

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, August 8, 2017

A regular meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, August 8, 2017; Mayor Sylvester Turner presiding, with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jerry Davis, Ellen Cohen, Steve Le, Greg Travis, Mike Laster, Robert Gallegos, Larry Green, Mike Knox, David Robinson, Michael Kubosh, Amanda Edwards and Jack Christie D.C.; and Randy Zamora, Legal Department; Marta Crinejo Agenda Director Agenda Office present. Council Member Dwight Boykins absent on City Business. Council Member Dave Martin absent on vacation. Council Member Cisneros absent on personal business.

At 1:42 p.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting to order and stated they would start the presentation. Council Members Stardig, Le, Travis, Gallegos, Laster, Green and Robinson absent.

Council Member Cohen stated that the John P. McGovern Museum of Health and Medical Science first opened its doors on March 16, 1996, after initially having been established as the Museum of Medical Science within the Houston Museum of Natural Science on November 16, 1969, presently, the Health Museum is Houston's most interactive science learning center and a member institution of the world-renowned Texas Medical Center and the Health Museum is committed to making rigorous health and medical science content comprehensible for all ages and all abilities through its permanent and traveling exhibitions, as well as its year-round educational programming, on July 27, 2017, The Health Museum will be honored for reaching Smithsonian Affiliate status and the City of Houston commends The John P. McGovern Museum of Health and Medical Science for its accomplishments and extends best wishes for continued success and therefore, Mayor Turner hereby proclaimed July 27, 2017, as The Health Museum Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Stardig, Le, Gallegos and Robinson absent.

Council Member Knox stated that A 100th birthday is an important occasion and a joyous time to embrace the past with remembrance and the future with hope and anticipation and Ethel Mae Chandler was born August 5, 1917, a native of Taylor, Louisiana, Ethel Mae Chandler was the oldest of three children born to Nora Davis and Jack Taylor, she has eight children, two of whom are still living, as well as five grandchildren and a host of great and great-great grandchildren and Ethel Mae Chandler has been a member of Greater Jerusalem Baptist Church for 50 years, lending her talents to the church's mission department, culinary staff, choir and youth ministry. She is also involved with the Order of the Eastern Star and the Court of Calanthisians. She retired from the V.A. Hospital as a cafeteria worker, receiving the distinction of being the first African-American to use the electric cash register in the hospital's employment and family and friends wish this to be a memorable day for a very special person in their lives and a time to rejoice in warm family ties, rich friendships and treasured accomplishments. The City of Houston is pleased to join the family and many friends of Ethel Mae Chandler in extending best wishes for a happy 100th birthday and therefore Mayor Turner hereby proclaimed August 5, 2017, as Ethel Mae Chandler Day ~ 100th Birthday ~ in Houston, Texas. Council Members Stardig, Le, Gallegos and Robinson absent.

Council Member Kubosh presented flowers to Ms. Chandler.

Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Travis for the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Council Members Stardig, Le and Gallegos absent.

At 2:02 p.m. the Roll was called. Council Member Dwight Boykins absent on City Business. Council Member Dave Martin absent on vacation. Council Member Cisneros absent on personal business. Council Members Stardig, Le and Gallegos absent.

Council Member Kubosh moved to delay the adaption of the minutes and seconded by Council Member Cohen, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Stardig, Le and Gallegos absent.

MOTION ADOPTED

Council Member Knox moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing Mr. Marty Lancton out of order and seconded by Council member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none.

MOTION 2017-0502 ADOPTED

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

Mr. Ryan Horton, 2302 Longleaf Pines Sr., Kingwood, TX, 77339, (281)723-6715 appeared and stated that he is with the Houston Fire Department and he been with them for 14 years, he works at Station 26 and he also a tax paying citizen in Council Member Martins District and all he is asking is to put politics to the side, count the signatures and please put the matter on the ballot please, the citizens have spoken and this is about democracy. Council Members Stardig, Le and Gallegos absent.

Mr. Juan Garcia, 448 west 19th St., Spt. 212, 77008, (713)498-4235 appeared and stated that he is lifelong resident of the City of Houston, he been an active Firefighter for 34 years of service, he lives in District C and he is here to request that the petitions for Firefighter Pay Parity be counted, the Firefighters that have followed the rules for submitting the petition for the November Ballot and they ask the petition and the will of the voters be respected and Firefighters are asking for their help with this democracy process. Council Members Stardig, Le and Gallegos absent.

Mr. Christopher McAllister, 2207 Fincastle, Katy, TX, 77450, (281)857-4258 appeared and stated that he is a Houston Firefighter, he is a Captain and Paramedic, he takes a lot of pride in making that statement not just because he is a Firefighter but he is a Houston Firefighter and back on the wall behind him there is a sign that says "People Are The City" and 52,000 people have spoken and signed this petition asking for the right to participate in the democrat process regarding the Houston Firefighters, this is not something small, this is something huge and he would ask each of them recognize the value of the petition and the value each of those people 52,000 people that signed and that they say "they want a say" and he would asked them to recognize their value and their request and to insure that those signature are counted as for their request and for those individuals that are granted the right to participate in the democrat process just as they should. Council Member Le absent.

Ms. Odra Recinos, 13502 Carruth Ln., 77083, (832)434-9232 appeared and stated that she is a Houston Firefighter, she works at Station 60 and she is also a resident of the City of Houston and she wants to encourage her Elected Officials to count their signatures of the petition in time for November 2017 Elections, this will help her continue to serve the City that she grew up in and help her continue to do the job that she loves, since she been little she been wanting to be a Houston Firefighter, she had gone to all 3 schools, elementary, middle and high school and she would like to continue to give back to her community and for them to please count the signatures and count the voters because she knows that they care and she knows that Council cares, she does appreciate what they do and thank them for taking the time to listen to her and to please consider them. Council Member Le absent.

Ms. Liz McConnell, 5248 Larkin St., Apt. No. A, 77007, (832)296-7299 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Member Le absent.

Ms. Melanie Pang, 2300 Old Spanish Trail, 77054, (832)860-9416 appeared and stated that Mayor, it is not easy being you and she is delighted to be here today because she wanted to say thank you and as the Co-Chair for the LGBT Advisory Board she wanted to say thanks for supporting their community for pushing back against SB6, Special Session SB3 and SB91 and wanted to thank him for acknowledging Plan Parenthood role in women's health and like also people like her need clinics where they can receive affordable care without judgment, like she has and thank you for empowering others to support immigrants like her parents and like so many others that are in the community and with all that said they go together and she recognized that she cannot fight like they can fight and that is also vis versa but she have much respect for their intent and desire to do right and to Council Member Cohen she wanted to thank her for reminding them all that transgender people are not a threat and she wanted to thank Council again for pushing back on State imposed policies and protecting the community. Council Member Le absent.

Ms. Daney Delao, 2013 Arbor St., 77004, (832)741-4615 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Member Le absent.

Mr. Brad Pritchett, 1044 Alexander St., 77008, (713)898-9734 appeared and stated that he is a resident of District C and he is here to speak on the same thing that Melanie just spoke about which is the bathroom Bill that is being debated at the Legislature and last week he knows that they had visitors like Dave Welch and he wanted to thank Council Member Cohen for pushing back aggressively on the lies that he was trying to state here and the reason they are coming to City of Houston Council is because they are not getting a lot of traction in Austin on the Bill and the reason Law Enforcement, Safety Experts, Mayor's like Mayor Turner are stepping up and saying these bathroom Bills are dissimilatory and they are not necessary, there are solution to a problem that just does not exist and he wanted to come and thank Mayor Turner on being very vocal on these types of Bills and thank his Council Member for pushing back on Dave Welch and for a future reference when Dave Welch comes here and what he is saying most likely will not be true and he wanted to thank the Council Members that support HERO. Council Member Le absent.

Mr. Marty Lancton, 1907 Freeman, 77009, (281)844-0992 appeared and stated that he also lives in Council Member Cohen District and he is the President of the Houston Professional Firefighter Association, the 4,000 Firefighters that he represents and the brothers and sisters that are here today appreciate this opportunity to be heard and as he begins his remarks, he is remembered of some inspiration words, the words begin like this "If we dare to dream beyond our current City conditions, if we work hard and if we put aside our bias and recognize no one person by himself, we can be a bigger Houston, we can be a bigger City and we can even raise above of our own personalities" these are not the words of Sam Houston, the Allen Brothers but these are the words of Mayor Turner, they are from January 4, 2016, just 18 months ago and a lot has changed in a year and half, the Houston Firefighters are here today to remind the Mayor of his commitments to Public Safety, here to remind him of his promises to the first responders and to the Public and they are here to employ the Mayor and respect the will of Houston voters and order the Firefighter Petition to be counted and be place on the November 2017 ballot, they have offered reimburse the City the cost of counting the timely Petition, so what did happen, the Mayor responded with a phony allegation of ethical breach, it violated State Law and they will have that discussion in a later matter, the Houston Firefighter are at a breaking point after thousands of hours of contract negotiation and they all know where the Firefighter stand and there is no point in debating that,

the Houston Firefighter are ready to work with the City and they are tired of excuses and they are tired of hearing what not can be done, Mr. Mayor they have earned the right to go to the Voters, please respect the will of the Houston voters, please respect them and please remember the promises and aspirations of his speech and that Houston is watching and please count the petition Mr. Mayor.

Members of Council questioned Mr. Lancton.

Council Member Stardig stated that she was here when Council Member Kubosh and Paul Bettencourt was before them and they were tickled to death that they got the Petition in and she was a little surprised because they were in the middle of a financial crisis, trying to pay the bills and she recalled spending money for overtime and it was the right for the Petition, the right of the people to move it forward, she cannot agree because she is on the Public Safety Committee and she is on a conservative side on it and she was for the red light cameras because she believes it decrease bad behavior but once again it was their right do so, they have been through a lot of Petitions at this horseshoe and she says to the Mayor, has Council been given an update on this?

Mayor Turner stated that she can certainly speak to the City Secretary, she been here for over 60 years and he too believes in the right to Petition but he will not interfere with the City Secretary on any Petition, there have been several Petition submitted and she is handling those Petitions the way she been doing it for over 60 years and all Petition will be counted but he is not going to interfere for or against.

Mr. Lancton stated that they are not asking for him to do that but for him to provide the resources to count because she has done an amazing job and Mayor Turner request to let him finish but Council Member Stardig requested to the Mayor to reclaim some of her time.

Council Member Stardig stated would there be an opportunity to discuss with City Legal for her own understanding if the ballots are not counted by the deadline does that make it void at that point.

Mayor Turner stated that it is never void, it may not happen in November if not counted in time, it will go to the next election cycle, it maybe 2 years but all Petitions will be counted, whatever the process has been for well over 60 years, it is the process that is being followed here, he does not pick and choose Petitions and what had been said from the City Secretary which she can speak for herself and anyone knows Ms. Anna Russell knows that she can speak for herself and her process has always been first in and first out and that is her process.

Council Member Stardig further stated that she wanted to make sure that the Firefighter that are here in the audience today understand that there is within the Charter that if it does not make the November Ballot, there is at least a 24 month before it can come back around.

Mr. Lacton stated that his letter to the Mayor to get a resolution to try to get the petition counted and again this is not about the City Secretary because she had done an amazing job and she is trying to work with what she has, but the Mayor himself on April 25, 2017 got in front of a press conference while he was pushing his Petition Bill through in Austin that he did not agree with the way the Petitions are being counted now or being gathered, he questioned their legitims and that they cannot take a Charter Amendment to change State Law and Mayor Turner stated that he is referring to the 401K Petition that is being counted right now and Mr. Lacton stated that all they are asking for is to provide Ms. Russell with the resources to count theirs as well and if there is an issue of time they are offering, the Firefighters with the little money they have, they have offered to step up.

Council Member Stardig stated that the other question for the record what is the deadline again for all the Petition for them to be able to be on the Ballot and Mayor Turner answered her question which is August 21, 2017 and it has to be counted and validated and it has to be approved by Council.

Mr. Lacton stated that they turned it in on the 2nd week of July and they knew that Ms. Russell Office is working diligently and hard, there is no ulterior motive, that they just want to be on the Ballot for the voters to vote.

Council Member Stardig ask the Mayor, if the City Secretary has the ability to allocate the money within her funds and Mayor Turner stated that she does not have the budget and Council Member Stardig further ask if there intent to try to accommodate the overtime because she does not believe that they should be questioning the integrity of their intent and Mayor Turner stated that he do not think that anyones character ought to be questioned and neither should the character of the Mayor be questioned.

Mayor Turner stated he wanted to be very clear, he would not interfered at all with the City role of the Secretary, for or against, there had been several Petition, the 401K, the Heights and it had a statue deadline and then they have the 401K and he believes that the 401K in the end will be shut down by the Courts but he had not interfered with that one either because the Petition came in and they have every right to be counted but the City Secretary is obligated to count those petitions and he is not going authorize any overtime on that one and this one came in and he also believes when this is placed on the Ballot for lack of and being vague because it does not have parity and the point is that all Petition deserves to be counted and they will be counted but he is not going to say to the City Secretary to pick this one over the other one and he is not going to get in the practice of spending overtime for petitions.

Mr. Lacton stated that they are willing to pay for it, the City looks for recovery on cost everyday and he is a person that represents 4,000 people of the Houston Fire Department who gives their lines all everyday and he gets phone call after phone call asking him why is it, they go out there and do what they got to do, that they cannot even get a fare shake still and they are offering to pay for it and this is getting ridiculous.

Mayor Turner stated to the audience that they cannot clap during this part of the meeting and in reality they may speak to the City Secretary but her practice has been over the last 60 years is first in and first out, she is currently verifying the petitions on the 401K and they are more than welcome to visit and speak to the City Secretary.

Members of Council continued to discuss the Petitions and questioned Mr. Lacton.

Council Member Stardig stated what she just heard from the City Secretary if it is a Charter Amendment she has to have the them validated by the deadline by the 21st and therefore she needs the resource for that to happen which that us what she just understood and Mayor Turner ask Council Member Stardig to not draw that interpterion and then Mayor Turner requested the City Secretary if she would like to speak on the issue and Council Member Stardig asked about the Food Petition and the City Secretary if this is a case of a Charter Amendment that she must have the opportunity to validate the submitted Petition.

Anna Russell stated no because the State Law provides for Amendment to the Charter and the Food Petition was done under the Charter to overturn a City Ordinance and it was done under a Charter Prevision that had a deadline and if it an Amendment to the City Charter which she been told its been done under the Local Code of the State and Council Member Stardig stated that

because of that, she is on her own schedule, which Ms. Russell stated that is true and then Council Member Stardig asked what kind of resources that she had available at this time to count those Petitions.

Ms. Russell further stated that her staff is checking them during their spare time and they do their regular work and doing them on their spare time and there are 8 people that are working on the Petition.

Mr. Carl Ducena, 10211 Tablerock Dr., 77064, (347)244-8098 appeared and presented information and stated that he is an actor and a producer and a motivational speaker and they about to meet his wife because she up next and she ranks 8th in the world regards to body building and they came with gifts of a normal to be fit wristbands and they would like to extend their invitation to the Mayor and Council Members to be part of an event that Tina created and they are putting it together called the Normal To Be Fit Expo & Education Day and it going to be such an incredible day, they are going to have nutrition education, adaptive sports demo, dance squad and crossfit demo and for them to look at the flyer and it is at the Multi-Service Center and they are here to awake, education the world because it is bigger than them and they want to let the community know just to get up a little bit and they would point them to the right direction and they would love for the Mayor to be one of their guest speakers and they are trying to work it out with his schedule as well and he had spoken to Maria Towns and she is aware of this and they are planning to get the media involved and get back on Great Day Houston and they actually met Chief Acevedo and he plays a cop on TV and he was there on the same day and must respect to him and they would love for everyone to be involved, they want to help awake the community. Council Members Le and Green absent.

Ms. Tina Ducena, 10211 Tablerock Dr., 77064, no phone, appeared and stated that she is a Professional Body Builder and she was ranked 8th in the world a few years ago and Normal to be Fit is something that she created to help shift the mind set of today society where diabetes, heart disease and obesity is at its highest and she had the honor to work with individuals that have disabilities and it had been an amazing journey to learn all that she could and to see the differences that regular eating right, exercising and making it a normal part of life and the changes that it happen and Normal To Be Fit Expo was created to offer the adaptive community all there is for anything they need to learn about nutrition, exercising and offering all the different sports, machines and the Houston Multi-Service Center that is on West Gray is an amazing facility, it blew her mind and she will be training individuals for years and it is their passion to bring attention to this facility first of all and to also bring inspiration to the community to really motivate others and when they come to their expo and people see crossfit demo with people in wheelchairs that are climbing ropes, spinning around and lifting weights and many people that come that day say what is their excuse, why are they not getting up and doing what they can and she asked them to use their bands to remind themselves or love ones that they can pass on the message to just get up and do what they can and they started the process for a proclamation for the Normal to be Fit Day and it would be wonderful if it was for September 23rd and for them to have all of Council to be there to celebrate with them. Council Members Le, Travis, Laster and Green absent.

Mayor Turner stated that he looks forward on seeing them September 23rd at the Houston Multi-Service Center and he thanked them for being here.

Mr. William Beal, 10 Remington Ln., 77005, no phone, had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Le, Travis, Laster and Green absent.

Ms. Gretchen Lindquist, 626 Columbia St., 77007, (832)643-9535 appeared and stated that she is 24 years resident of the Houston Heights and she is here today to voice her support with the

City to decide to stand against what is being debated in the Texas Legislature, the so call Bathroom Bill and to voice her support on the City position of a the Sanctuary City and control of local issue and as far as she is concern as a Houston homeowner and resident of the City of Houston and our City Safety Personal have enough to do in dealing with the actual safety issues in Houston on people being assaulted, cyclist being hit by vehicles, cyclist not obeying the traffic signals and causing more traffic problems, robberies and that is just to name a few that she was concerned about, there are issues that are happening in Houston and that is what she wants to see her Public Safety Officials to be concerned with and she is not worried about the birth certificate of the person in the next bathroom stall and she is confident that there are laws that are already in place to protect her, other residents when they are using Public Facilities and she is not expecting our Officials to do the job of the Federal Government Immigration Office, Houston has a rich diversity and this City welcomes everyone and that is why she is proud to be a Houstonian. Council Members Le, Travis, Green and Kubosh absent.

Ms. Carly Hudson, 5422 Fern Park, Kingwood, TX, 77339, (281)224-4395 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Le, Travis, Green and Kubosh absent.

Ms. Danielle Healey, 1221 McKinney St. Suite No.2800, 77010, appeared and stated that he first of all would like to thank them for creating an atmosphere in Houston that helped to save her life, she is a person who has practiced Law at National and International Law firms in Houston for 30 years and she opened an International Law firm in this City because this is a City that values people, a City that allows people to shine, she is Transgender and she just wanted to say that every Transgender person gets to a point where they either choose life or choose death with a bullet, bottle or needle and she was able to choose life because of this City; one thing she wanted to point out about the Bathroom Bill that has not gotten much attention and that is the only people as a practical matter those that are going to be affected by the Bathroom Bill are Public Servants and School Children, the reason is, since it not a crime, the Police cannot stop and ask anybody for their Birth Certificate or their Driver License and that information has to be on file on Public Entity and who has that information the City, County and the Schools and most Schools would have either one maybe up to three Transgender children and every faculty or Staff Member has to police that child and send that child somewhere else to the bathroom because they are not allowed to go with their classmates and that is going to be bullied and when that happens we see horrible things come out of it and what's he thinks that the City needs to do is to continue to press our State Representatives to press on Governor Abbott to oppose this Bathroom Bill and she wants to offer if anyone ever what's to talk and meet the Transgender Professional one on one because she have had a long career with the Law. Council Members Stardig, Travis, Green and Kubosh absent.

Ms. Jessica Harvey, 6245 Dr. Apt. No. 4309, 77081, (361)510-2791 appeared and stated that she wanted to speak about her opposition to the Bathroom Bill and she Transgendered herself in her Senior year in School and she had no issue with the Administration, she was a good student, the day after her 18th Birthday she was arrested for using the women's restroom after transgenderizing because she questioned the Officer on why he wanted to see her ID, she has never felt so low, the way they looked at her and the way they spoke to her made her feel like she would be better off dead and not only she was not deserving a place to use the bathroom but not even deserving a place on this Earth and this Bathroom Bill is a daily reminder that Society views her and people like her as less than and she is reminded each time she on the news that another Transgender women of color was murdered and the 16th transgender person was murdered last week and each time they speak up there is a target on their back and they know that they are less than, they are not burned, they are not jokes, this is their life and this is her life and she does

expect everyone to understand what it is like to be Transgender or to fly a rainbow flag in front of their house and she hopes people knows that they are not a threat, this Bill is not about safety, it is about hate, please stand up for what is right and to be on the right side of history and to help stop these discrimination Bills. Council Members Stardig, Travis and Kubosh absent.

Ms. Barbara Myers, 12215 Carola Forest Dr., 77044, (713)699-0006 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Stardig, Travis and Kubosh absent.

Ms. Deborah Elaine Allen, Post Office Box 263252, 77027, (713)264-0127 appeared and stated that Politicians cause crimes, she wanted them to pay for her home and she continued to express her personal views on Politics and life. Council Members Stardig, Green and Kubosh absent.

Dr. Alkebu Motapa, 5022 Cosby, 77021, (713)741-5150 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Green and Kubosh absent.

Mr. Carlos Calbillo, 407 Cordell, 77009, (832)758-8640 appeared and stated that he lives in the fighting District I, Mr. Mayor what is the plan on all the homeless vagrants that are now established in pop up tents in 2nd Ward, do you plan to keep them there to the end of his Mayoral term or even later and these unfortunates are causing much concerns among the residents of that area, they are concerned about crime, drug use, panhandling and of course the last 2 years there had been 2 murders at this site, homeless people murdering each other, what is the end game for all this, people had been living underneath freeways since 1984 but now if they tour these underpasses, especially at highway 59, they would see complete alternate cities that stretch for miles with no hope of end of site and the 2nd Ward site that he had mentioned the Preachers have returned to feed them at all hours which is generating garbage and please detail removing and help assisting these folks, they need to be moved to a place that they can receive aid but not in their neighborhood. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Travis, Green and Kubosh absent.

Mr. Lou Weaver, 1609 Castlecourt No.1, 77006, (832)265-0342 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Travis, Green and Kubosh absent.

Ms. Mary Taylor, 1403 Fashion Hill Dr., 77088, (281)445-0682 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Travis, Green and Kubosh absent.

Mr. Ronald Whitfield, 7522 LaSalette St., 77021, (832)882-5696 appeared and stated and asked if the Secretary for the City of Houston is here and if not he will go across the street and stated that this body is in violation of the Federal Law, he was arrested twice for refusing to ID, God gives him the right, the Federal Constitution protects that right and the 5th Amendment guarantees to remain silent anytime the City of Houston Police Officers stops him and he stated that they are getting sued, there is a video of the City of Houston coming into his home without a warrant, without an emergency, stole his child, they must have a warrant or have an emergency and again they are getting sued and the video of his doorbell does not lie, the video shows that there was no child abuse, they were not going to take him to jail but he wanted them to because they took his child and a State Judge ordered for him to be released him because there was no proper cause and what every these Police Officers are doing that means the Mayor is doing and he is getting upset and he wanted the Mayor to tell the Chief of Police to stop arresting people when they do not show their ID and he will be on the FBI steps on a food and water protest to expose this and he is sick of this corruption. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Travis, Green and Kubosh absent.

Ms. Monica Roberts, 5155 Balkin St., 77021, (346)310-0824 appeared and stated that its been a while since she has been in these Chambers to actually speak at this podium for an issue and she is here basically because of what happen last week, when Dave Welch and company came claiming false comments about her community, they have been down this road since she and a group of Trans folks came down to Council in 2014 and asked if an Ordinance that became HERO was enacted or passed and that Trans people would be covered in it, they have watched over the last several years over the Conservative movement that had demonized the Trans Community for their own Political gain and they are sick of it, an as an African American Trans person who has lost 14 of her sisters because of this anti-Trans rhetoric that is being spread by Dan Patrick and the Republican party at Large and she would love to see this City assuming that SB3 goes down in flames and again take up the idea of an Ordinance that protects the Transgender Citizens of Houston and every since HERO went down they are facing discrimination by folks outside and they are seeing this discrimination everyday and she hopes that once these shenanigans in Austin are over that they City does take over putting out a nondiscrimination that covers everyone just like they attempted with the HERO ordinance in 2014. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Travis, Laster and Green absent.

Mr. James Partsh-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, Davis, Travis, Laster and Green absent.

President Joseph Charles, Post Office Box 524373, 77052-4373, Houston, TX, had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Travis, Laster and Green absent.

Mr. Joshua Bullard, 3328 McGowen St., 77004, (832)258-7511 appeared and stated that he may need the Mayor's help on this one at 1701 Webster, this is Health Department complaint and it is a restaurant that is called Phil and Derricks, they were there this past Saturday and they introduce all kinds of chemicals because of a pluming issue and the party that he was with started to protest and he tried to defuse the situation but his eyes started to burn because of the chemicals and if his eyes were not still burning today he would have not come here and he cannot have the restaurant doing that and he been to thousands of restaurant. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Travis, Laster and Green absent.

Mr. Rickey Tezino, 4422 Weaver Rd., 77016, (832)233-3174 appeared and presented information and stated that he promised he would have it in writing and this is the last time he would speak to them about the homeless and that is why he is talking about the census that is coming up and he been studying that for several years' now and Riverside has not been closed for that long and they can open it up to be a temporary center to get the intake and that would give them a way to count and have done that before because he was Field Supervisor in 2000 and he thinks that most of Council has already looked him up on the internet because once you run for Office, you are already everywhere and he was homeless and he thank God and his daughter because he would have been able to make it. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Travis, Laster and Green absent.

Mr. Marion Scott, 1600 Louisiana St., 77002, (713)783-9292 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Travis, Laster and Green absent.

Mayor Turner stated that he wanted to remind everyone that they will start promptly at 9:00 a.m. and he is requesting for everyone to be here at 8:58 a.m. so they can start at 9:00 a.m. and the plan is to go directly to the agenda and he is going to forgo the Mayor's Report and the plan is to

stop at 9:50 a.m. because the bus will leave for Second Baptist promptly for the Funeral of Mark White at 10:00 a.m. and the plan is to reconvened at 1:00 p.m. and for them to please be in their seats at 8:58 a.m...

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 3:22 p.m. The City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 9, 2017, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Travis, Laster and Green absent.

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, August 9, 2017 Mayor Sylvester Turner presiding, with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jerry Davis, Ellen Cohen, Dwight Boykins, Steve Le, Greg Travis, Robert Gallegos, Mike Laster, Larry Green, David Robinson, Michael Kubosh, Amanda Edwards and Jack Christie D.C.; Ronald Lewis, City Attorney, Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director and Stella Ortega Agenda Office present. Council Member Dave Martin absent on vacation. Council Member Karla Cisneros absent on personal business. Council Member Mike Knox absent due to be ill.

At 8:59 a.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting to order and recognized Council Member Cohen for a producorial motion.

Council Member Cohen moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose to consider Items 2, 3, 4 and 5 out of order and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Laster absent. **MOTION 2017-0503 ADOPTED**

2. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following individuals to the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BRAYS OAKS MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (HARRIS COUNTY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 5)**, for terms to expire June 1, 2021:

- Position One - **RALPH RIEGER**, appointment
- Position Two - **SYLVIA RIVAS**, appointment
- Position Three - **SHERI L. CORTEZ**, appointment
- Position Four - **BRANDON J. HERNDON**, appointment
- Position Five - **CINDY PEDEN CHAPMAN**, reappointment
- Position Six - **IRA B. SCOTT, JR.**, reappointment-

Was presented, moved by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Christie, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Laster and Kubosh absent. **MOTION 2017-0504 ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner introduced the Members and thanked them for willingness to serve.

3. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the reappointment of **JATIN PATEL** to Position Ten of the **EAST DOWNTOWN MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for a term to expire June 1, 2021- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Green and Edwards absent. **MOTION 2017-0505 ADOPTED**

4. **REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following individuals to the **GREATER NORTHSIDE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for terms to expire June 1, 2021:

Position Six - **DAVID L. SMITH**, appointment

Position Seven - **JEANETTE RASH**, reappointment

Position Eight - **JEFF PROCELL**, reappointment

Position Nine - **EDWARD (ED) REYES**, reappointment

Position Ten - **APRIL COHEN**, reappointment-

Was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Green absent. **MOTION 2017-0506 ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner introduce the Members and thanked them for their willingness to serve.

5. **REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment of the following individuals to the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF HARRIS COUNTY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 23**:

Position One - **DAN LIPNICK**, for a term to expire 6/1/2019

Position Two - **NDUKWE ('ND') KALU**, for a term to expire 6/1/2019

Position Three - **ADAM WILLIAMS**, for a term to expire 6/1/2019

Position Four - **KENADY DAVIS**, for a term to expire 6/1/2019

Position Five - **SAKINA LANIG**, for a term to expire 6/1/2021

Position Six - **CARVER L. HENRY**, for a term to expire 6/1/2021

Position Seven - **SAM DIKE**, for a term to expire 6/1/2021-\

Was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, Council Member Travis voting no, balance voting aye. **MOTION 2017-0507 ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner introduce the Members and thanked them for their willingness to serve.

At 9:07 a.m. Mayor Turner moved to the Public Hearing.

1. **PUBLIC HEARING** regarding a third amendment to the Project Plan and Reinvestment Zone Financing Plan for **REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER SEVENTEEN (MEMORIAL CITY ZONE) DISTRICTS A - STARDIG and G – TRAVIS-** was presented, the City Secretary advised that no one had reserved time to speak for the Public Hearing.

Ms. Gwendolyn Tillotson the Deputy Director of Economic Development presented a power point presentation to Members of Council copies of which are on file in the City Secretary's office for review.

Members of Council questioned Ms. Gwendolyn Tillotson.

Mayor Turner asked if there was anyone present who wanted to speak about this Public Hearing and seeing none, requested a Motion to close this Public Hearing.

Council Member Robinson moved to close the Public Hearing and seconded by Council Member Stardig, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **MOTION 2017-0508 ADOPTED**

At 9:15 a.m. Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Boykins for a point of personal privilege; Council Member Boykins stated that he would like to welcome Tom Wilson Jr. who will be shadowing him and he is Senior at the University of Texas in San Antonio.

Mayor Turner requested the City Secretary to call the Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 6 through 47

ACCEPT WORK - NUMBER 6

- 6. RECOMMENDATION** from Director Houston Airport System for approval of final contract amount of \$25,347,083.95 and acceptance of work on contract with **MANHATTAN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY** for Advanced Surveillance Program and Public Wi-Fi at George Bush Intercontinental Airport/Houston and William P. Hobby Airport - 6% over the original contract amount and under the 11% contingency - **DISTRICTS B - DAVIS and I – GALLEGOS**- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0509 ADOPTED**

PROPERTY - NUMBER 8

- 8. RECOMMENDATION** from Acting Director Department of Public Works & Engineering disclaiming, releasing and relinquishing the City's right, title, interest, claim and demand in and to a 7-foot-wide utility easement, located within Tract 3 of William J. Lovett Survey, A-526, Parcel SY17-056 **DISTRICT D – BOYKINS**- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0510 ADOPTED**

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS - NUMBERS 9 through 11

- 9. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$1,616,236.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund for Purchase of DDS80 Dryer Drums for Department of Public Works & Engineering- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0585 ADOPTED**
- 10. ANDRITZ SEPARATION, INC** to Furnish and Deliver DDS80 Dryer Drums for the Department of Public Works & Engineering - \$1,616,236.00 - **DISTRICT D - BOYKINS**

This item should only be considered after passage of Item 9 above - was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0511 ADOPTED**

- 11. GLOBE ELECTRIC SUPPLY, INC** - \$59,160.00 and **DITEQ CORPORATION** - \$259,882.20 for Concrete Saw Blades for the Department of Public Works & Engineering - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$319,042.20 - Enterprise Fund- - was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0512 ADOPTED**

ORDINANCES - NUMBERS 14 through 47

- 14. ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing grant application to the **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION** for the Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Diseases Program; declaring the City's eligibility for such grant; authorizing the Director of the Houston Health Department to act as the City's representative in the application process, with the authority 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 grant- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0586 ADOPTED**

- 15. ORDINANCE** finding and determining that public convenience and necessity no longer require the continued use of a 10-foot-wide water line easement, a 10-foot by 10-foot fire hydrant easement, and three 10-foot by 10-foot water meter easements, all being out of Unrestricted Reserve "A" Block 1, Energy Gateway Addition, George Bellows Survey, A-3, Houston, Texas; abandoning the easements to Lipex Properties, L.P., the abutting owner, in consideration of its payment to the City of \$235,193.00, and other consideration - **DISTRICT A – STARDIG-** the City Secretary advised that Item 15 had been pulled by the Administration and will not be considered.

- 22. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$333,436.50 out of Parks and Recreation Dedication Fund; approving and authorizing Purchase and Sale Agreement between **ALI CHOUDHRI, Seller**, and the City of Houston, Texas, Purchaser, for 76,301 square feet of land, more or less, located at 3901 Woodchase Drive, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT F – LE-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0587 ADOPTED**

- 23. ORDINANCE** readopting the **HOUSTON YOUTH RECREATION PROGRAM'S STANDARD OF CARE AS CODIFIED AT ARTICLE XII OF CHAPTER 32 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**; containing findings and other provisions related to the subject providing an effective date; providing for severability- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0588 ADOPTED**

- 24. ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **REVOLUTION FOODS, INC** for the Houston Parks & Recreation Department's After-School Meal Program subject to the receipt of sufficient grant funds from the Texas Department of Agriculture; providing a maximum contract amount - \$4,509,280 - 1 year with

4 one-year extension options - Grant Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none.
ORDINANCE 2017-0589 ADOPTED

26. **ORDINANCE** amending Ordinance No. 2013-0304 (Passed on April 10, 2013) to increase the maximum contract amount for contract between the City of Houston and **SUPERIOR BUILDING SERVICES, INC** for Window and Surface Cleaning Services for the Houston Airport System \$265,166.11 - Enterprise Fund - **DISTRICTS B - STARDIG; E - MARTIN and I – GALLEGOS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0590 ADOPTED**
27. **ORDINANCE** awarding contract to **DIVERSIFIED INSPECTIONS/INDEPENDENT TESTING LABORATORIES, INC** for Aerial and Ground Ladder and Inspection Services for the Houston Fire Department; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options \$192,575.00 - General Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0591 ADOPTED**
28. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing sole source contract between the City of Houston and **RAPISCAN SYSTEMS, INC** for X-Ray Screening System Maintenance Services for the General Services Department; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options \$344,605.00 - General Fund - **DISTRICTS D - BOYKINS; F - LE; H - CISNEROS and I – GALLEGOS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0592 ADOPTED**
29. **ORDINANCE** amending Ordinance No. 2012-0702 to increase the maximum contract amount and to extend the contract term for contract design and implementation of Smartphone Applications for City's 3-1-1 Helpline between the City of Houston and **SECLICKFIX, INC - \$195,000.00 - Central Services Revolving Fund-** the City Secretary advised that Item 29 had not been received and if received during the meeting will be considered at the end of the Agenda.
32. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **MONTROSE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT** for Performance of all necessary maintenance to improvements within the District's service area in Harris county, Texas - **DISTRICT C – COHEN-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0593 ADOPTED**
33. **ORDINANCE** amending Ordinance No. 2017-359 to add Exhibit "A" to the petition for consent to the addition of 22.338 acres of land to **MONTGOMERY COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 24-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0594 ADOPTED**
34. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$300,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund as an additional appropriation to Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **CHESTER ENGINEERS, INC** for Southeast Water Purification Plant Sedimentation Basins A & B Improvements (Treatment Module 1), Flocculators Rehabilitation Basins A & B (Treatment Module 1), Rehabilitation of Transfer and Distribution Pumps and Motors (as approved by Ordinance No. 2012-0263); providing funding

for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund **DISTRICT E - MARTIN** - was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0595 ADOPTED**

- 35. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$6,968,748.15 out of Water Authorities Capital Contribution Fund NETL and \$5,186,751.85 out of PWE-NETL Construction Fund as an additional appropriation; approving and authorizing first amendment to Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **LOCKWOOD, ANDREWS & NEWNAM, INC** for Professional Engineering Services associated with the Design of Northeast Transmission Line (Approved by Ordinance No. 2015-1073, as amended); providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by Water Authorities Capital Contribution Fund NETL and PWE-NETL Construction Fund **DISTRICT B – DAVIS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0596 ADOPTED**
- 36. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$529,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund as an additional appropriation to Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **HAZEN & SAWYER, P.C.** for Facilities Consolidation: Chelford City Diversion Package No. 1 (Approved by Ordinance No. 2014-0263); providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT F – LE-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0597 ADOPTED**
- 37. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$396,373.00 out of Metro Projects Construction DDSRF and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **WALTER P. MOORE AND ASSOCIATES, INC** for Westheimer/Elgin: Montrose to Main Paving and Drainage; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by Metro Projects Construction DDSRF - **DISTRICT C – COHEN-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0598 ADOPTED**
- 38. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$6,847,600.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **CSA CONSTRUCTION, INC** for Chocolate Bayou Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements; setting a deadline for bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for testing services, CIP Cost Recovery, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT D – BOYKINS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0599 ADOPTED**
- 39. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$4,177,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **CYMI INDUSTRIAL, INC** for Force Main Renewal and Replacement for Annunciation, Banner Road, and Plum Creek; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for testing services, CIP Cost Recovery, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS B - DAVIS and I – GALLEGOS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0600 ADOPTED**

- 40. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$3,569,200.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **D.L. ELLIOTT ENTERPRISES, INC** for Water Line Replacement in Westchester II Area; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for testing services, CIP Cost Recovery, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS F - LE and G – TRAVIS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0601 ADOPTED**
- 42. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$1,044,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **GRAVA LLC** for 12-inch Water Line along IH-10 from Baca to Centerwood; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for testing services, CIP Cost Recovery, construction phase engineering services and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT I – GALLEGOS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0602 ADOPTED**
- 43. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$4,730,400.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **HUFF & MITCHELL, INC** for 60-inch Raw Water Line Rehabilitation at East Water Purification Plant; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for testing services, CIP Cost Recovery, construction management, construction phase engineering services and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT E – MARTIN-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0603 ADOPTED**
- 44. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$3,694,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **LEM CONSTRUCTION CO., INC** for Northbelt Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for testing services, CIP Cost Recovery, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT B – DAVIS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0604 ADOPTED**
- 45. ORDINANCE** appropriating \$22,153,800.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **MAIN LANE INDUSTRIES, LTD.** for proposed 60-inch Water Line along Glen Valley Drive, Santa Elena Street, and Colgate Street from Rockhill Street to Dixie Drive; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for testing services, CIP Cost Recovery, construction management, construction phase engineering services, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System

Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS B - DAVIS and I – GALLEGOS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0605 ADOPTED**

46. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$3,291,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **SCOHIL CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, LLC** for Water Line Replacement in Harrisburg Area; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for testing services, CIP Cost Recovery, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS E - MARTIN and I – GALLEGOS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0606 ADOPTED**
47. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$9,572,824.00 out of Metro Projects Construction DDSRF, awarding contract to **TIKON GROUP, INC** for Citywide Panel Replacement FY17; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for testing services, CIP Cost Recovery, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Metro Projects Construction DDSRF- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0607 ADOPTED**

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

7. **RECOMMENDATION** from Acting Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$9,489,483.06 and acceptance of work on contract to **LEM CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC** for the Almeda Sims Wastewater Treatment Plant and Sludge Processing Facility Improvements - Package 3 - 2.12% over the revised contract amount **DISTRICT D – BOYKINS-** was presented, moved by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Cohen, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0513 ADOPTED**
12. **TOTER INCORPORATED** for Recycling and Refuse Carts through the Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Purchasing with the City of Tucson, Arizona for the Solid Waste Management Department - \$897,700.00 - General Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson and tagged by Council Members Kubosh, Gallegos and Laster.
13. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing first amendment to contract between the City of Houston and **SEARCH HOMELESS SERVICES** to provide up to an additional \$133,883.00 in General Funds to assist in the continuing administration and operation of a Care Hub and Outreach Services Program- was presented and tagged by Council Member Stardig.

- 16. ORDINANCE** ordering an election to be held jointly on November 7, 2017, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the City of Houston, Texas, certain propositions for the issuance of public improvement bonds for various purposes; designating the location of each polling place and the hours that the polls shall be open- was presented and tagged by Council Members Le, Kubosh and Travis.
- 17. ORDINANCE** ordering an election to be held jointly on November 7, 2017, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the City of Houston, Texas, a proposition for the issuance of Pension Obligation Bonds for the purpose of funding a portion of the unfunded liability of the Houston Municipal Employees Pension System and the Houston Police Officers' Pension System; designating the location of each polling place and the hours that the polls shall be open- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0608 ADOPTED**
- 18. ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing agreement regarding Pension Obligation Bonds between the City of Houston and the **BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE HOUSTON POLICE OFFICERS' PENSION SYSTEM**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0609 ADOPTED**
- 19. ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing agreement regarding Pension Obligation Bonds between the **BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE HOUSTON MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES PENSION SYSTEM** and the City of Houston- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0610 ADOPTED**
- 20. MOTION** accepting report of City Secretary finding Local Option Petition submitted by **HOUSTON HEIGHTS RESTAURANT COALITION** Political Action Committee on the issue of legalizing the sale of mixed beverages in the area formerly known as the City of Houston Heights as it existed on February 19, 1918 contains sufficient signatures to require the ordering of a Local Option Election **DISTRICT C – COHEN**- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0514 ADOPTED**
- 21. ORDINANCE** ordering a Special Election to be held on November 7, 2017, relating to the legalization of the sale of mixed beverages in the area formerly known as the City of Houston Heights as it existed on February 19, 1918 - **DISTRICT C - COHEN** **This item should only be considered after passage of Item 20 above**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0611 ADOPTED**

NOTE:

In compliance with the Election Code Section 501.033, which requires the petition submitted by the Heights Restaurant Coalition on the issue of legalizing the sale of mixed beverages in the area formerly known as the City of Houston Heights as it existed on February 19, 1918 is available by clicking on the following link to review as an exhibit to the minutes of August 8 and 9, 2017 relating to Items 20 and 21: www.houstontx.gov/citysec/petitionHeights2017.pdf

25. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing contract for Legal Services with **DENTON NAVARRO ROCHA BERNAL HYDE & ZECH, P.C.** for legal representation of the City of Houston in Houston Professional Fire Fighters' Association, Local 341, Plaintiff vs. City of Houston, Texas, Defendant, Pending in Cause No. 2017-42885 in the 234th Judicial District Court of Harris County, Texas; establishing a maximum contract amount - \$270,000.00 - Property & Casualty Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0612 ADOPTED**
30. **ORDINANCE** awarding contract to **YES AMERICA NOW, INC** for Used and Scrap Tire Disposal Services for Various Departments; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$2,715,000.00 - General and Fleet Management Funds- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0613 ADOPTED**
31. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT DISTRICT** for Performance of all necessary maintenance to improvements within the District's service area in Harris County, Texas - **DISTRICTS F - LE and J – LASTER-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0614 ADOPTED**
41. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$2,051,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **GRAVA LLC** for Quick Connect Electrical Improvements at 40 Lift Stations; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meeting the deadlines; providing funding for testing services, CIP Cost Recovery and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS C - COHEN; D - BOYKINS; F - LE; G - TRAVIS; J - LASTER and K – GREEN-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2017-0615 ADOPTED**

NON CONSENT AGENDA - NUMBER 48

MISCELLANEOUS

48. **SET A PUBLIC HEARING DATE** relating to construction, maintenance, repair, replacement, removal and operation of electrical lines within a portion of Cambridge Drive - **DISTRICT D - BOYKINS** **HEARING DATE - 9:00 A.M. - WEDNESDAY - SEPTEMBER 13, 2017-** was presented, moved by Council Member Green and seconded by Council Member Robinson to set the Hearing Date, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2017-0515 ADOPTED**

MATTERS HELD - NUMBERS 49 and 50

49. MOTION by Council Member Cohen/Seconded by Council Member Davis to adopt recommendation from the Chief Procurement Officer to award to **PATTERSON VETERINARY SUPPLIES, INC** - \$175,530.30; **BAYER HEALTHCARE LLC ANIMAL HEALTH DIVISION** - \$384,616.44; **MWI ANIMAL HEALTH** - \$543,176.03 and **HSB VETERINARY SUPPLIES, INC** - \$554,578.58 for Veterinary Supplies for the Department Administration and Regulatory Affairs 3 Years with two one-year options - **\$1,657,901.35** BARC Special Revenue Fund

TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER TRAVIS

This was Item 10 on Agenda of August 2, 2017- was presented, all voting aye, nays none.

MOTION 2017-0516 ADOPTED

50. ORDINANCE authorizing the Director of the Mayor's Office of Public Safety and Homeland Security to electronically submit an application for acceptance, and management of a grant from the **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY** for the FY2016 Program to prepare communities for Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attacks (CCTA Program); declaring the City's eligibility for such grant; authorizing the Director to act as the City's representative in the application process, to request and/or accept the grant and manage and expend the grant funds as awarded, and to apply for and accept all subsequent awards, if any, pertaining to the CCTA Program including amendments or modifications to these agreements or any subsequent documents necessary to secure the City's grant funding through the life of these grant awards

TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER STARDIG

This was Item 19 on Agenda of August 2, 2017- was presented, all voting aye, nays none.

ORDINANCE 2017-0616 ADOPTED

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

Members of Council announced events and discussed matters of interest.

There being no further business before Council; the City Council adjourned at 9:40 a.m. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Travis and Kubosh absent. **DETAILED INFORMATION ON FILE ON THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY**

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

Anna Russell, City Secretary

