support it, allowing that development to go forward, but the other reason he brought it up was because they had a lot of other similar projects that were in the same situation; that he would ask Mayor White to let he and Council Member Johnson come up with one page of recommendations and see if they could get the thing straightened out. Council Members Wiseman and Green absent.

Mayor White stated that what any developer needed to do was to say what restriction that the City imposed needed to be relaxed and if they did the City would do so; what restriction could the City relax so that somebody could do what they wanted to do in order to sell houses, so they would take a look at that particular item as opposed to adding restrictions or requirements. Council Members Wiseman and Green absent.

Council Member Clutterbuck stated that she wanted to congratulate the Fighting Rice Owls Baseball team, they were the Super Regional Champs and would be going to Omaha, that she was wearing the Rice jersey and a lot of people had been asking who wore No. 27, that No. 27 was worn by a famous Rice Owl who was now a famous Astro, Lance Berkman, that she was looking forward to going to the final games. Council Members Wiseman and Green absent.

Council Member Clutterbuck stated that she had received a number of complimentary emails for their outstanding Public Works staff; that it was from the Oak Tree Manor Apartments; that there was a tremendous pothole in the middle of the street, that every single time an 18 wheeler would try to make the corner on that particular street they would get stuck and in fact when she went to visit the residents at Oak Tree Manor there was an 18 wheeler stuck in the corner, that it was a difficult area because it was made complicated by the fact that there were two local municipalities, not just the City of Houston, and the County on that particular line so there was some jurisdictional confusion about who was responsible and they contacted Public Works and they immediately took care of it and commerce and traffic were able to continue; that they wanted her to convey their heartfelt appreciation for those who labored in the hot sun. Council Members Lawrence, Wiseman and Green absent.

Council Member Khan moved to extend the Council meeting beyond the scheduled noon recess, seconded by Council Member Garcia. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Lawrence, Wiseman and Green absent. MOTION 2007-0591 ADOPTED.

Council Member Johnson stated that he appreciated the dialog they were having about the DPC's (Developer Participation Contracts), that he agreed whole heartedly with what Council Member Brown was saying about the DPC's and some of the developers that were coming into the community; the problem that he had with the developers was that he thought they had a mindset when it came to District B and he had asked some of the developers what was that mindset; that what continued to come back to him was that District B was the district of low income housing, it was where all affordable housing needed to be placed and he said over and over again that District B could not afford it nor could the City afford to concentrate poverty; the idea behind development was that they needed to start capturing all of those people who were moving to the suburbs, how do they get those people to come back into the City of

Houston; that he had a question and maybe Public Works could help out but where they building for the middle class in the City of Houston outside of the DPC's, that he knew they were encouraging affordable housing and there was nothing wrong with that, he agreed with it wholeheartedly; that when he looked at the northeast area, especially where they were building Leland Woods and Wayside Village it was crippling the North Forest Independent School District, it would continue to perpetuate what they already had out there and was going to hurt the school system, the school setting itself, that he had asked each developer to come up with a land plan that might give them a balance and a mix of low income affordable and market, which he thought certainly encouraged commercial developers to come into their community, that right now all of them had said the market would not handle it; that in removing the restrictions that they had for Leland Woods they took away the income cap; that he thought it was a move in the right direction, but they did not add any other amenities, so for those people who could afford to live in Leland Woods and Wayside Village they would not because they did not give them anything; could they give them amenities that would encourage them to move into the neighborhood; that yes the school system was bad and they were saying they did not want to move into a neighborhood where the school system was bad, that he did think that had a lot to do with it, but because of school choice, charter schools and the prominence of private schools in the communities people had school choices and they could move anywhere, that he thought if they built a better planned community people were going to be more encouraged to move into their neighborhood and certainly at some point improve the school settings; that they needed to be encouraging people to move into their communities and not just moving people around that were already in there; that creating more standards that encouraged developers to do a better job behooves them as a City because it was a less strain on the City services, that it was not that he was discouraging the development it was that he simply wanted it to be better, he wanted it to be better so that it makes the City better. Council Members Lawrence, Wiseman, Khan and Green absent.

Mayor White stated that first, on Leland Woods, they wanted it to succeed and perhaps they did change income limitations, which was designed to create some affordable housing, it depended on what somebody calls middle class but there were a lot of people out there who could not afford \$150,000 houses but would be able to do \$110,000, but was Council Member Johnson saying that they had some limit or restriction on the ability of that developer to dedicate parks space or common space, some of those amenities, they could not vacate or replat to include those dedications, that in other words a homebuilder wants to sell a house, there was a customer and he had preferences and needs, Council Member Johnson had described some of those, and so the homebuilder wanted to meet the needs of the customer and if they did not meet the needs of the customer they would not be able to sell the house and because they were talking to potential customers every single day they were in the position to assess what those customer needs were; was there some restriction that they imposed on the builder, so that the builder was restricted from meeting the customer needs, if they needed more green space platted, that was what he was trying to figure out, and Council Member Johnson stated that he did not think they had placed those restrictions on there, the comment that he made was for the developers coming into District B they simply did not provide that because they were saying that they were building a low income house and there were not any needs for park space, to use the park down the street, that what he was saying if they were going to build a better neighborhood then how do they put requirements on them to offer more park space, and again, it was about how do they offer a better house, there were needs of people in that demographic, absolutely, and he wanted those needs to be met, but they were also missing another market, if they allowed or missed that market they needed to get those people back into the City because he again thought that when it came to District B they were also selling \$80,000 homes and another developer only had one car garages, why would they allow a developer to come with front loading, one car garages, and they were talking about parking on sidewalks and grass but yet from a City standpoint they would allow the developer to have one car garages and that was

standard, that was all they were going to be building, in order for them to get a two car they had to pay for it, that he thought they needed to be able to put more restrictions on people to say they could not do that because they were encouraging them to do a better job and that was all he was asking for, that he did not think they put restrictions on them not to do it, but for what ever reason they were just not doing it, especially in District B and he wanted them to do a better job. Council Members Lawrence, Wiseman, Khan and Green absent.

Council Member Johnson stated that yesterday a young lady, Ms. Tracy Collins, was present at public session and she was receiving some funding from the Housing and Community Development Corporation to rehab her house, she received some down payment assistance, but she came down to say she was not going to sign her contract because they put a fifty year restriction on her house and land; that she did not want it and would walk away from her mortgage and everything else because the City had a 50 year restriction on it, that after talking with Ray Daniels and John Palmer they gave him the understanding that they were not prohibiting her from selling her house or doing whatever she wanted to do with her house, it was nothing more than a deed restriction, they were just saying they wanted her house kept to a certain level; that she thought she could not have a dog, or that somebody was going to be watching her yard if the grass got over a certain height, that he thought fifty years was excessive and did have an option for any of those covenants to be removed, but he thought there were a lot of people out there like Ms. Collins who misinterpreted that covenants that they had placed on her house; that he was suggesting that it was something they send back to committee or send to committee to talk about, to give the people understanding; that he thought it was confusing a lot of the citizens that were there. Council Members Lawrence, Wiseman, Khan and Green absent.

Council Member Johnson stated that tonight there would be a townhall meeting at the Lincoln City Community Center to discuss drownings in their City; they had a number of children that had drowned for various reasons and tonight they were going to be doing some lifesaving classes, and getting the word out that they had to watch their children, that it was at 7:00 p.m. Council Members Lawrence, Wiseman, Khan and Green absent.

Council Member Johnson stated that the Saint Monica's Sport Ministry would be having a bar-b-que cook off from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the Juneteenth weekend, at 8421 West Montgomery, the phone number was 281-405-9718, that it would benefit the sports ministry in the Acres Home community. Council Members Lawrence, Wiseman, Khan and Green absent.

Council Member Lovell stated that she wanted to join in congratulating the Rice Owls, that she and her son happened to be at that game on Friday night, which was one of the most exciting games and she wanted to commend Joe Savery, who on Saturday, there was a woman who heckled him the whole game, there was no reason why he had to endure what he did and was a class act, in fact when he made the last out he tossed her the ball, it was a way of saying he was going to Omaha and she was not; that congratulations to Joe for being drafted in the major league draft; that she wanted to congratulate her nephew, Matt Lovell for being drafted in the 26th round by the Kansas City Royals as a pitcher, they now have in their family a major league baseball player, which she hoped one day they would add another. Council Members Lawrence, Clutterbuck, Wiseman and Khan absent.

Council Member Lovell stated that school was out and graffiti was on the rise, so she wanted to encourage everyone when they saw it to call 3-1-1 and report it so they could get after it. Council Members Lawrence, Clutterbuck, Wiseman and Khan absent.

Council Member Edwards stated that for those amendments that were asking for tax rollbacks could they give her the aggregate cost of what that rollback would look like overall and

what the impact would be to the budget. Council Members Lawrence, Clutterbuck, Wiseman and Khan absent.

Council Member Edwards stated that regarding the conversation with Council Members Brown and Johnson, one of things that her office was working on was a project out of Los Angeles that they thought could be beneficial, it was kind of a combination of what they saw in China, how they build the communities and then bring the people there, that in Los Angeles, in the Crenshaw District and several districts, they were having a revitalization, kind of like a Houston Hope Project, but with the partnership of the State of California they had an agency called the Community Re-Development Agency and their job was to help revitalize communities, from business as well as home ownership, so they were not just selling the house, they were selling the community; they talk about the culture and history, because they were old communities like Fifth Ward, Sunnyside or Fourth Ward, and it was a wrap around package; that she and Linda Clarke were up in New York they were talking with the folks from the Ford Foundation and hopefully they were going to follow through with them on that, where they had the program for bringing in the businesses, grocery stores and so forth, that historically communities might have been depressed for a long time and in the effort to revitalize them there was a whole wrap around program, so her office was going to go and visit the program out in Los Angeles, hopefully within the next week or two, to look at how it actually worked on the ground, that she had some information that she had given Mr. Tinnermon, and wanted to share it with Mayor White as well, but she thought what had been talked around the table was being done in other cities, so what they were trying to do for those Project Hope areas that were in District D or in the City period was to develop that process, that she did not know if they went as far as developing an agency but thought there were a lot of places in the City that needed to be revitalized, and how would they get an HEB, a body shop or a Starbucks for that matter to come into District B or District D or certain areas and that was one of the things they were looking at. Council Members Lawrence, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Khan and Lovell absent.

Council Member Edwards stated that the MLK incidents on Sunday afternoons, thanks to Capt. Fougousse with his constant work and the men from his station, each Sunday the crowd was diminishing and they were getting more close to it, that Pastor Allen at Miracle Land Church was offering up some of his land to be looked at for some kind of way they could use it in partnership with the City to have a place for their young people to go, that she was very encouraged by what was happening without heads being busted and people being tasered and water being shot into folks cars; that it was a long time working but it was coming. Council Members Lawrence, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Khan and Lovell absent.

Council Member Edwards stated that as to the CIP there were some issues that had been in their wagon since they came into office, particularly Vulcan Street and Alberta, those communities went through the whole process of having of a new street reconstruction, the 5 year process, the streets were done wrong, the inspection missed a lot of things, like no inlets, that they were flat as a board so they flooded, that ever since they had been in office they tried to get those streets reconstructed and it kept getting moved and turned around and now they were six months from getting out of office and they were still not done; that the community was very dissatisfied and talked with former Mayor Brown and with Mayor White and Mr. Marcotte and had gone the whole bit and they could not seem to get the streets reconstructed, that she knew they wrapped them into other projects, that was not the deal they worked out, they were supposed to have done those streets and went back and fixed them and moved on, they were still not done and she hoped Mayor White would be able to intervene with this; that they were also concerned with NS467 in the Montrose area, they were having the same problem, the project kept getting slipped and slipped, when constituents do what they were asked to do and it was approved she did not understand why it was their responsibility to make sure that it was

done, that was a very frustrating process for her and if they could work on that she would appreciate it. Council Members Lawrence, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Khan and Lovell absent.

Council Member Edwards stated that today in the Council Chamber at 2:00 p.m. they would have the Housing Committee meeting, they had a lot of items and she encouraged them to come out and be a part of it; that there was going to be a townhall meeting on cell phones in the District on Thursday, June 28, 2007 at Judson Robinson Center at 6:30 p.m., that they had been told by the T-Mobile representative that their equipment was the same equipment that WiFi used and that it was not dangerous and that they had a certification or letter or document from the FCC, that she could not seem to get a handle on where she could get that, that she was not sure if Ms. Marks might know anything about it but if so she could really use her help on the issue; that the Flooding and Drainage meeting yesterday was for three and a half hours and had about 75 to 100 people present and she wanted to thank the representatives from FEMA, Harris County Flood Control District and the City folks; that they got off of the agenda but she checked with Legal and thought they were okay, that they did not stay on the agenda and started discussing issues that were not on the agenda; that they were still having the meeting that would discuss Chapter 19, so hopefully they were within the legal bounds of where they needed to be with that, that she would hate to see all of their work being sidetracked because of a legal situation; that she knew when it was happening that they were moving off of the posted agenda and made a statement in the meeting, so hopefully they were clear on that. Council Members Lawrence, Wiseman, Khan and Lovell absent.

Council Member Edwards stated as to the Crime Lab Report, she did not know what to say, especially since they were in the budget because it looked like they were going to have to spend a lot of money and did not know where that money was coming from, if they needed to include the recommendations of the Crime Lab Report into the budget and where would that go, would it come from the General Fund or HPD, that she had some very serious concerns about some of the findings from Mr. Bromwich, in particular she would like to again call for a moratorium on the death penalty for those inmates coming from Harris County, that there were four where the team had found their evidence as having major issues that were troubling, that the four that were on death row she was not asking that they be released, she was just saying that their sentencing be postponed or what ever the appropriate legal term was until the issue of the DNA evidence in their particular cases were found out, they were Franklin Dwayne Alex, Juan Carlos Alvarez, Gilmore Alex Guevera and Derrick Jackson; that she thought one of the things they could do to help fix that was to make sure it did not happen again, that she would appreciate it if any one had any influence with Governor Perry or with the State officials that at least the four inmates that had been identified by the report, that their DNA be looked at. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Wiseman, Khan and Lovell absent.

Council Member Edwards stated that she had asked the Police Department for several pieces of information and depending on who they asked they got different responses, there did not seem to be any synergy or if there was it was very hidden, they had to know who to ask and what to ask for, that she could not in good conscious vote for a budget that gives such a large portion of the their dollars to one department and there was no accountability that she could see, that she was not trying to micromanage their department but when she had officers tell her they needed two in a car, just like the four on a truck for the Fire Department, all they were doing was saying what was needed because when they had two in a car it helped mitigate a lot of stuff and they had less opportunity for having to use tasers or have other things like that happen, that she did not know if that was true or not, but she knew what was true, they kept throwing money at a department and the bottom line did not change, they still got the same amount of crime reports, sometimes even more, and the City deserved and the officers deserved to have the best management strategies for the best use of their time and their willingness to put their life on the line, done, that she would encourage the administration to look

at an operational audit of that department and all departments, but primarily that department since it did take such a large chunk of the budget, that she was willing to sacrifice not having whatever but needed to know the sacrifice was based on something that was concrete and would be moving forward and not always spinning in the same loop. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Wiseman, Khan, Lovell and Berry absent.

Council Member Garcia introduce his goddaughter, Miss Mia Angelica Gonzales, that she was also the beautiful daughter of his dear friend, Mr. Victor Gonzales, and she was joined by her big brother Nicolas; that Victor was very involved with the Houstonians Youth Soccer Club and they were of to the regional's for the State Championship. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Wiseman, Khan, Lovell, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Garcia stated that this past Saturday he was honored to present a proclamation for the 70th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John Reyes, who lived in his district. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Wiseman, Khan, Lovell, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Garcia stated that he wanted to wish Mayor White a Happy Birthday. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Wiseman, Khan, Lovell, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Garcia stated that there was a lot of talk about Sam Houston High School and a few other schools that were having particular changes, that he was particularly proud of Sam Houston High School and Ms. Ada Theo, the principal and all of her staff because they worked extremely hard to keep the school from meeting some unfortunate circumstances, they still had a lot of work to do but he was proud of the fact that the staff, the community and the alumni and many business leaders came together to be supportive of Sam Houston High School, that Dr. Saavedra announced that the high school would not be closed along with several other schools, but he wanted to tell the community that for everybody who was really speaking their mind about the tough decision that the school board had to take on that issue and for people who came out early on taking particular positions on the issue, he wanted to encourage the community to continue to stay engaged because it was that support of the community that helped to salvage and strengthen those schools and give them the resolve to move forward, so to all of the Houston Independent School District he wanted to say congratulations and job well done because they were meeting and exceeding so many other expectations in other parts of the City. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Wiseman, Khan, Alvarado, Lovell, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Garcia stated that he wanted to thank a business leader who had been very supportive of many of the Mayor's Citizen Assistance office efforts, Mr. Daniel Barreto, with Blue Door Marketing, he had always been very giving to their efforts, whether health care events or food drives or whatever the case may be and he came to the aid of Sam Houston High School, and through his efforts the school would be able to send three students to Wisconsin State on full paid scholarships. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Wiseman, Khan, Alvarado, Lovell, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Garcia stated that he wanted to say congratulations to Rice University, that right now the Space Shuttle Atlantis was up in space and Dr. Daniel Olivas, who was the PH student of his brother-in-law, Dr. Enrique Barrera in the Material Science Department, and he was the one who was being charged with looking at how to repair that thermal panel that had peeled back a little bit, so he wanted to let Dr. Olivas know that they were thinking about him and he had a tremendous responsibility, that they were praying that the astronauts returned safely and wanted to continue to congratulate the NASA Program, and how Rice University was

preparing the young minds to accomplish the phenomenal feats of space and aeronautics and things of that nature. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Wiseman, Khan, Alvarado, Lovell, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Holm stated that she wanted to compliment and acknowledge Public Works employees and staffers, Raymond Chong, David Worley and Gary Drabek, they were an incredible team who were knowledgeable and responsive to the citizens and were so willing to work with the neighborhood in addressing some of the traffic concerns that they were dealing with in District G. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Wiseman, Khan, Garcia, Alvarado, Lovell, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Holm stated that as to the budget process, each May and June was without a doubt the most frustrating, emotional and challenging time for her of the whole year, and she would like to offer a suggestion as they looked at future budgets, that frequently what happens after weeks and weeks of reviewing the budget they come to the day when they offer their proposed amendments, which often times were actually policy amendments as opposed to budget amendments, that those of them who offer budget amendments sometimes undermine the competence of their actual department heads, who had spent months and months in analysis and effective decisions of their needs, so she would suggest that in January they use the same form that they use for the amendments and that Council Members put forth their priorities and the important things that they think should be considered when the administration and the department heads were working on the budget and then as they go through the process they would know that those priorities could be evaluated at that time, so when the budget actually came forward they would still go through the evaluation and analysis of it and could still offer amendments but hopefully it would be much more of a cooperative and effective area. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Wiseman, Khan, Garcia, Alvarado, Lovell, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mayor White stated that first, he thought that she had hit on something, it was a brilliant suggestion and they ought to do that, that he thought she was absolutely right and a classic case, and he would tell them why they needed what Council Member Holm said, was that they did have some turnover in Council and the things that were said around the Council table and the things that City Council Members write him or talk to him about, they do try to incorporate some of those in the budget, a lot of that in the budget, but they could not address something that they did not know about, the more people could tell them early in the process what their concern was the more they would be able to incorporate into the budget or make some operating changes during the year, that was a very good point, that last year and the year before he did visit with individual Council Members about what they thought ought to be priorities in the budget and by and large he got a few people addressing CIP issues and then a number of people addressing what they would do about the headcount among classified police officers, and frankly that was about it, that he did one on one Council Member meetings, and a great way to do it was just as she said, to circulate earlier in the year, that some time in January was the perfect time to talk about their objectives, and be as detailed as they wanted about that so that they could take them into account as they were putting together the budget. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Wiseman, Khan, Garcia, Alvarado, Lovell, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Holm stated that as they go into the CIP, Council Member Edwards talked about it and she really hoped that they would really evaluate as they go into the Equipment Acquisition Plan; that as this point and time, other than one infrastructure project that some great citizens from District G had raised \$2 million to participate in, in the four years that she had been in Council not one new CIP project had come on and in addition to that most every one had been pushed and some of the projects that had been completed prior to their

coming to office were done inadequately and poorly so she really thought that in addition to establishing that CIP and understanding and creating some type of maintenance plan and a realistic plan, they also needed to make sure that they had really issued good contracts that they could live up to and that really say more than build me a street. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Wiseman, Khan, Garcia, Alvarado, Lovell, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Edwards stated that the project that she was talking about in Los Angeles, building communities, that information was first given to her by the Agenda Director, Marty Stein and she appreciated that . Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Wiseman, Khan, Garcia, Alvarado, Lovell, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Edwards stated that she wanted to wish all of the men in the City of Houston a Happy Fathers Day. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Wiseman, Khan, Garcia, Alvarado, Lovell, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

There being no further business before Council, the City Council adjourned at 12:51 p.m. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Wiseman, Khan, Garcia, Alvarado, Lovell, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

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/S/Anna Russell

Anna Russell, City Secretary