

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, April 5, 2016

The Houston City Council convened at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 5, 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.; Harlan Heilman, Division Chief, Claims & Subrogation Division; Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director and Stella Ortega Agenda Office present.

At 1:38 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 Davis, Boykins, Martin, Travis, Gallegos, Green, Knox and Edwards absent.

Council Member Kubosh stated that Dr. Carolyn Farb was known by many as the First Lady of Philanthropy Fund Raising, she was a native Houstonian who was well known and not only in Houston but in Texas, Nationally and Internationally in her dedication and service to others, through her creative genius and generosity of spirit, she had raised many millions of dollars and significant awareness for more than 125 charitable organizations, her passion for volunteerism began as a young girl serving as a candy striper at Texas Children's Hospital, she was the first person in Houston to raise funds to give to the HIV/AIDS pandemic and she has a passion for raising funds to make significant changes in the lives of children throughout the developing world, in 2003 she received a Doctorate in Humanities from Northwest University; she has received numerous awards including the Paul Harris Fellow, the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International, the Challenger Center Award, First Cadillac Texas Legend, the YMCA Woman of the Year among others; she championed many worth wild causes on behalf of humanity, animals, environment, the arts and too many to list and was an art collector, business woman and an author; Dr. Farb would be honored today for her service to the community at a special event on April 12, 2016 and therefore Mayor Turner proclaimed April 5, 2016 as Dr. Carolyn Farb Day in Houston Texas. Council Members Martin, Travis, Gallegos, Green, Knox and Edwards absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Cohen stated that Council Member Kubosh and Dr. Carolyn Farb were going to present a proclamation to an organization that deals with Autism.

Dr. Carolyn Farb stated that the Nonpareil Institute was incorporated in Texas in 2008 as a Non-profit Organization with a mission to provide long term sustainable solution for adults diagnosed with autism spectrum disorders and since its founding; NonPareil Institute had provided training and technology and workforce development to more than 300 adults with Autism in the North Texas region, they teach them to build software, create video games, mobile apps and e-books as well as provide practical opportunities to learn social, living skills and team skills, including master objectives, partnering with peers and meeting deadlines; on April 1, 2016 the NonPareil Institute celebrated its grand opening of its training center in Houston which would provide innovative training opportunities to adults with autism in South Texas, the organization would be honored on April 5, 2016 for its tireless dedication to those with autism and the City of Houston commends and appreciates the Nonpareil Institute for its commitment to adults with autism spectrum disorders, providing an environment for their unique talents and therefore Mayor Turner proclaimed April 5, 2016 as Nonpareil Institute Day in Houston Texas. Council Members Martin, Travis, Green, Knox and Edwards absent.

Council Member Davis stated the Houston Black Real Estate Association was a local Chapter of the National Association of Real Estate Brokers and in 1949 11 Progressive Real Estate Brokers founded HBREA on the principle that all citizens have the right to equal housing

opportunities regardless of race, creed or color; in 1956 HBREA was incorporated and in 2012 began conducting business as the Houston Black Real Estate Association Incorporated, during the 1950's HBREA partnered with Texas Southern University and later expanded the partnership in 2013 by sponsoring Real Estate class such as Real Estate Principles, Real Estate Brokers, Salesmanship and Real Estate Law, HBREA strives to remain active in the community on housing issues by hosting monthly educational and networking events, sponsoring career day at local schools, hosting the annual housing fair in the Houston Metropolitan area and awarding scholarships to local Real Estate Schools for new agents and also donates to the churches, conducts home buyer counseling workshops, supports homeless shelters and various foundations in the Houston Community; April 6, 2016 HBREA would host their Annual State of Housing in Black America Solutions Business Networking Reception and Educational Forum and the City of Houston commends HBREA and extends best wishes for a successful event and therefore Mayor Turner proclaimed April 6, 2016 as Houston Black Real Estate Association Day in Houston Texas. Council Member Martin absent.

At 2:08 p.m. Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Boykins for the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Council Member Davis absent.

At 2:10 p.m. the roll was called.

Council Member Cohen moved to adopt previous minutes and from March 29 and March 30, 2016 and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION ADOPTED**

Council Member Kubosh moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing Ms. Gladys House-EI, Mr. Gerald Womack and Ms. Lois Myers out of order and seconded by Council Member Cohen, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **MOTION 2016-0138 ADOPTED**

Council Member Boykins moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose to add Mr. Jeff Van Gundy to list of speakers and seconded by Council Member Green, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2016-0139 ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner requested the City Secretary to call the List of Speakers.

Ms. Gladys House-EI, 1605 Andrews St., 77019, (832)781-9724 appeared and stated that she had a hand out that was going around to Members of Council, she wanted to share some concerns about what had been going on in Freedman's Town but they had stepped up since the Mayor took office and she wanted just to bring it to his attention because things had gotten out of hand in the community, Ms. House-EI reviewed the hand out and stated she had broken down the issues and placed them under the appropriate committees of Council so they can bring to review the concerns and take corrective actions, she had been trying to get Public Works to address a lot of concerns that were in Freedman's Town as well as Parks and Reaction but nothing has happened.

Members of Council questioned Ms. House-EI at length.

Mayor Tuner stated that he was looking at it, to see how they can make this a win-win situation and not a win-lose situation proposition, how they can strike a balance between the development that was taking place but maintain the historical nature of what was remaining there because a lot of this pre-dates him being here but he was certainly taking a look at it and

received what she sent to him, so let him go through it point by point to see how they can address some of the concerns.

Council Member Robinson moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing Ms. Tomaro Bell out of order and seconded by Council Member Green, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2016-0140 ADOPTED**

Mr. Gerald Womack, 4412 Alameda Rd., 77004, (281)235-6940 appeared and stated that this was one of the days that it was certainly a pleasure for him, this was one of the main issues in his interest and what this great City was about supporting the young people and supporting the schools, he was present in support of Item 14 for the Construction of the Lawson Academy Charter School Campus because he served on the Board and explained his experience from being in a Public School and he and his brothers experience going to a school like this one that Council was voting on and this was a good opportunity. Council Members Christie absent.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Womack about the grant and the School.

Mayor Turner stated that he wanted to tell Mr. Womack what made it even possible for the item to be on the agenda tomorrow was because of the School and he was hoping that the School as well as the nonprofit, the two that were coming together can continue to work collaboratively together with the dollars that had been expended and was an excellent opportunity for the school.

Mr. Michael Grimes, 8135 Loyal Ln., 77016, (832)907-7321 appeared and stated he was speaking on behalf of Workforce opportunities and Item 12 Jobs for Progress of the Texas Gulf Coast and explained how he grew up and saw an ad on a Green Sheet about a GED program and was in support of Item 12. Mayor Turner, Council Member Laster, Knox, Robinson and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Council Members questioned Mr. Grimes on how the program had helped him.

Ms. Diana Seifert, 4590 Wilmington, 77051, (713)748-0030 appeared and stated she was the Executive Director at Pro-Vision and she had the privilege to be present with the support by several of their Board Members that were in the audience and they were present to share a little information and to thank Members of Council for the consideration of CDBG Grants that they had in front of them and requested that Council approve Item 13. Mayor Turner, Council Members Laster, Knox, Robinson and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Mr. Roynell Young, 4590 Wilmington, 77051, (713)748-0030 appeared and stated on behalf of the entire Pro-Vision family and it was an honor to offer up 26 years of service to the City and they were very excited with the partnership with the City, that their first project was located in the Sunnyside area and it was a total private effort and they were excited to work with the City and requested the Board Members present to stand to be. Mayor Turner, Council Members Travis, Laster, Knox and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Ms. Karen Lee, no address, no phone, appeared and stated she was the Development Director of the Lawson Institute for Peace and Prosperity also known as WALIPP and she was honored to express her gratitude of the WALIPP, the founder, their Board of Director, their Advisory Community and the community that they serve for this opportunity with the approval from City Council to receive \$4.73 million from the City of Houston Community Development Block Grant Funds and she describe the lot of the Lawson Academy that was to be constructed

and that WALIPP exemplifies the integrity of what was good, right and decent in their community was located in the heart of the 3rd Ward, this opportunity to build the Lawson Academy would provide an even greater need for quality education for anyone that would like to attend in their community. Mayor Turner, Council Members Knox and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Mayor Pro Tem thanked her for her presentation and Ms. Lee stated that she would like to make note of the fact that the school itself was named after a gentlemen that was present and requested Reverend Lawson to stand for acknowledgement.

Mr. Theodore Sims, 2626 South Loop West, Ste. 630, 77054, (713)218-0211 appeared and stated he was the Project Manager for WALIPP Academy and he was standing in support of this great legacy project and this project would be underway breaking ground in May and the first day of school would be January 4, 2017, the project would consist of new development which would be obtained through the passing of Item No.14 and the current design proposes classrooms, cafeteria and recreational space and this school would provide education for about 300 students in the middle school grades. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig and Knox absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Mr. Dean Bixler, 9702 Cedardale, 77055, (713)464-8120 appeared and stated that this was his first time at Council to support Bob Tucker who was his TIRZ 17 representative on the Board of TIRZ 17 and secondly he objects to the appointment of David Durham on the TIRZ 17 Board Mr. Durham was not supported by the Neighborhood Associations that were required by the City Ordinance that created the TIRZ's and third, if someone would let him know why the City Council can ignore that Ordinance. Mayor Turner, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Laster, Knox and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Ms. CYD Dillahunt, 1120 Springrock Ln., 77055, (713)464-8120, had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Laster, Knox and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Ms. Tarla Crumb, 4830 Russett Ln., Sugarland, TX, 77479, (832)714-0011 appeared and stated she was present on WALIPP and the Lawson Academy, and an educator with over 35 years of experience in traditional and charter schools and she was proud to be part of this organization and what they were doing for the community and making sure that a descent viable education was available for everyone, however, without this project they would not be able to meet this capacity and they would start this new school year with 300 students however this 300 was just one year and they look to increase enrollment to 500 for the next year and the Lawson Academy was not new and had been around for over 15 years and they just need the room to grow to reach its potential. Mayor Turner, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Knox and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Ms. Lois Myers, 9701 Westview Dr., 77055, (713)775-2443 appeared and stated she was present to speak about an and injustice and presented information to Members of Council that includes a pink slip that pertains to what she wanted to say and requested the Mayor to uphold his word to them as Stakeholders that live in and surrounding areas that were in TIRZ 17, that the Mayor told them at the West Houston Super Neighborhood meeting he would help them which she spoke to him about her house flooding twice in six years and everything was out of her house until they can it the flooding fixed that TIRZ 17 caused after the first few months of digging and at a meeting the Mayor stated that he would let Stakeholders participate and yet he put two strongly allied Metro National Newly Appointment Board Members and removed Bob Tucker who had been their representative who lives adjacent to Neighborhood

TIRZ and Mr. Durham does not which was against the law, she would like the Mayor to put back Bob Tucker back on the Board. Council Members Davis, Knox and Robinson absent.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Myers at length.

Mayor Turner stated that he was committed to addressing the issue of flooding but he was not committed to personalities and he would never be committed to personalities but when it comes to addressing the issue of flooding to make sure that every neighborhood was not flooded, he was committing to doing that and in regards to TIRZ now, there had been many conversation on TIRZ and he had tried to his best to work with TIRZ but he does think it was time to have now a more rigorous and robust conversation on whether or not there was a need to continue TIRZ or whether or not in a sense they would be better off without them because it they were going to get to this point, where it was personality driven and the focus was not on the issues of infrastructure and flooding to make sure people were not flooded in their homes, when their insurance was having to be increased to almost 200% where people were paying \$2,000 dollars for flood insurance that was what the concern was about and that was what he was committed to addressing.

Mr. Jeff Van Gundy, no address, no phone, appeared and stated that he was present to speak on behalf of Pro-Vision and the \$2.8 Million GBD grant that they were requesting and when he was fired by the Rockets he was looking for something to put in his time into and he was brought to the Board of Pro-Vision by a friend and without question it had been the best times since then and Mr. Young was one of the best leaders he ever had the chance to be in a room with and he would be the great steward of the money and the money would be used appropriately and it would be used in the best interest of children. Council Members Davis, Laster, Robinson and Edwards absent.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Gundy about Pro-vision.

Ms. Tomaro Bell, 3248 Charleston St., 77021, (713)825-8449 appeared and stated she was here to support Mr. Ed Brown and the other neighbors that live in the TIRZ 17 area and they had come to the Super Neighborhood for many years on the issues that they deal with the flooding, the comments that the Mayor made about TIRZ and the concerns that people have and would they ever end and the money returned and where would that money go, were TIRZ necessary in some areas, and she had never seen an Uptown as a deprived zone or the Memorial as a deprived zone and TIRZ was created to reinvest where they had deprived nature around them and sometimes TIRZ was the only source they have to fix the problem which was like flooding and flooding was an issue over there and had gotten worse by some of the construction and had not been addressed and she hoped that they take a deeper look into this and give them what they need for that area because they have a serious issue over there. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Green and Robinson absent.

Mr. Robert Tucker, 9787 Westview Dr., 77055, (713)468-5607 appeared and stated that he had a very carefully prepared speech but with the discussion that had been going on with comments so that was shredded, so let's get into it, his name was not on the Agenda, only one of the three members on the current board of Directors of TIRZ 17 to be reappointed, he was to be replaced for the first time in his long life and was being fired which he had no pay for this and as a Board Members he does vote no when it was appreciate and the no vote displeased some of the Board who like to have in and out meetings but he was one vote out of seven, he had only questioned one of the engineering teams because there was enough evidence that two of the significant projects had been pocketed by the City of Houston and the one thing that had been under major discussion was the formation of the TIRZ which he had spoken with a person

that was involved in the development of TIRZ and he now lives in California and said there was a lot of opposition to establish the TIRZ in the Memorial area, the opposition relented their opposition when they give the assurance that two people live in the area that had voices on the board, with the Ordinance issues he believes that if it was voided, they have the understanding that they have about the government and its promises. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Robinson and Edwards absent.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Tucker about the appointments.

Mayor Turner stated that he was not being fired but he remained strongly committed to the issues that were important and to the people that were out there.

Ms. Virginia Gregory, 9806 Westview Dr., 77055, (713)465-5814 appeared and stated that this was kind of embarrassing after the conversation that had been said especially to the City Attorney when he said it was attached with the agreement and presented a document which she said it was not attached it was included into the agreement of the project plan which she explained how the people included Members of the Board in the agreement and the different Associations which her Association was the Spring Branch Association which had flooded twice in the last six years because of the actions of this TIRZ which this was not an attached document this was in the project plan, Mr. Attorney and she wanted to make this every clear that Mr. Durham was a fine guy but he was not contiguous to the TIRZ 17 which Mr. Tucker lived right there. Mayor Turner, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Robinson, Edwards and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Mr. Ed Brown, 41 Rolling Wood Dr., 77080, (713)208-2958 appeared and stated he was the former President of the Super Neighborhood that passed the resolution and also Chair of Residents against Flooding that were trying to prevent flooding in the neighborhoods in Houston handed to Members of Council a resolution of flooding and it was his take as a layman as to how to wind their way through the Ordinance and there was a yellow outline copy which the Attorney for the Residents against Flooding said how this connects and was a legal document and also that was attached was the Attorney for the Super Neighborhood which gave his legal opinion which disagrees with the City Attorney, his question to Members of Council was why it been rolled out now, why did not Mayor Parker use this, they had been up there before and he was dishearten that they had been lied to for 17 years and all these residents had thought that TIRZ was working to fight to prevent flooding in their area and what they had found out the work that was being worked on was mobility and the drainage aspect was being ignored until very recently. Mayor Turner, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Robinson, Edwards and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Mr. Peter Gilmore, 12122 Beauregard Dr., 77043, (713)984-2544 appeared presented information and stated he was on the Executive Board for Memorial Forest Civic Club which was named in the Ordinance 1999-0852 as having the responsibility to nominate one representative on the TIRZ 17 Board and he was present on behalf of the residents to nominate someone of their interest and it was unfortunate that the Mayor's Office ignored the nomination of the TIRZ 17 Board and their nomination simply cannot be ignored and if the nomination was not accepted by the Mayor or City Council Members which was fine just reject it and ask the area to resubmit a name, the City of Houston would fail if it ignored its own City Ordinance and the reasonable efforts that the residents have to have their representative and one and final point his contact information was not correct on the speakers list. Mayor Turner, Council

Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Robinson, Edwards and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Ms. Donna Freedman, 11930 Surrey Ln., 77024, (713)561-1830 appeared and stated that they were finally meeting one of the original people of the Committee which she was chosen as one of the representatives to come up with an agreement with the City to save their neighborhood and everyone that she had worked with on that had worked hard, which she believes these people deserve an apology for this agreement that do not abide by this agreement, to the City Attorney and her sister went to Law School and this agreement was done on the best faith of the communities they had and she was the person that would like two representatives North of the Freeway and two South of the Freeway on this TIRZ Board, they have people that were fighting for them like Mr. Tucker and he was removed and she wanted them to reconsider because that man needs to be put back on that Board. Mayor Turner, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Green, Robinson, Edwards and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Mayor Pro Tem Cohen stated that she wanted everyone to know that Council Members were not being disrespectful for not being here because some of the schedules changed because they were taking time to pay respects to the Firefighter that passed away during training and sometime their schedules get changed

Ms. Ann Givens, 1813 Wycliffe Dr., 77043, (713)465-1744 appeared and stated she had lived in Spring Branch for 40 years and in March of 2010, Mayor Parker appointed her as a Member of the Board of TIRZ 17 which she replaced Council Member Stardig and as she speaks today, she was speaking solely as an individual, she does not represent the opinion of the Board which they may or may not agree with her and she was present to request Members of Council to support and vote in favor of that was recommended on this Agenda, when Mayor Parker appointed her she promised she would do her best and she was proud that she was able to make changes in her communities, some people embrace the change and some oppose the change and in the end change happens and she reviewed what this TIRZ's had and had not done. Mayor Turner, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Robinson and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Ms. Nory Angel, no address, no phone, appeared and stated she serves as the Executive Director of SER-JOBS for Progress and on behalf of the Board and their staff and the people they serve and were for consideration of the Workforce opportunity center grant and in addition they were extremely grateful to work alongside with the City of Houston in delivering a highly impactful summer jobs program and they were hope to get 5,000 young people to get jobs for the summer this years and this was a busy time for all of them and through SER services their graduates have an opportunity as contributors to the local economy and to build the skills to become competitive in the workforce here in Houston. Mayor Turner, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Knox, Robinson, Edwards and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Ms. Diana Velasquez, 201 Broadway, 77012, (832)210-8346 appeared and stated she was present on behalf SER-JOBS for Progress and explained her story about she to get her high school diploma in a quicker way and years later she found out the Marque Learning Center was not valid High School Diploma, her job slowed down and she was laid off and she was trying to get a new job but need a GED and SER-JOBS helped her and she was able to get internship with SER-JOBS and had learned many things and she would be working on May 21,

2016. Mayor Turner, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Laster, Knox, Robinson, Edward and Christie absent. **NO QUORUM**

Ms. Janice Brooks, 77000 Creekbend Dr. No.130, 77071, (832)207-1690 appeared and stated she was present to representative SER-JOBS for Progress Seniors and she was 60 years old and she became homeless in 2012 and her and her grandson lived in the Star of Hope and she took classes for a new start and while at Star of Hope they sent her to a work connection which they went to an eight day workshop that showed how to get a job and showed how to interviewed and because of that, that was how she found SER-JOBS for Progress which they asked her if she wanted to be in the Senior program and this was a great program to help Senior supplement their incomes, she went to the Sunnyside Center and trained for a year and after that they invited her to train at the SER-JOBS Office and she was a Job Developer, so she sent older people out to train at host agencies and because of the SER-JOBS she received a job and she started her job 25th of this month and she would not had a chance if it was not for SER-JOBS. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Laster, Robinson, Kubosh, Edwards and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding, **NO QUORUM**

Ms. Kim Dillard, 3219 Rosedale St., 77004, (832)388-8590 appeared and stated she was present in support of the construction grant for the Lawson Academy Charter School Campus, she was representing the parents of Lawson Academy as the PTO President and when she looked for a school for her daughter that had similar elements as private schools and her sister suggested Lawson Academy since they just recently opened an all-girls school at the time, she liked the single gender concept especially in a middle school atmosphere and as a bonus it was in the 3rd Ward area where she lives and in the three years her daughter as attended she had really blossomed and the parents and administrators work together and all in all she had the highest praise for Lawson. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Laster, Green, Robinson, Kubosh, Edwards and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Mr. Chris Seger, 4522 Ivanhoe St., 77027, (713)850-7892 appeared and displayed a map to Members Council and stated he was a resident of Afton Oaks where he had been for over 40 years and was present to speak about the Federal Grant requested that the City of Houston Public Work and Engineering Department were about to submit to the Federal Department of Transportation for a bridge over the Union Pacific inbound tracks at Richmond Avenue, the extent of the overpass would be approximately 2,500 feet with 1900 feet of the being bridge section and the construction of this bridge and the difficulty in reaching the businesses and medical clinics on Richmond Avenue from a one lane street going east and west on with side of it, it was going to destroy those businesses and reduce the house values in the area and they respectfully request City Council not to allow this grant to go forward. Mayor Turner, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Laster, Green, Robinson, Kubosh, Edward and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Mr. Edward Richardson, 28 Lana Ln., 77027, (713)963-0118 appeared presented and stated he was currently serving as a Director of the West Lane Place Civic Association and displayed a map which was a smaller map than the document that was handed out to them, and discussed the map and locations of the map and the streets that they see on the map that would be impacted by the project and requested Members of Council to look at the first page of the packet he handed out and gives them bullets point which Mr. Seger had already spoken about which all of them support what he said, the bridge was not needed, it was not affordable, no community feedback and no transparency. Mayor Turner, Council Member Stardig, Davis,

Boykins, Martin, Le, Green, Robinson, Edwards and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Council Member Travis stated that he just found out about this just a couple of days ago, it lies in his District and he had a big concern for this insofar as while on the surface it actually seemed some good because it was going over the railroad tracks, it was actually going to affect mobility issues across neighborhoods and several business and questioned to Mr. Richardson about the grant and as he has not heard from any residents that want this in their neighborhood.

Mr. Truett Latimer, 9 Bash Place, 77027, (713)963-0118 appeared and stated that he lives in the West Lane area and it was very near were this overpass project would take place and he was not going to reiterate the things that already been said but he will say one thing that this was not the best purpose to destroy businesses and neighborhoods which this would do and they encourage Members of Council to do what they can to not to let this project happen. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Laster, Green, Robinson, Edwards and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Mr. Patrick Gremillion, 4235 Richmond Ave., 77027, (713)579-2080 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Laster, Green, Robinson, Edwards and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Mr. Bruce Wallace, 2708 Mid Ln., 77027, (713)622-0038 appeared and displayed a large map and stated that he considered himself to be an expert about traffic in this area which he explained the map by the streets, the railroad tracks, the residents and the project and living in the area does not believe that he waited more than five minutes for a train to pass by and his concern on what was going to happen if this bridge was built and explained on the map what would happen after the bridge was built and he believes that this would not be worth the money, it does not make sense. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Laster, Green, Robinson, Edwards and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Mr. Mose Williams, 11220 West Rd., 77065, (832)239-2721 appeared and stated this was unfair business practice from a period of nine to twelve months and what been the cause of the unfair practices out at the airports was UBER, UBER charges unregulated prices and they stay for nine hours day without making a trip, they have families and UBER was not to be stationed at the Airport and they were just trying to survive, that was why he was here on behalf of the Taxi Cab Drivers and make Council aware of this and they were not saying that UBER leave Houston. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Laster, Green, Robinson, Edwards and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Mayor Pro Tem Cohen suggested Mr. Williams speak their Liaisons with the Airport.

Mr. Timothy Mose, 3814 Pin Oak Dr., Pearland, TX, 77581, (713)822-5279 appeared and stated he was President and Managing Director of Lovell 5 Commissioning LLC., and was representing his clients Mr. and Mrs. Davis; on January 29, 2006 he filed a claimed filed number 1,016,106,001 issued copies to the City Attorney and the City Secretary and to date, all that he had received had been an acknowledgement letter and a request for his W.9 as of February 29 which he had just got it done with order February 25th with a certified letter, he was initially commissioned by the Davis's to perform minor inter renovations to their home, to his surprise what was the facts or not really flood damage during the Memorial Day flood and subsequent

floods in June which he was informed that it was not flood water in their homes but sanitary sewerage in the home which after that they were not going to continue construction to their home because of that and on November 11 there was another experience with flooding in that area which they Ms. Davis got another ticket from 311 and they proceeded to tell Mrs. Davis that it was their side of the line that had they problem and then on the 4th he called to escalate their ticket to get a crew out there to look at it and the crew came out and stated they did discover there was no blockage on their line which they gave them a claim form and they submitted a claim. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Laster, Green, Robinson, Edwards and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Mayor Pro Tem Cohen stated for Mr. Mose to speak with the City Attorney, Mr. Heilman on the claim.

Mr. Elrick Brown, 30722 Legends Trace Dr., Spring, TX, 77386, (832)483-6774 appeared and stated he had worked in the Mental Health Community in Houston Texas since 1987 and was present to try to collaborate with the City as far as providing housing and mental health services for underserved community and he knows that the City works with other agencies and he does not believe they were being pretty effective and he thinks as a City and a Member of the City he thinks they can do better and they would like to work with incarcerated clients that were getting out and the prison system to provide a housing and wraparound case management for those clients. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Green, Robinson, Edwards and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Mayor Pro Tem Cohen advised Mr. Brown to speak with Citizen Assistance Office for more information.

Mr. William Beal, 4718 Boicewood St., 77016, (713)672-7571 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Green, Robinson, Edwards and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Mr. Harold Terrell, 7414 Schneider St., 77093, (281)451-1991 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Green, Robinson, Edwards and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Rev. James Nash, 8418 Colonial Ln., 77051, (713)725-1664 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Green, Robinson, Edwards and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Ms. Sonya Lucas-Roberts(Sister Mama), 5211 Enyart St., 77021, (832)277-1584 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Green, Robinson, Edwards and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

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. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig,

Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Green, Robinson, Edwards and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Mr. Risheem Eli, 6101 Royalton St., 77081, (713)377-115 appeared and stated he was the Managing Partner of EDS Technologies, they were a Vet Organization, small business in Bellaire and they had been on a campaign for two years to support workforce development projects in the City, they had developed a team of professionals and what they were wishing to do prepare Houston when Google Fiber Optics projects were coming into Houston which they got some traction and then it got delayed and they hired two people for the Turn Around Project that the Mayor put on in March and they had been held up since November 2015 from getting their license so they can train but it had not stop them from starting the program to start training them and working them when the opportunity provides itself, he went to Prairie View A&M to work with them the on State initiative to offer training throughout the State which they helped him get his HUB certification and went back to see if it was ok to work here in the City of Houston but his package was lost and now he had to start all over again to be recognized by the City of Houston, on one project he was a sub to a sub and never got the opportunity to perform a service to show their work to show the community that they were a viable company and can be trusted. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Green, Robinson, Edwards and Christie absent. **NO QUORUM**

Council Member Laster stated that he would like for Mr. Eli to reach out to his office and he would give him his business card out in the lobby.

Mr. Lee Perry, 11835 Jelicoe, 77047, (713)876-4571 appeared and stated he was a 21 year certified Environmental Auditor but in 1974 his was the very first person to test the quality of water for the City of Houston and for 12 months he tested the quality of water for the City and been on the Drinking Water Quality side for years but two years ago he came in here and he spoke to the City Council Member about abandoned wells in the City of Houston most likely source of contamination of the drinking water and since then he filed a Federal Lawsuit and it was in Federal Court right now and had received apologies from the Federal Prosecutors because they say he was right and about two months ago the Department of Health did a study to see which neighborhoods in communities in the whole United States for contaminated water and Chasewood popped up on the study and the City of Houston annexed them and that water from Chasewood was contaminated which they City of Houston did the right thing and changed it but no one went back to find the source of the contamination, they just changed the water and he discussed the Federal lawsuit. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Laster, Green, Robinson, Edwards and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Mayor Pro Tem Cohen advised Mr. Perry to speak with Public Works and they would be happy to speak to him.

Mr. Julian Uchima, 21106 Bastide Ln., Kingwood, TX, 77339, (832)799-2275 appeared and stated he wanted to address concerns of the drivers have right now the business industry which they were losing 40%, they were having problems to make ends meet, to pay their mortgages, the City of Houston has Chapter 46 that they allocate taxi permits to individuals and they pay \$6,500 per year and he represents 300 drivers that were in the lottery system, they qualified for everything and the City did not do anything only gave 25 medallions to one person, they should not have to pay someone \$6,500 a year for a service that they do not do for them, they pay their insurance they pay their fees, and Members of Council was not doing anything,

they were losing a lot of money and the City was not doing anything about it, they ignore them and he has the signatures. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Laster, Green, Robinson, Edwards and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Council Member Kubosh stated that he fought hard for them and he voted no on all this stuff and the only thing what he was talking about was the Mayor who controls the Agenda and they as Council Members cannot offer legislation, they were here to vote on it and there were people in your organization that understands what he was speaking about, he going to have to get organized and put pressures on the administration, it has to come from the Mayor and then they can vote on it.

Mayor Pro Tem Cohen requested for Mr. Uchima to speak with Ms. Cunningham that was present in the back about his concerns.

Ms. Bridget Alexander McDaniel, Post Office Box 53993, 77052, no phone, 1584 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Laster, Green, Robinson, Edwards and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Ms. Shelia Turner, 3006 Westlake Crescent Dr., Kingwood, TX, 77339, (281)460-7610 appeared and stated that she was a Federal and Private Grant Writer and she was also a fundraiser and she wanted to give Members of Council praise to the quality and integrity of Housing Development Department, they had been issuing RFPs which were request for proposals on an annual basis and she just wanted to say that these grants have to score accordingly to regulations and outlines that were proposed into the HUD regulation and the RFP and this Department does a great job. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Green, Robinson, Edwards and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

President Joseph Charles, Post Office Box 524373, 77052-4373, Houston, TX, appeared and requested more time 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. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Green, Robinson, Edwards and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Mr. Steve Barnaba, 9350 Country Creek, No.24, 77036, (832)718-9596 appeared and stated that he was always last because who would like to hear from the homeless and recited a pray until his time ran out. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Green, Robinson, Edwards and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Ms. Pauline Cheatham, no address, no phone, had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Green, Robinson, Edwards and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

Mr. Craig Brown, 2424 Sakowitz, 77020, (979)922-7678 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Green, Robinson, Edwards and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

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 5:23 p.m. The City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 6, 2016, Mayor Turner, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Green, Robinson, Edwards and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding. **NO QUORUM**

At 8:20 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, April 6, 2016, Mayor Sylvester Turner presiding, with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jerry Davis, Ellen Cohen, Dwight Boykins, Dave Martin, Steve Le, Greg Travis, Karla Cisneros, Mike Laster, Robert Gallegos, 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 Stella Ortega Agenda Office present.

At 9:01 Mayor Pro Tem Cohen called the meeting to order and stated that City Council would attend the Memorial Service of Cadet Steven Windfield and requested a motion to recess to 11:00 a.m.

Council Member Laster moved that City Council recess until 11:00 a.m. and seconded by Council Member Stardig, all voting aye, nays none. Mayor Turner, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Travis and Robinson absent. **MOPTION ADOPTED**

The City Council reconvened at 11:10 a.m. and Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Martin for a point a personal privilege.

Council Member Martin stated the people he was recognizing were people from his oldest sons marriage and part of the his daughter in laws friends and family who were present and they were from Manchester England and they have a sitting Council Member which was called Counselor in Manchester and also a former Counselor that was from Manchester and requested them to stand in the audience to be recognized.

Council Member Cohen stated that it was an honor to bring to their attention visitors from the Houston Sister City of Nice, France and requested them to stand; that the delegation was led by the Deputy Mayor for Tourism and International Affairs and Member to Parliament in the French National Assembly and the delegation would meet with MD Anderson, the Texas Medical Center, the Greater Partnership, the Houston Technology Center and other leading Institutions.

Council Member Boykins recognized United States Ambassador Arthur Schechter who was present in support of the WALLIP Project and requested him to stand to be recognized.

At 11:14 Mayor Turner moved to the Monthly Financial Report.

REPORT FROM CITY CONTROLLER AND THE CITY ADMINISTRATION REGARDING THE CURRENT FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE CITY including but not limited to, revenue, expenditure and encumbrance report for the General Fund, all special revenue funds and all enterprise funds, and a report on the status of bond funds- was presented,

Mr. Chris Brown, City Controller and Mr. Kelley Dowe, Director of Finance reviewed the Monthly Operation and Financial report; copies of which are on file in the City Secretary's office for review.

Mayor Turner stated that property tax refunds for prior year taxes associated with litigation continue to rise with settlements of multi-year commercial suits, specifically in Class A commercial properties; with increasing valuations, property owners have been quick to appeal to district court in record numbers and will continue to cause a record volume of lawsuits; to date refunds as of February are \$32.4 million, thus resulting in a lower net collection for property taxes.

This issue has accelerated greatly because of the large increases in property values over the past three years. However, the underlying problem is the usage of Texas's so called "equal and uniform" law with respect to appraisals. With equal and uniform, a property owner utilizes the appraisal districts' estimates of market values for other comparable properties and then adjusts that value, typically downward, for specific characteristics of their property. The owner is then taxed at the median appraisal value for the group of properties they have chosen. It is this last element, taxing at the statistical median that is giving tax breaks to commercial properties at the expense of homeowners who are least able to afford it. Further every reduced appraisal then lowers the median, resulting in a spiral downward of commercial property values.

A commercial property owner of a Class A building that has a market value above the median is only taxed at the lower median value of all comparable properties, while homeowners, whose market values may be equal to or less than a median value are taxed at the full market value of their property.

Imagine if people paid the federal income tax based on the national median income; those earning above the national median income would pay less taxes and those earning less would pay more. That is the situation in front of us.

This situation is not only unfair to the majority of taxpayers, it also makes it difficult to budget effectively and impossible to fully service the needs of the fastest growing metropolitan area in the country. While I know there are strong interests behind maintaining the status quo, I will again ask the legislature to remedy this situation. Taxes from hardworking homeowners should not effectively subsidize wealthy commercial property owners. This situation must change, and I will look for support from my friends on both sides of the aisle to fix it.

Council Member Cohen moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of remaining in session beyond the scheduled noon recess to complete the Agenda and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Laster and Edwards absent. **MOTION 2016-0141 ADOPTED**

Council Member Martin recognized a group of young people that were present from Humble Independent School District where he had the opportunity to serve on the School Board for 10 years.

After a lengthy discussion of the Financial Report, Council Member Christie moved to accept the monthly financial report and seconded by Council Member Knox, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis and Edwards absent. **MOTION 2016-0142 ADOPTED**

Council Member Cohen moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of considering Item 14 out of order and seconded by Council Member Laster, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis, Martin and Edwards absent. **MOTION 2016-0143 ADOPTED**

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Turner stated he knows that there had been concerns about the Crime Forensic Center and the backlog, especially on rape kits and right now they were about 300 behind and he had spoken to them couple of times this week and that backlog would be address by the end of June and they had come up with a plan to keep them on track and they do not want to get behind.

Mayor Turner stated he also wanted to make comments about the Cadet Steven Windfield and thanked Members of Council for being there to support the family, the friends and the Firefighters and his funeral would be at 2:00 p.m. in Beaumont.

Mayor Turner further stated on the budget situation, the plan he was proposing to balance the budget which was done and the budget that he would be handing them on May 25th a month early and presented to Members of Council an Accelerated FY17 Budget Schedule-Tentative-Not Inclusive of all Activities and explained the schedule.

Mayor Turner stated with the announcement of Ron Lewis would be the City Attorney based on their confirmation on April 20, 2016 and thanked Donna Edmundson for her service of 30 years.

Mayor Turner requested the City Secretary to call Item 14.

14. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and the **WILLIAM A. LAWSON INSTITUTE OF PEACE AND PROSPERITY** to provide up to \$4,730,000.00 of Community Development Block Grant Funds for the acquisition of approximately 5.5 acres of land located in the vicinity of 5012 Scott Street for construction of the Lawson Academy Charter School Campus - **DISTRICT D – BOYKINS**- was presented, all voting aye, nay none. Council Member Edwards absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0253 ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner requested all the Members to stand that were present from the Academy.

Council Member Laster moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of considering Item 13 out of order and seconded by Council Member Kubosh, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Edwards absent. **MOTION 2015-0144 ADOPTED**

13. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **PRO-VISION, INC** to provide up to \$2,800,000.00 in Community Development Block Grant Funds for the acquisition of three parcels of land and the construction of a Multi-Purpose Gymnasium located near Pro-Visions' existing Charter School at 4590 Wilmington - **DISTRICT D – BOYKINS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Edwards absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0254 ADOPTED**

Council Member Cohen moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of considering Item 12 out of order and seconded by Council Member Laster, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Edwards absent. **MOTION 2016-0145 ADOPTED**

12. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **SER-JOBS FOR PROGRESS OF THE TEXAS GULF COAST, INC**, to provide up to \$5,300,000.00 of Community Development Block Grant Funds for the acquisition of land and renovation of a facility located in the vicinity of 1710 Telephone Road for use as a Workforce Opportunity Center - **DISTRICT I – GALLEGOS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Edwards absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0255 ADOPTED**

At 12:38 p.m. Mayor Turner requested that the City Secretary call the Agenda.

HEARINGS - 9:00 A.M.

1. **PUBLIC HEARING** to consider the applications to provide Resolutions of No Objection to the 4% Housing Tax Credit for the following two affordable housing communities:
PADDOCK AT SUNNYSIDE **4410 Reed Rd.** **DISTRICT D - BOYKINS**
POINTE AT CRESTMONT **5602 Selinsky Rd.** **DISTRICT D – BOYKINS-**
- was presented, the City Secretary advised that no one had reserved time to speak on Item 1 and Mayor Turner asked if there was anyone present to speak on Item 1 and seeing none Mayor Turner requested a motion to close the public hearing.

Council Member Laster moved to close the Public Hearing and seconded by Council Member Green, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Edwards absent. **MOTION 2015-0146 ADOPTED**

CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 3 through 34

ACCEPT WORK - NUMBERS 3 through 7

1. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director General Services Department for approval of final contract amount of \$42,493.48 and acceptance of work on contract with **DNB ENTERPRISES, INC** for Underground Storage Tanks Equipment Upgrade at Fire Station 15 - 6.90% over the original contract amount and under the approved 10% contingency - **DISTRICT H – CISNEROS-** was presented, moved by Council Member Laster and seconded by Council Member Kubosh, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Edwards absent. **MOTION 2016-0147 ADOPTED**
2. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$1,929,341.45 and acceptance of work on contract with **LECON, INC** for Inwood Forest Subregional Detention Basins - 1.55% under the original contract amount **DISTRICT A – STARDIG-** was presented, moved by Council Member Laster and seconded by Council Member Kubosh, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Edwards absent. **MOTION 2016-0148 ADOPTED**
7. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$2,198,539.38 and acceptance of work on contract with **C. F. MCDONALD ELECTRIC, INC** for 69th Street Wastewater Treatment Plant - Main Lift Station Redundant Outdoor Electrical Switchgears Replacement - 8.91% under the original

contract amount - **DISTRICT H – CISNEROS-** was presented, moved by Council Member Laster and seconded by Council Member Kubosh, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Edwards absent. **MOTION 2016-0149 ADOPTED**

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS - NUMBERS 8 AND 9

8. **APPROVE** spending authority for purchase of Automotive Grease, Oils, Lubricants, Transmission Fluids, and Other Automotive Fluids through the Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Purchasing with the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative (BuyBoard), for the Fleet Management Department, from **BLENDER DIRECT** - 23 Months - \$3,000,000.00 - Fleet Management Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Kubosh and seconded by Council Member Knox, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Edwards absent. **MOTION 2016-0150 ADOPTED**
9. **LIFESCAPES LANDSCAPING** to Furnish and Install Large Rolled Sodding for Parks & Recreation Department - \$77,264.44 - General and Other Funds- was presented, moved by Council Member Kubosh and seconded by Council Member Knox, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Edwards absent. **MOTION 2016-0151 ADOPTED**

ORDINANCES - NUMBERS 11 through 34

11. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **SEARCH HOMELESS SERVICES** to provide up to \$550,000 (\$170,000 - Community Development Block Grant Funds; \$380,000 - Homeless Housing and Services Program Funds) for the operation of a Housing Case Management and Supportive Services Program for homeless individuals- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Edwards absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0256 ADOPTED**
15. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing first amendment to Loan Agreement between the City of Houston and **HOUSTON ESPERANZA, INC**, joined by **HOUSTON STERLING COURT SENIOR RESIDENCES, L.P.**, for Sterling Court Senior Residences, an affordable Rental Housing Community for seniors located at 9590 Minnesota Street, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT I – GALLEGOS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Edwards absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0257 ADOPTED**
16. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing tenth amendment to contract among the City of Houston, **HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT** and **SPARK** to extend the time of performance by one year for the continuation of the Spark Program for the development of Neighborhood Parks on Public School Grounds- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Edwards absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0258 ADOPTED**
17. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing contract between the City and **CONSILIENCE SOFTWARE, INC** for Maven Software Maintenance/Upgrade Agreement for the Houston Health Department; providing a maximum contract amount - \$800,000.00 - General and Grant Funds- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Edwards absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0259 ADOPTED**

19. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **INDUSTRIAL/ORGANIZATIONAL SOLUTIONS, INC** for Promotional and Assessment Testing Services for the Houston Police Department; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$1,499,100.00 - General Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Edwards absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0260 ADOPTED**
20. **ORDINANCE** amending Ordinance No. 2011-274, as amended, to increase the maximum contract amount to contract between the City and **HILLTOP SECURITIES INC (Formerly FIRST SOUTHWEST COMPANY)** for Financial Advisory Services for the Finance Department- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Edwards absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0261 ADOPTED**
22. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Professional Services Agreement between the City of Houston, Texas and **OPERATIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES, INC, d.b.a. OSS-LAW ENFORCEMENT ADVISORS®** to serve as an expert witness in various civil-rights cases which are now pending in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Houston Division, as well as, in the United States Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit (collectively referred to as the "Litigation") - \$100,000.00 - Property and Casualty Fund - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Edwards absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0262 ADOPTED**
23. **ORDINANCE** extending the provisions of **SECTION 28-303 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, to certain improved single-family residential lots in **BRAEBURN VALLEY WEST SUBDIVISION, SECTIONS 1 AND 2**, to prohibit parking vehicles in the front or side yards of such residences - **DISTRICT J – LASTER**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Edwards absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0263 ADOPTED**
24. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Task Order Contracts between the City and **CSF CONSULTING L.P., JAYMARK ENGINEERING CORPORATION, WALTER P. MOORE AND ASSOCIATES, INC, INFRASTRUCTURE ASSOCIATES, INC** and **HUNT & HUNT ENGINEERING CORPORATION**; providing a maximum contract amount 3 Years with two one-year options - \$1,000,000.00 per contract - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Edwards absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0264 ADOPTED**
25. **ORDINANCE** amending Ordinance Number 2015-227 to include the acquisition of four additional parcels for the Greens Road Paving and Drainage Project (from Aldine Westfield to John F. Kennedy Boulevard); and further finding and determining public convenience and necessity for the acquisition of such parcels by gift, dedication, purchase and if necessary the use of eminent domain - **DISTRICT B – DAVIS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Edwards absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0265 ADOPTED**
26. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$565,000.00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF-A as an additional appropriation to Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **OTHON, INC** for Easthaven (Bryant to Ledge) Drainage and Paving (as approved by Ordinance No. 2011-0650); providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF-A Fund - **DISTRICT I – GALLEGOS**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Edwards absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0266 ADOPTED**

- 27. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$20,000.00 out of Metro Projects Construction DDSRF and \$20,000.00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF; approving and authorizing Professional Construction Management and Inspection Services Agreement between the City of Houston and **ENTECH CIVIL ENGINEERS, INC** for Paving and Drainage Construction Projects- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Edwards absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0267 ADOPTED**
- 28. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$20,000.00 out of Metro Projects Construction DDSRF and \$20,000.00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF; approving and authorizing Professional Construction Management and Inspection Services Agreement between the City of Houston and **SOWELLS CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT & INSPECTION, LLC** for Paving and Drainage Construction Project- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Edwards absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0268 ADOPTED**
- 29. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$1,831,600.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **IDS ENGINEERING GROUP, INC** for Lift Station Renewal and Replacement - Ayreshire, Brompton, Bradford, Kirby Drive #2, Main Street S., and Westridge Lift Stations; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS C - COHEN and K - GREEN** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Edwards absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0269 ADOPTED**
- 30. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$89,400.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund as an additional appropriation to Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **VAN DE WIELE & VOGLER, INC** for engineering services associated with the Design of Water Line Replacement in Binglewood Area (Approved by Ordinance No. 2014-0355); providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT A – STARDIG-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Edwards absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0270 ADOPTED**
- 31. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$44,999.40 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund as an additional appropriation to Construction Management and Inspection Services Contract between the City of Houston and **ESPA CORPORATION** for contract associated with contract award for Large Diameter Water Line Construction Project (Approved by Ordinance No. 2013-0022, as amended)- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Edwards absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0271 ADOPTED**
- 32. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$40,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; approving and authorizing for Professional Construction Management and Inspection Services Agreement between the City of Houston and **PROJECT SURVEILLANCE, INC** for Large Diameter Waterline Construction Projects- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Edwards absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0272 ADOPTED**
- 33. ORDINANCE NO. 2016-243**, passed first reading March 30, 2016
ORDINANCE granting to **STERICYCLE ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS, INC, a Delaware 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

SECOND READING- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Edwards absent. **PASSED SECONDED READING IN FULL**

- 34. ORDINANCE NO. 2016-212**, passed second reading on March 30, 2016
ORDINANCE granting to **HOUSTON GREASE LLC, A Texas Limited Liability Company**, 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 Edwards absent. **PASSED THIRD AND FINAL READING IN FULL**

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

- 2. REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following individuals to the **REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER SEVENTEEN (MEMORIAL CITY), CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for terms to expire July 20, 2017:
- Position One - **MARSHALL BARD HEINS**, appointment
 - Position Three - **DAVID P. DURHAM**, appointment
 - Position Five - **ZACHARY R. HODGES**, reappointment
 - Position Seven - **GLENN E. AIROLA**, reappointment-
- was presented, moved by Council Member Laster and seconded by Council Member Stardig and tagged by Council Member Travis. Council Member Edwards absent.
- 5. RECOMMENDATION** from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$986,790.46 and acceptance of work on contract with **DCE CONSTRUCTION, INC** for Cambridge Street from Old Spanish Trail to Holly Hall Street 2.78% over the original contract amount and under 5% contingency amount - **DISTRICTS D - BOYKINS and K – GREEN-** was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson and tagged by Council Members Green and Boykins. Council Member Edwards absent.
- 6. RECOMMENDATION** from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$3,195,968.28 and acceptance of work on contract with **PM CONSTRUCTION & REHAB, LLC**, for Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation by Sliplining and Pipe Bursting Methods - 2.39% over the original contract amount and under 5% contingency amount (4257-125) - **DISTRICTS A - STARDIG; B - DAVIS; C - COHEN; H - CISNEROS; I - GALLEGOS; J - LASTER and K – GREEN-** was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen

and seconded by Council Member Green, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Edwards absent. **MOTION 2016-0152 ADOPTED**

10. HOUSTON FREIGHTLINER, INC for Asphalt Road Patching Trucks through the Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Purchasing with the Houston-Galveston Area Council for the Department of Public Works & Engineering - \$1,282,724.00 - Dedicated Drainage and Street Renewal Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Davis and seconded by Council Member Martin, Council Members Kubosh and Christie voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Edwards absent. **MOTION 2016-0153 ADOPTED**

18. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Letter Agreement between the City of Houston and **UNITED AIRLINES, INC** for Construction Services for Terminal C and E Recapitalization and Consolidation Project at George Bush Intercontinental Airport/Houston (Project No. 689A) **DISTRICT B – DAVIS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Edwards absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0273 ADOPTED**

21. ORDINANCE approving agreement for Professional Services, between the City of Houston and **ADAMS AND REESE, LLP** for Legal Services in connection with CenterPoint Energy Houston's Distributed Cost Recovery Factor application and rate adjustment and other utility matters; providing a maximum contract amount - \$200,000.00 - General Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Edwards absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0274 ADOPTED**

MATTERS HELD - NUMBERS 35 through 38

35. ORDINANCE appropriating \$198,000.00 out of Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund for Purchase and Installation of eDiscovery Software for Various Departments
TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS STARDIG and KUBOSH
This was Item 10 on Agenda of March 30, 2016- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Edwards absent. **ORDINANCE 2016-0275 ADOPTED**

36. TEQSYS, INC for Purchase and Installation of eDiscovery Software through the Texas Department of Information Resources for Various Departments
TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS STARDIG and KUBOSH
This was Item 11 on Agenda of March 30, 2016
This item should only be considered after passage of Item 35 above- was presented, moved by Council Member Kubosh and seconded by Council Member Cohen, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Edwards absent. **MOTION 2016-0154 ADOPTED**

37. WRITTEN Motion by Council Member Boykins to amend Item 38 as follows:

- (1) Amend the Fifth Recital of the Ordinance to read as shown on the written motion
Amend to add immediately following the Twelfth Recital as shown on the written motion
- (2) Amend Section 2.2 and Section 14.2

TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER KUBOSH- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Edwards absent. **MOTION 2016-0155 ADOPTED**

Council Member Cohen moved to suspend the rules to reconsider the vote by which Item 37 was adopted by **MOTION 2016-0155** and the matter to be brought back to Council for reconsideration and seconded by Council Member Stardig, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Edwards absent. **MOTION 2016-0156 ADOPTED**

After a lengthy discussion of Item 37, Council Member Laster tagged Item 37.

38. ORDINANCE appropriating \$2,000,000.00 out of TIRZ Affordable Housing Fund and approving and authorizing Repair Agency Agreement between the City of Houston and **REBUILDING TOGETHER HOUSTON**, as Repair Agency, for performance of minor critical emergency repairs to homes owned by qualified households; establishing a maximum contract amount; approving the second amended and restated administrative guidelines for the Minor Critical Emergency Home Repair Program - **DELAYED BY MOTION #2016-136, 3/30/16**

This was Item 39 on Agenda of March 30, 2016

This item should only be considered after passage of Item 37 above- was presented

After further consideration, Council Member Laster moved to delay Item 38 for one week and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Christie absent. **MOTION 2016-0157 ADOPTED**

Council Member Edwards stated that she was sorry she was late for the meeting she had Jury Duty.

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

Members of Council announced events and discussed matters of interest.

There being no further business before Council; the City Council adjourned at 1:26 p.m. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Le, Travis, Laster, Knox, Robinson, Kubosh, Edwards and Christie absent. **NO QUORUM**

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MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

Anna Russell, City Secretary