

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Monday, January 4, 2016

The Houston City Council convened at 11:00 a.m., Monday, January 4, 2016; Mayor Sylvester Turner presiding, with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jerry Davis, Ellen Cohen, Dwight Boykins, Dave Martin, Steve Le, Greg Travis, Karla Cisneros, Robert Gallegos, Mike Laster, Larry Green, Mike Knox, David Robinson, Michael Kubosh, Amanda Edwards and Jack Christie D.C.; Ms. Donna Edmundson, City Attorney; Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director and Ms. Stella Ortega Agenda Office present.

At 11:24 a.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting to order.

At 11:25 a.m. Mayor Turner led the invocation and pledge of alliance.

At 11:27 a.m. Roll Call.

Council Member Laster moved that the previous minutes be adopted and seconded by Council Member Green, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner requested the City Secretary to call the first Item.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

1. **CONFIRM** appointment of Council Member Ellen R. Cohen as Mayor Pro Tem- was presented, moved by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Davis,

Council Member Kubosh stated that he was tagging Item 1 and Mayor Turner asked the City Attorney if this item was tagable.

Ms. Edmundson stated that this was not tagable because the City Charter requires the appointment of Mayor Pro Tem and Vice Mayor Pro Tem and it was properly noticed.

Mayor Turner stated he was going to rule Council Member Kubosh tag of Item 1 out of order and Council Member Kubosh read from the Code of Ordinance relating to Appointments and he believes that he was not out of order, Mayor Turner asked the City Attorney if she still stands by her opinion on the motion and she stated that yes she does still stand by her opinion, that the Charter requires that they have a Mayor Pro Tem and a Vice Mayor Pro Tem Appointed and Mayor Turner stated again that he still going to rule the tag out of order.

After discussion, a vote was called on Item 1, Council Members Knox and Kubosh voting no, balance voting aye. **MOTION 2016-0001 ADOPTED**

2. **RECEIVE** nominations for appointment of Vice Mayor Pro Tem- was presented,

Mayor Turner requested nominations for Vice Pro Tem and Council Member Green nominated Council Member Jerry Davis for Vice Mayor Pro Tem and seconded by Council Member Robinson.

Council Member Kubosh nominated Council Member Dave Martin for Vice Mayor Pro Tem and seconded by Council Member Le.

Mayor Turner asked if there were more nominations and seeing none he requested a motion to close nominations.

Council Member Green moved that the nominations for Vice Mayor Pro Tem be closed and seconded by Council Member Stardig, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2016-0002 ADOPTED**

3. **CONFIRM** appointment of Vice Mayor Pro Tem- was before Council and the Mayor announced that a vote would be taken whereby each Member of Council would state the name of the nominee that he or she wished to vote for appointment as Vice Mayor Pro Tem. The roll call vote was as follows:

Mayor Turner - Davis	Council Member Gallegos - Davis
Council Member Stardig - Martin	Council Member Laster - Davis
Council Member Davis - Davis	Council Member Green - Davis
Council Member Cohen - Davis	Council Member Knox - Martin
Council Member Boykins - Davis	Council Member Robinson - Davis
Council Member Martin - Martin	Council Member Kubosh - Martin
Council Member Le - Martin	Council Member Edwards - Davis
Council Member Travis - Martin	Council Member Christie - Martin
Council Member Cisneros - Davis	

The Mayor announced that Jerry Davis had received a majority of the votes cast by City Council for appointment as Vice Mayor Pro Tem. **MOTION 2016-0003 ADOPTED**

4. **RECOMMENDATION** from the Director Administration & Regulatory Affairs for purchase and approval of Individual Fidelity Bond Form for **SYLVESTER TURNER, MAYOR** in the sum of \$50,000.00 and **CHRIS B. BROWN, CITY CONTROLLER** in the sum of \$ 50,000.00 as required by the City Charter and the Code of Ordinance- \$1,400.00 Total Premium- Property and Casualty Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Green and seconded by Council Member Kubosh, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2016-0004 ADOPTED**

#### **MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS –**

Members of Council introduced friends and relatives attending the first meeting of the newly elected Members of City Council.

There being no further business before Council; the City Council adjourned until Wednesday, January 6, 2016 at 12:03 p.m.

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

#### **MINUTES READ AND APPROVED**

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Anna Russell, City Secretary

