

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, February 16, 2016

The Houston City Council convened at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 16, 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.; Tracy Calabrese, Division Chief, General Counsel and Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director present.

At 1:39 p.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting of City Council to order and stated that the first order of business was the presentation portion. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Travis, Cisneros, Green, Knox, Robinson and Kubosh absent.

Council Member Stardig stated she was really excited to recognize the Houston Professional Firefighters Local 341 and the kick off for fill the boot; the Houston Professional Firefighter Local 341 honored American ideals for public service and sacrifice by protecting the citizens of the community from tragedy on the home front and were highly trained, dedicated individuals who demonstrate extraordinary character of courage in the face of danger daily and they selfishly donate their time and energy in supporting the battle of Muscular Dystrophy by filling the boot each year for the MDA, in the past 14 years the Houston Professional Firefighters Local 341 had raised more than 7.7 million dollars for the Muscular Dystrophy Association by filling the boot campaign and therefore Mayor Turner proclaimed February 16, 2016 as Houston Firefighters Local 341 Fill the Boot Day in Houston Texas. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Travis and Robinson absent.

Council Member Cohen stated that it was her pleasure to recognize American Heart month, which was why they saw a lot of people wearing red today; Heart Disease and Stroke kills one of three women in the United States yet 80% of Cardiac events could be prevented, Cardiac Disease, Stroke kills one women every 80 seconds in the United States and estimated 44 million women in the United States were affected by Cardiovascular Disease and 90% of women have one or more risk factors in developing Heart Disease and yet 1 of 5 American women believe that Heart Disease was the greatest health threat, women only compromise 20% of participates in all heart related studies and were less like to call 911 for themselves when experiencing symptoms for a heart attack than they were if someone else was having a heart attack and throughout the month of February Go Red For Women would encourage women to take charge of their health and schedule a Well Women visit to learn about their health status and risk for disease; Go Red For Women was requesting that all Americans to go red by wearing red and the City of Houston commends all that were involved in this effort to spread awareness of the Cardiovascular Disease and extends best wishes for success and therefore Mayor Turner proclaimed February 2016 as American Heart Month in Houston Texas. Council Members Boykins, Martin and Robinson absent.

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis stated at this time before the next presentation, the Houston Firefighters could come to the podium to pass the boot around the table for the Council Members to fill the boot.

Council Member Laster invited Ms. Lucia Bates President of the Saint Lucia Foundation and others members of the Foundation to the podium and stated that it was his great honor to pay respects to the Independent Caribbean Island of Saint Lucia; on this day was the 37th Anniversary of Saint Lucia Independence, they rejoice in the opportunity to honor the rich history of folklore and culture of and the many achievements of all its people, recognized the friendship with Saint Lucia and celebrates the different contribution made by the citizens of Saint

Lucia to this City and on February 22, 2016 the citizens of Houston would join the Saint Lucia Foundation of Texas in celebrating the 37th Anniversary of the Independence of Saint Lucia and their community was honored to commemorate Saint Lucia Independence Day acknowledging the contribution of its people and their important role and they express best wishes for prosperity and future success of its people in the years to come and therefore Mayor Turner proclaimed February 22, 2016 as Saint Lucia Independence Day in Houston Texas. Council Members Stardig and Martin absent.

Mayor Turner stated he had the privilege in presenting this proclamation to the Antioch Missionary Baptist Church and invited the Members to the podium; Antioch was established by Freed Slaves in 1866 and began its long tradition of empowering people in education, economy and socially, the structure was constructed at 500 Clay Street and was the first brick structure built and owned by African Americans in the City of Houston and the first Pastor was Reverend Jack Yates who started the Baptist Academy to teach the Freed Slaves reading, writing, arithmetic and trades; the Church was instrumental in supporting the development of Bishop College, the first African American College in Texas and purchased land to establish Emancipation Park to provide the community with place for recreational activities and community celebration and today continues to provide services to the community with the help of Centerpoint Energy's Residential Energy Efficient Program, agents in action program has assisted more than 322 homes to become more energy efficient, Antioch Missionary Baptist Church Youth Awareness Workshop Conference provided vital information for social awareness and education to approximately 700 disadvantaged youth and provided scholarships to college bound youth and on February 26 – 28, 2016 Antioch Missionary Baptist Church would be celebrating its 150th Anniversary, the City of Houston congratulates the congregation on this special occasion and extends best wishes for future continued success and proclaims February 26-28, 2016 as Antioch Missionary Baptist Church Days in Houston Texas. Council Member Martin absent.

Mayor Turner and Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis invited the Carroll family to the podium and stated Carroll Oliver was born in Louisiana on February 2, 1947, when he graduated high school from Louisiana and attend College at Grammar State University where he met his wife of 49 years, after graduating he went on to become a franchise owner and operator at McDonalds in the Chicago region and opened his first restaurant in November 1979, he dedicated nearly 37 years to his career, after purchasing a second restaurant in the Chicago region, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver sold both restaurants and purchased two restaurants in the Houston region in March of 1984 and owning as many as 4 McDonald restaurants, he subsequently owned three restaurants in Houston since 2004, he had served as the Houston Region Black McDonald's Owner Operator Association President and a National BMOA Board Representative, he had recruited his daughter Ms. Stephanie Oliver to become a second generation owned/operator and second African American Female Operator to own a McDonald in the Houston area and his son Cedric was involved in the family business; as a pillar in the community Mr. Oliver was a Chaplain for the Fort Bend County Precinct 2 Constable Office, he helped the underprivileged by providing jobs for those in need, his employees fondly remember him as a father figure and was known to give second chances and in recognition of his passion for education, the Carroll Oliver Scholarship Memorial fund was set up in his name at all Chase Bank Location in Houston, the City of Houston celebrates the late Carroll Oliver and his tireless service to the community as his efforts live on through helping others to become more productive citizens and proclaimed February 16, 2016 as Carroll Oliver Day in Houston Texas. Council Member Travis absent.

At 2:27 p.m. Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Le for the invocation and he invited Thich Huyen Viet to the podium for the invocation and Council Member Le led the pledge of alliance. Council Member Davis absent.

At 2:31 p.m. the roll was called. Council Member Davis absent.

Council Member Cohen moved that the previous minutes be adopted and seconded by Council Member Knox, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **MOTION ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Edwards who recognized the Houston Academy for International Studies who were hosting students from their Sister City School in China and also recognized the Student Council from Houston Can Academy who were present watching the City Council meeting. Council Member Davis.

Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Boykins who stated that he want to thank Jennifer and Sophia for bringing the delegation of 25 Chinese exchange students that were visiting the City of Houston. Council Member Davis absent.

Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Gallegos who stated he also wanted to recognize the Houston Can Academy Hobby Student Council that they came by his office and he gave them a quick civic lesson in regards to District I. Council Member Davis absent.

Mayor Turner stated that the opening session today was a little bit long because of the special proclamations and he wanted to thank everyone that was present for hanging in there. Council Member Davis absent.

At 2:34 p.m. Mayor Turner requested the City Secretary to call the List of Speakers.

Ms. Donna Rickernbacker, 710 N. Post Oak Rd. Suite 400, 77024, (832)940-9940 appeared and stated the she was going to relinquishing her time. Council Member Davis absent.

Mr. Brian Foster, 4501 Magnolia Cove Dr., Suite 201, Kingwood, TX, 77345, (281)359-1177 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Member Davis, Boykins and Edwards absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Dr. Alkebu Motapa, 5022 Cosby, 77021, (713)741-5150 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Member Davis, Boykins and Edwards absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Mr. John J. Cieslewicz, 1250 DuBarry, 77018, (713)906-1725 appeared and presented information to Members of Council and stated he had been arguing with Public Works and Legal for over five years now about a drainage problem, from day one and had still had been lied too in this matter with Public Works and Legal, November 10, 2015 he presented to the Mayor and City Council plans that showed dirt grades that matched the drainage swales, the Mayor and him had received a letter on December 4, 2015 that Legal was proven a lie and which he presented a letter and his reply to Members of Council that at records from the Houston Public Library, it was the same lying that Mayor, himself and the Council Members have received for the over five years from public Works and Legal; he would also address the letter that he received on January 22, 2016 which a copy was also attached and this letter does not show who it was CC too, number one, Legal first point, maybe reserved in each deed, number two, Legal does not say how the storm waters get to the storm sewers, the swales behind their lot

was and been active existing drainage facilities for 70 years and the swales were active existing drainage facilities falling under the State law, number three, the swales were well established existing drainage facilities that have and were still for 70 years in their yards and the City has no documents and legal right to take it away from them without due process, the Public Works and Legal position was Oak Forest was built with also individual lots with back to front drainage, they do not have recorded documents to prove this, so they feed them misinformation and lies to hide the City illegally opinion in this matter, Public works and legal was proven to lie and there was no due process here. Mayor Turner, Council Members Davis, Boykins and Edwards absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Mr. Ivary Lyons, 5010 Fitch, 77016, (832)971-6553 appeared and stated that he had two issues, one was, that his uncle was 86 years old, he has a lot of dead trees on his property and the trees were falling, he had called Habitat for Humanity, Rebuild Houston Together and he was being told that there was nothing that these organization can do, his uncle was a military vet, he had worked all his life and was on a fixed income, they were telling him if a trees fall in someone else yard, that he was liable which his resources were very minimum and there was no organization today to help assist him in getting rid of these trees and he was asking was there something that Members of Council can do; the second issue was that he was an ex-felony, he had served for 11 years incarcerated, he worked as a machinist since 1995 and with the constant drop in the oil and gas industry, he had been off since July 2015 and it was taking an act of Congress to get a job and what he does not understand was that he repaid his dues, he was doing well, he does not smoke, he does not drink, he was not that person anymore but he should be able to find work somewhere, he had applied to the City of Houston and they said that there were programed to reduce regression here in Houston, Texas but he was constantly getting the door shut in his face when he goes knocking and was there anything that Members of Council could help him with, was there any organization anywhere that could help him with any one of these situation. Mayor Turner, Council Members Davis and Boykins absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Council Member Green asked him what neighborhood that his uncles lives in and that he was absolutely right that there was no current funds that was available for tree removal, that a lot of older neighborhoods have those types of trees because he knew what Mr. Lyons was talking about because he had a lot in his District, he was like Mr. Lyons looking for funds to do that and what he was requesting from the Housing Department to determine whether or not CDBG dollars, the same dollars that they fund for home repair to see if they can actually use that for tree removal but he has not heard back from them and when he does he would let Mr. Lyons know; he also requested that Mr. Lyons forward his resume to him and he knows that the Airport was working on a training program in District B in their Construction Program Contractors College was not just construction, it had a lot of other things.

Council Member Cohen stated that Mr. Byrd was present in the back and he would he assist with the issues of the trees.

Mr. Larry Shaefer, 115 North Walker St., Angleton, TX, 77515, (713)526-8000 appeared and stated that it had been awhile since he had been to a Council Meeting; he was President of Wireless Properties, a tower property and he was surrounded on two sides by 4949 Gulf Freeway, the old DCE bumper site and in May of 2014 the property had caught fire with serious damaged, in July of 2014 Code Enforcement tagged the property and ordered them to be demolished or repaired a year in a half ago which he did provide pictures of the property and the Code Enforcement tag and since that time he had called Building Permits, Code Enforcements, the Mayor's Office, the East End Management District a couple of time with no results and this

building had been abandon for a year in a half in very bad conditions, it had been sold recently to Frontier Longtime Investment and he had spoken to their office with no results and most recently people had moved into the building, all the doors were gone, all the glass was gone, and he was approached walking by this property by a supposed security guard and he did call the company again and they do not have a security guard for the property; they really need to get this very badly burned, unsafe building down and fenced in again. Mayor Turner, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Travis and Laster absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Mayor Pro Tem Cohen stated that he was very persuasive in his approach to this because today, Public Works Building Code Enforcement Inspectors visited the site and they noted the building was unsecured, and posted a Notice of Violations and contacted the owner of the property, who stated work to begin fencing the property would begin today and that follow up visits would be conduct this week.

Mr. Julius Nwosu, 9730 Zira Ct., 77044, (210)418-9034 appeared and reviewed his background and ended up in the NBA and played for the Spurs and the Celtics had a good basketball career, won about 15 championship titles; he started a new career in the Oil Field Industry and the last job was a manager before the oil went down and there were layoffs; he called his colleagues from the basketball league and asked them what they were doing and a lot of them were doing training programs, so he tried to tag along with them and was coaching a few kids and he realized that most of these kids were paying \$100 an hour to teach kids how to play basketball, he looked around close to his neighborhood which was a low income area they could not afford that, so he started thinking to go the route of non-profit to try to help these kids and he started a non-profit organization for afterschool program, he has six teams right now and he was doing this because if they look at the NBA now, they would notice most of the players now where sons of parents that were in the NBA and in the low income area they were not given the chance to have a good summer or a good athletic program because all the ex-players it was just business for them, so why he was present today to see if Members of Council could bless his organization, maybe contacts, resources or advice to fund a non-profit. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Travis, Laster and Kubosh absent.

Members of Council gave him suggestions and advice and Mayor Turner requested that he get the Mayor's Citizens Assistant Office and they would give him contacts.

Mr. Shalom Mezza, 4848 Pin Oak Park, No.1304, 77081, (713)533-4783 appeared and stated that his English was very deficient, in the last three years there was someone watching him from inside his house and everywhere he goes, he was not a criminal, a good human being that believes in justice, he happen to be a Jew and his town was built by slaves and he sees everyone that suffers and had tried to make this world a better place because that was his responsibility has a citizen to America and they trying to oppress him, when he lives in a free country and he has free of speech and continued to express problem of people watching him. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Travis and Laster absent.

Mr. Sandra Betancourt, 3530 Greencrest Dr. No.131, 77082, (832)805-0247 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Travis and Laster absent.

Mr. R.J. Bobby Taylor, Post Office Box 202021, 77220, (832)870-7673 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Travis and Laster absent.

Ms. Marilyn Pickaree-Champagne, 12335 Kings Ride Ln., 77024, no phone appeared and stated she was present in regards to the Metropolitan Transit Authority of Houston and she had currently been involved in litigation for the past two years and reviewed court decision. Council Members Boykins and Travis absent.

Mayor Turner stated that Mayor's Citizen Assistant Office would be able to assist Ms. Pickaree-Champagne.

Mr. Kenneth Dawan, 3604 Tuam St., 77004, no phone had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Boykins and Travis absent.

Ms. Helen George, 8710 Fondren Village Dr., 77071, (713)271-4989 appeared and stated that she was present on behalf of an issue that occurred with the construction workers that they utilized the yellow paint from the streets when they were marking them off to do construction work and she considered it a quality assurance issue, when she got home on Monday and parked her car in the driveway it was filled with the yellow paint and she presented 9 copies of the information and was analyze by the car people to determine how and what needs to be done to get the paint off of her vehicle, she did go to the car wash the next morning they informed her that do to the fact it was paint that it cannot be removed by washing and then she ended up going to a body shop and Members of Council would see with the information she was providing the location of the paint and what it would take to remove it and how many hours it would take to get off; she was more concern of the quality assurance issue when they have construction contracts out working on the streets, they need to be cognizant of the fact that the paint they use was wet and it should be dry before they let cars drive through it; they also told her that it could be possibly be all under the car as well, so she was present today to let Council know that someone needs to work with the construction workers when they were doing contracts to make sure they carrying out what she considered the quality assurance issues of making sure that paint was dry; the other thing she did before coming here, she called 311 and they actually walked her through some information, he told her that she first had to bring the title of her car, proof of insurance along with a whole bunch of things but she waived that for now but they need to make sure that the paint was dry before they let cars drive through it because her car was all yellow now. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Le, Travis, Laster, Knox and Christie absent.

Council Member Green thanked Ms. George for reaching out to his office and according to Public Works, when they were painting they were supposed to allow 6 to 10 seconds to the paint was supposed to dry but they all know sometimes that does not happen and it does get on the car and when situations like this happen every vendor from the City was supposed to have insurance and he was not sure whether or not when she called 311 they were trying to get the information so they could go ahead on and file a claim with her, so they would forward the information to her in regards to filing a claim with Public Works and on the insurance but according to Public Works they were saying that striping was water soluble and could be removed with soap and water which he believes that she tried that and it did not work, if that was the case to just to go ahead on and fill out a claim form so they can take care of it.

Mr. Diego Acosta, 6800 Broadway, No.106, Denver, Co, 80221, (303)885-5576 appeared and stated he was Representative of Up with People advance team in Houston and some of Council may know about Up with People; Up with People was International Non-profit Organization that had been operating for the last 50 years and they create opportunity for passionate young adults to travel around the world and to make inspiring change in the communities that they get to visit, in their traveling, they live with the host families hoping to

inspire them to receive them and understand both cultures, this goes both ways for the host families and participate to learn and grow but they explore other ways of education by doing school projects with the local youth and by holding cultural adversity workshops with them helping to become global citizen one day; they volunteer at local organizations to learn the needs of communities and hopefully address them as much as possible; as an example they were trying to volunteer at Covenant House of Texas in their visit from March 21 through the 28th; lastly, they put on a show to hopefully inspire to take action in their communities and right now his team was looking for a host family who would host for one week and the reason he was present that their people exists to benefit those communities they visit and leave them better then they found them. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Le, Travis, Laster, Knox and Christie absent.

Mayor Turner thanked Mr. Acosta for coming down and advised him to get with the Mayor's Citizen Assistant Office and they would be able to assist him.

Mr. Alejandro Martinez, 1712 5th, Rosenberg, TX, 77471, (281)232-0862 appeared and stated he was present once again, he was present about 3 weeks ago and he requested a clear, transparent report on his accident, the Police Officer that he spoke to told him that he could not help him, he spoke to him yesterday, and told him that he was doing an investigation but he was reading out the same report and pictures that the he had at the podium, he questioned the Police Officer about calling some of the witness, did he call the nurse, and he told the Police Officer that this was corruption on his report, he was trying everything and willingly to take a lie detector test and he would like the Police a test on this, there must have been money underneath the table that kept it quiet, so he was trying to push until he cannot push no more; the Police Officer told him to try the Internal Division which he told him that he already tried that, that Council needs to fire him because he did not try to help him at all, what he trying to get at the understanding of Texas Rangers, FBI or CIA he does not know who to call so they could help him, he wants straight answers, straight report so they can weigh it out , who was telling the truth and who was telling a lie because he cannot figure out that they give these Police Officers to much creditability, they can be a liar, they were not super heroes, they were just like every human being, they can make mistakes and he wanted to make sure that his complaint was to be heard, what other steps does he have to make and he wanted straight answers. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Le, Travis, Laster, Knox and Christie absent.

Ms. Tiffany Scales, 3806 Smithers Ln, Missouri City, TX, 77459, (832)683-6470 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Le, Travis, Laster, Knox and Christie absent.

Mr. D.L. Johnson, 722 East 40th St., 77022, (713)979-6418 appeared and stated he was present in continuation of the smoking complexity in this City that he referenced the last time on the 2nd, he had a brief excerpt from one of the communities paper that he would be alluding to; however, he did miss speaking on the 2nd, he referenced the organization that consult for citizens for Equitable Broadcasting, it was not Equitable Broadcasting, it was Ethical Broadcasting and as he was saying, they have a hallow tradition growing out of an old public relations firm that was basically dedicated to public relations and issues with the political arena; with regard of smoking , he was neglectful on the 2nd because he referenced as though that Metro regulation was being usurped but what was the truth under City Ordinance 2005-245; in some of these locations it was very apparent when they see all the cigarette butts, that it was material evidence, that was shameful, so many people that come to this City and they cannot help but be visually overwhelmed by the wealth and about the appearance of the City to have it immediately undercut by a bunch of cigarette butts; he was trying to better himself so he goes to

a Work Source Location which he mentioned last time, they can escape the cigarette smokers if they come directly into the Work Source. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Travis, Laster, Green, Knox and Christie absent.

Mr. Roland Curry, 5911 Bent Bayou Ln., 77088, (832)977-9305 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Travis, Laster, Green, Knox and Christie absent.

Mr. James Partsch- Galvan, 2705 Terry St., 77009, (713)528-2607 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Travis, Laster, Green, Knox and Christie absent.

Ms. Melanie Scruggs, no address, no phone appeared and stated she was the Houston Program Director for Texas campaign for the Environment; she was here to deliver letters from their constituents to Mayor Turner and Council Members, this stack was just for Council Member Robinson, these were from the constituents from his District, they had been going door to door since the beginning of the year and they had generated more than 2500 letters to City Hall in 2016, these letters applaud the progress that Houston had made in expanding the recycling by disturbing the big green bins to neighborhoods, they and their supporters were advocating for further investigation of the wait at the landfills for the benefit of the planet and its natural resources, our climate, public health and job creation; other cities were implementing curbside recycling, composting, apartment recycling, reuse of materials and take back programs for hazardous waste; a key element of zero waste progress in Texas and around the U.S. was to set long term goals for diverting the majority of waste into the landfills and they were calling on Houston to set a zero waste goal to divert up to 90% of waste from landfills in the next two decades and to start implementing the measurement tools and strategies to get started which was to start now, there were several policies that they need to look at, many neighborhoods in the City had opted out of services and received a grant that helps pay for private waste collection and they believe in order to receive that grant, that those neighborhood should provide recycling to protect the environment and to stop the subsidy for landfilling, they need a stronger illegal dumping policy and they can look at what other Cities like Los Angeles had done or there was an all hands on desk like the approach that Mayor Turner made on the potholes which should definitely be part of the zero waste agenda and they really need to continue E-Waste recycling and to continue to educate the public about places where people can recycle electronics. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Travis, Laster, Green, Knox and Christie absent.

President Joseph Charles, Post Office Box 524373, 77052-4373, Houston, TX, appeared and stated that he appreciated the extra minute and stated his subject was absolute Marshal Law, Salaries, Revoked, H/City, Texas/State, and Government Systems and continued to voice his personal experiences until his time expired. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Travis, Laster, Green, Knox and Christie absent.

Mr. Reginald Moore, 8619 Barronwood Circle East, 77083, (281)495-1869 appeared and stated in honor of Black History month, Fox 26 news ran a report that was an hour long dealing with the emergency home repair program which was put on hold after a 30 million dollar shortfall and misappropriated funds, these citizens were from Sunnyside, South Park and Acres home; he presented some information about the fraud and misuse of waste that came from the City that was addressed to him from the City, State and the Feds and this information he would be giving was for the Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem and the Controller and this information was also

achieved at Rice University and he wished with these documents that the City would have some accountability. Council Members Stardig, Travis, Green, Knox and Christie absent.

Mayor Turner requested to Members of Council to stay after the meeting because he wanted to meet with each Council Member individually.

A gentleman approached the podium and stated that he wanted to speak but he was not on the speakers list.

Mayor Turner requested that the gentlemen state his name and he let him voice his concerns.

Mr. Stanley Rosenthal, 5855 South Brasewood, no phone appeared and stated he wanted to take a few minutes to talk but listening to all these people talk, he was just present to talk about something simple what the City should do to save money because he has a place in Houston on South Brasewood, they had torn up some of the best streets from I-10 to Hillcroft, working and leaving potholes, the concrete was 8 to 10 inches thick, they stopped traffic, they cause collisions, people could not get out of their driveways without any notice which that was why he was present, why spend the money on a good street maybe there was some minor things to do about it but the City could spend that money with these big chuck holes that were very dangerous; now he does not know if anyone had driven between Braeswood, Hillcroft and I-10 that there was no problem driving down that street, the man that spoke before about squandering money was completely right, they do not see people supervising the work and listening to all of the complaints which he agrees with all of them and he was willing to give ideas that would help improve the City. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Travis, Green, Knox and Christie absent.

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

At 3:39 p.m. The City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 17, 2016, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Travis, Green, Knox and Christie absent.

At 8:33 a.m. Ms. Anna Russell, City Secretary, read the description or captions of the items on the Agenda.

The Houston City Council reconvened at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 17, 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 and Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director and Ms. Stella Ortega Agenda Office present.

At 9:12 a.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting order and stated that Houston First was present to make a presentation to Members of Council on the George R. Brown project as part of the Mayor's Report. Council Members Davis, Boykins and Travis absent.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Turner stated that he wanted to make a brief report on the Mosquito Abatement Program; the City had its own work plan that was in place and that Dr. Persse the person that was head of this program; that they implemented the Scrap Tire Management System Program,

they were retraining the Inspectors on the use of the 311 App, they were recertifying all Supervisors to writing Dumping Citation, creating new Service Requests and they were coordinating with the Heath Department, Human Services Public Work and 311 for messaging; they began this program on Saturday, February 13th which started out on District D and they collected 3,200 tires which equates to approximately 64,000 lbs, they collected more than 500 tons of illegally dumped materials and next Saturday they would be in District I.

Harry Hayes the Director of Solid Waste and Chief Operating Officer presented maps to Members of Council that showed was an area that they worked in District D this past week.

Ms. Dawn Ullrich, the CEO and President of Houston First and Mr. Rob Jackson the Senior Vice President of Public Affairs presented a Power Point Report titled Houston Infusion at the George R. Brown Convection Center Project, a copy of which is available in the Office of the City Secretary.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Ullrich and Mr. Jackson at length.

At 10:38 a.m. Mayor Turner requested the City Secretary to call the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 1 through 25

ACCEPT WORK - NUMBERS 1 and 2

1. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director General Services Department for approval of final contract amount of \$294,900.00 and acceptance of work on contract with **PROGRESSIVE COMMERCIAL AQUATICS, INC** for Pool Plaster - De Zavala, Independence Heights, MacGregor, Sunnyside and Yellowstone Parks - 3.15% over the original contract amount and under the 5% contingency **DISTRICTS D - BOYKINS; H - CISNEROS and I – GALLEGOS**- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Knox, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **MOTION 2016-0066 ADOPTED**
2. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$6,451,624.20 and acceptance of work on contract with **PEPPER-LAWSON WATERWORKS, LLC** for East Water Purification Plant: Storm Water Pump Station Rehabilitation/Plant 3 High Service Pump Station Capacity Expansion - 1.33% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICT E – MARTIN**- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Knox, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **MOTION 2016-0067 ADOPTED**

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS - NUMBERS 3 through 6

3. **BASELINE PAVING AND CONSTRUCTION, INC** for purchase of HVAC System for Houston Fire Department Fire Station No. 63 through the Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Purchasing with the Harris County Department of Education for the General Services Department on behalf of the Houston Fire Department - \$104,686.00 - Fire Consolidated Construction Fund previously appropriated - **DISTRICT B – DAVIS**- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Knox, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **MOTION 2016-0068 ADOPTED**
4. **APPROVE** spending authority to address an Emergency for HVAC System Replacement for the Houston Police Department's Indoor Shooting Range for the General Services Department on behalf of the Houston Police Department, awarded to **COMFORT SYSTEM USA (SOUTH CENTRAL), INC** - \$1,067,354.00 - Police Consolidated Construction Fund previously appropriated - **DISTRICT B – DAVIS**- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Knox, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **MOTION 2016-0069 ADOPTED**
5. **NORTEX MODULAR LEASING AND CONSTRUCTION COMPANY** for Replacement of Modular Office Building through the Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Purchasing with the Texas Multiple Award Schedule for the Houston Police Department - \$170,414.59 - In-House Renovation Revolving Fund - **DISTRICT H – CISNEROS**- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Knox, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **MOTION 2016-0070 ADOPTED**
6. **BECTON DICKINSON & COMPANY** for Clinical Laboratory Reagents and Test Kits for the Houston Health Department - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$356,251.95 - Laboratory Services Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Knox, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **MOTION 2016-0071 ADOPTED**

ORDINANCES - NUMBERS 9 through 25

9. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing contract between the City and **NURSE-FAMILY PARTNERSHIP** for Implementation and Administration of a Nurse Family Partnership Program; providing a maximum contract amount - 30 Months with two additional one-year terms \$400,000.00 - Grant Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0119 ADOPTED**
13. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Purchase and Sale Agreement between the City of Houston, Texas, Seller, and **SAGE INTERESTS, INC**, Buyer, for the sale of surplus property located at the corner of Lockwood Street and Lyons Avenue and within the Fifth Ward Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 18 - **DISTRICT B – DAVIS**- the City secretary advised that Item 13 had been pulled by the administration and would not be considered.
17. **ORDINANCE** establishing the north side of the 1000 block of Bingham Street within the City of Houston as a special minimum lot size block pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT H – CISNEROS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0120 ADOPTED**

19. **ORDINANCE** consenting to the addition of 9.4061 acres of land to **BRIDGESTONE MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT**, for inclusion in its district- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0121 ADOPTED**

21. **ORDINANCE** awarding contract to **BLACK & VEATCH CORPORATION** for a Water Loss Audit-Revenue Enhancement Agreement - 1 Year - \$169,490.00 - Enterprise Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0122 ADOPTED**

25. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$1,000,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **MWH AMERICAS, INC** for Work Order Engineering Services for Various Wastewater Lift Station Improvements; providing funding for construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0123 ADOPTED**

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

7. **RESOLUTION** confirming support for proposed development as Affordable Rental Housing of certain properties, each located in the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Houston, Texas or having been annexed into the City of Houston, Texas only for limited purposes, and the submittal of applications for Housing Tax Credits for such developments- was presented and was tagged by Council Members Laster and Martin.

8. **RESOLUTION** confirming support for the proposed development as Affordable Rental Housing of certain properties, each located in the City of Houston, Texas, and the submittal of applications for Housing Tax Credits for such developments- was presented and was tagged by Council Members Laster and Martin.

10. **ORDINANCE** approving submission of grant application to the **U. S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT** for the 2015 Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grant Program; declaring the City's eligibility for such grant; authorizing the Director of the Houston Health and Human Services Department to act as the City's representative in the application process; authorizing the Director to accept the grant and expend the grant funds, as awarded, and to apply for and accept all subsequent awards, if any, pertaining to the above-mentioned Grant Program; approving the City's matching contribution from Community Development Block Grant Funds from the Housing and Community Development Department- was presented and tagged by Council Member Stardig.

11. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Interlocal Agreement between the City of Houston and the **CITY OF LA PORTE** for the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Program- was presented and tagged by Council Member Laster.
12. **ORDINANCE** amending the City's Master Classification Ordinance (City of Houston Ordinance No. 90-1292, as most recently amended by City of Houston Ordinance No. 2015-1291) to add four new classifications, correct the grade of an existing classification and upgrade an existing classification; providing a repealer; providing for severability- was presented and tagged by Council Member Kubosh.
14. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$1,400,000.00 out of Airports Improvement Fund; approving and authorizing Purchase and Sale Agreement to acquire land and improvements adjacent to William P. Hobby Airport from the Estate of Jennie L. Young, Deceased - **DISTRICT I – GALLEGOS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0124 ADOPTED**
15. **ORDINANCE** adopting a Three-Year Annexation Plan in accordance with Section 43.052 of the Texas Local Government Code- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0125 ADOPTED**
16. **ORDINANCE** extending the provisions of **SECTION 28-303 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, to certain improved single-family residential lots in **CLOVERLAND SUBDIVISION, SECTIONS 1, 2, 3 & 4**, to prohibit parking vehicles in the front or side yards of such residences - **DISTRICT D – BOYKINS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0126 ADOPTED**
18. **ORDINANCE** consenting to the addition of 0.7405 acres of land to **HARRIS COUNTY FRESH WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT NO. 61**, for inclusion in its district- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0127 ADOPTED**
20. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing first amendment to Contract 4600010724 between the City of Houston and **XEROX CORPORATION** to increase the maximum contract amount and extend the contract term for Supply, Management and Support Services of Multi-Function Office Machines for Various Departments (Approved by Ordinance No. 2011-238) - 6 Months \$1,320,000,000.00 - Central Service Revolving Fund- was presented and was tagged by Council Members Laster and Le.
22. **ORDINANCE** awarding contract to **ALLY GENERAL SOLUTIONS LLC, CASTEC CONSTRUCTION LLC, GCI SOLUTIONS LLC, KENALL, INC, OZ BUILDING CONTRACTORS, INC, POSEY'S CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT, INC, PRESTON BANKS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LLC, PMG PROJECT MANAGEMENT GROUP LLC, SKE CONSTRUCTION LLC**, and **TEXAS PRIDE UTILITIES LLC** as part of the Small Contractors Rotation Pilot Program; providing a maximum contract amount - 2 Years - \$3,294,000.00 Enterprise and DDSRF Funds- was presented and was tagged by Council Member Gallegos.
23. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing third amendment to Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **WALTER P. MOORE & ASSOCIATES, INC** for Mitigation Program for Capital Improvement Projects (Approved by Ordinance No. 2007-0815, as amended) - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0128 ADOPTED**

24. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$1,000,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **HR GREEN, INC** for Work Order Engineering Services for Various Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements; providing funding for construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2016-0129 ADOPTED**

NON CONSENT AGENDA - NUMBER 26

MISCELLANEOUS

26. **RECEIVE** nominations for Position 4 of the **HARRIS COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for a two year term- was presented,

Council Member Green nominated Courtney Johnson Rose for appointment to the Harris County Appraisal District, Position 4 and presented her resume.

Mayor Turner asked if there was any other nomination and seeing none, he requested a motion to close nominations and Council Member Laster moved to close nominations for Position 4 of the **HARRIS COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS** and seconded by Council Member Boykins, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2016-0072 ADOPTED**

MATTERS HELD - NUMBERS 27 and 28

27. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing first amendment to the Electricity Supply Agreement between the City of Houston and **RELIANT ENERGY RETAIL SERVICES, LLC**
TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LASTER

This was Item 7 on Agenda of February 10, 2016- was presented, all voting aye, nays none.
ORDINANCE 2016-0130 ADOPTED

28. **ORDINANCE** approving first amendment to agreement for Purchase of Electronic Recyclable Material between the City of Houston and **COMPUCYCLE, INC**; providing a maximum contract amount - \$350,000.00 - General Fund - **TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CHRISTIE**

This was Item 10 on Agenda of February 10, 2016- was presented, all voting aye, nays none.
ORDINANCE 2016-0131 ADOPTED

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

Members of Council announced events and discussed matters of interest.

There being no further business before Council; the City Council adjourned at 11:36 a.m.
Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Le, Green and Kubosh absent.

DETAILED INFORMATION ON FILE ON THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

Anna Russell, City Secretary