

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, January 8, 2019

A regular meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 8, 2019; Mayor Sylvester Turner presiding with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jerry Davis, Ellen Cohen, Dwight Boykins, Steve Le, Greg Travis, Karla Cisneros, Robert Gallegos, Mike Laster, Martha Castex-Tatum, Mike Knox, David Robinson, Michael Kubosh, Amanda Edwards and Jack Christie D.C.; Randy Zamora, Legal Department, Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director and Stella Ortega, Agenda Office present. Council Member Dave Martin absent on personal business.

At 1:48 p.m. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis called the meeting to order and stated they would start with the presentations. Mayor Turner, Council Members Cohen, Boykins, Le, Travis, Gallegos, Castex-Tatum, Knox, Kubosh and Edwards absent. Council Member Christie presiding.

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis stated that 2018 celebrates the 155<sup>th</sup> anniversary of President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, declaring freedom from slavery, but the U.S. continues to be a source, transit and destination country for both U.S. citizen and foreign national victims of modern-day slavery; and, more than 21 million people are victims of human trafficking worldwide, both forced labor and sexual servitude; and the National Human Trafficking Resource Center hotline receives a higher volume of calls from Houston than any other city in Texas; and United Against Human Trafficking works relentlessly to educate our community on how to fight human trafficking in our daily lives, trains frontline professionals and city employees on how to identify domestic and international victims of human trafficking and conducts outreach to identify victims of human trafficking; and throughout January 2018, various events will take place around Houston in an effort to create a more aware, engaged and unified community, helping to eliminate modern-day slavery. The City of Houston salutes and commends the organizers and participants of this worthwhile endeavor and extends best wishes for a successful and rewarding month of events and therefore, on behalf of Mayor Turner, Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis hereby proclaimed January 2018 as Human Trafficking Awareness Month in Houston, Texas. Mayor Turner, Council Members Le, Travis, Castex-Tatum, Knox and Kubosh absent. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen presiding.

Council Member Cohen stated that Mayor Turner joined them at the end of the proclamation. He was at Jamzines Barnes funeral which was very difficult.

Council Member Davis stated that Dr. Dameion J. Crook is a passionate educator with over 18 years of experience working on behalf of students in the Houston community. He is the founding principal of Mickey Leland College Preparatory for Young Men, which was founded in 2011. He established an educational environment that encourages critical thinking, inspires confidence and promotes the social development necessary to create productive citizens and successful leaders. Dr. Crook is a proud Texas Southern University alumnus, receiving both his undergraduate degree and his Master of Science in Biology. Last year, he earned his Doctorate in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies from the University of Houston with his graduate research focused on the efficacy of the single-gender model in addressing achievement gaps in minority boys. His career as an educator has spanned all ages, from elementary school to the collegiate level; and Dr. Crook is a member of several community organizations and serves as a board member and educational chair of the Houston Chapter of 100 Black Men of America. In 2016, he was honored as Mentor of the Year for 100 Black Men for his work with young men of color. He is also an active member of the Houston Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., the American Leadership Forum, Boy Scouts of America and several other organizations. In February 2018, he was named principal of the year by the Texas Alliance of Black School Educators which led to his recognition as National Principal of the Year by the National Alliance of Black School Educators

in November 2018; and on January 8, 2019, Dr. Dameion J. Crook will be recognized for his contributions as an exemplary educator, working tirelessly to close the achievement gap among the city's more vulnerable students. The City of Houston commends and appreciates Dr. Dameion J. Crook for dedicating his time to the betterment of Houston students and therefore, Mayor Turner hereby proclaimed January 8, 2019, as Dr. Dameion J. Crook Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Boykins, Gallegos, Knox and Kubosh absent.

At 2:28 p.m. Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Cisneros for the Invocation and the Pledge and Council Member Cisneros invited Pastor Andrew Johnson of Faith Memorial Baptist Church to offer the Invocation and Council Member Cisneros led the Pledge of Allegiance. Council Members Davis and Gallegos absent.

The Roll was Called. Council Members Davis and Gallegos absent. Council Member Dave Martin absent on personal business.

Council Member Cohen moved to adopt the minutes of 7/25–7/26, 2018 and 8/4-8/5, 2018 and delay the balance and seconded by Council Member Robinson all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis and Gallegos absent. **MOTION ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Stardig for a procedural motion; Council Member Stardig, moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of moving Mary Carolan to the top of the 3 minutes on the Speaker List and seconded by Council Member Kubosh, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis and Gallegos absent. **MOTION 2019-0017 ADOPTED**

At 2:32 p.m. Mayor Turner requested the Assistant City Secretary to call the List of Speakers.

Kenneth Magidson, 10315 Copperdale Ln., 77064, (713)817-9422 appeared and stated that as a retiree, he plays golf at Memorial Park 5 days a week, maybe until today. He is compelled to come to City Council because they are the overseers. He has played at Memorial Park since the 1990s and he been in Houston since 1973 as both the Harris County District Attorney and the United States Attorney. Specifically speaking about Memorial Park Golf, he is not here to talk about if it should be closed or open. He is asking them to oversee it in a way where it will continue to be the crown jewel for people like himself to have the opportunity to play golf again at Memorial Park; a place where they know it's the crown jewel of this City. He likes being in the background now and not in front of a camera to talk about the investigations of criminal cases that he has done but this was an item that he couldn't just sit at home and not say anything to all of Council if there is money being generated from golf for the City of Houston. For them to make sure the fair share goes to Memorial Park to ensure for people like them get to play golf in the future; he knows that the plan is to close it until October, and it is a jewel and actually it's an international jewel. He also wants to commend the staff that work at the park everyday but this is going to affect them and their work so hard. Council Member Gallegos absent.

Mayor Turner stated to Mr. Magidson that he wanted to say to the extent that everything goes well and yes it will be close temporary but when it opens up, it will be even nicer then what it is today. The fees are going to remain the same but the commitment that they are making, it will be nicer after the fact that it is today. He also wanted to thank the people that have stepped up in making the investment, the \$13.5 million investment in the park.

Members of Council commented and questioned Mr. Magidson.

Steve Trautwein, 314 Terrace Dr., 77007, (832)489-1866 appeared and stated that he has some handouts and he wanted to express his concerns about Items 16 and 17 that are on the Agenda. He has been playing at Memorial Park Golf Course for little over 18 years and he does live near the course. The course is a great success story and it is recognized highly of the top unique courses in the Country. The proposal for the upgrade sounds appealing but his concerns are, the speed at which the takeover is occurring, the lack public input and the poaching of the special golf fund. Why the rush? Why not plan the 2021 PGA Tournament and to avoid the unintended consequences and pit falls that may occur? With the special funds he can tell that the money that is generated from the golf course is going into this fund and some of the money that goes into the funds being used for other purposes. He is going to highlight 2 special reasons out of many why Memorial Park Golf Course is special. The first one is the diversity, the quality of the course, the reasonable fees. It will be a significant loss if the fees, playing time and access would change if this diversity was lost. The second reason is the staff, the current staff at the course are a special group that have become friends and they are a large part off the experience when they visit the course. What is the plan for the staff during the time that it is shut down? The Special Fund from the last meeting peaked his interest on how all of this being funded and pardon him if he doesn't have all the facts straight and the little research he did. He has passed out an Ordinance that discusses the Special Golf Fund and all golf revenue should go into this fund and be used for maintaining and improving City. It seems like that is not the case in reading through the arrangement that the City of Houston, the Conservancy and the Foundation came too.

Mayor Turner let Mr. Trautwein finish his comments and Council Member Davis asked Mr. Trautwein that he is for the proposal but just not now? He advised Council Member Davis that he isn't against the golf course, he just against that it is happening so quickly.

Baxter Spann, 42 Candlenut Place, Spring, TX, 77318, appeared and stated that he is a Golf Course Architect and he loves golf history. He is familiar with the processes involved in the renovation of public golf courses. With the City of Houston at Memorial 23 years and most recently at Gus Wortham here in Houston. First, he is not against of the revocations for the Memorial Park Golf Course, nor is he against doing the Houston Open back here. What he is against is the process that he sees unfolding to facility this project and he is very disappointed and somewhat shock off the lack of public input and the transparency. He has spoken to people that he has worked with for years who would normally have information about what changes are going to be made. They either don't know or they don't understand what is planned or sworn in confidentiality and can't talk about it. Why all the secretly? There has been no plan that was presented for the changes, no public meeting or workshops. No public input or feedback. He is concern that his focus maybe making this a tour level course without adequate regard for the course because of the funds. Council is allowing demolition and construction to begin less than one week of the passing this Ordinance without a clear idea on what would be done. In his opinion the timeline that is presented is aggressive. Even with details were complete and all required permits are in place, there would be no room for delays. So, why not employee a standard design process which allows planning, permits to be completed and review the first half of 2019 with a public presentation and feedback, an ideal construction start time. Council Members Davis, Travis and Knox absent.

Members of Council commented and questioned Mr. Spann.

Joseph Kratoville, 256 Malone St., 77007, (713)417-8012 appeared and stated that he is muni golfer and if no one knows what that means, it means Municipal City Golfer and he moved to Houston in 1970 after 2 years of service in the Army in Vietnam. Went to the University of Houston

on the GI Bill. He plays now at the Memorial Park Golf Course about 4 to 5 times a week and he also live in the Memorial Park area. Memorial Park was design and built in 1936 by an Architect that also has another golf course in the Dallas/Forth Worth area. they play PGA tour on that and they used to play a PGA on Memorial Park as it is laid out now. He thinks that this whole process has been unfair, and he doesn't want to see any changes to Memorial Park, he likes it the way it is, he doesn't think it is going to make it better. He does agree with whole heartily from what the previous speakers have said. Memorial Park is the anti-country club and he meets people from all walks of life, he does have money to join a Country Club. He wants to be an advantage Hous-tonian that plays with everyone else on the same level. He loves the wildlife at Memorial Park, he loves the staff that works there and the reason he moved in 2000 to be closer to Memorial Park and this tournament doesn't need to be at Memorial Park, the Woodlands doesn't want it and he stated that no one wants it. The communities that have had this tournament have been disruptive where they don't want it. He has spoken to a lot of players at Memorial Park and a lot of his neighbors, they don't want it He also wanted to say one this if Council has already decided on this, splitting the money and thinks the money generated form this tournament should go 100% within then the Municipal Houston Golf Community. Council Members Davis, Travis, Robinson, Knox, Edwards and Christie absent.

Council Member Boykins stated to Mr. Kratoville that he wanted to go back and clarify something that he stated earlier because he missed spoke and he wanted to be clear. He said "that he is voting against when a previous speaker was speaking, he is still listening to what the residents are saying" he has not made a final decision on that and his concerns were 2 issues and he thinks that one have been addressed and the other one is about the residents. On the other thing is to have that golf course in his City, he would absolutely welcome that, but he wants the residents to be fully aware on the impact on what is going on in their neighborhood.

Bridgette Murray, 1403 Lauren Tide, 77029, (713)553-1907 appeared and stated that she is pass-ing out information because she signed up for a brief conversation with them, she wanted to leave them information regarding the topic that she's bringing to them. She is a resident of the Pleas-antville Community, President of Pleasantville Area Super Neighborhood Council and a Founder of a Non-profit organization that advocates for equity. On behalf of the community matters relates to both social and environmental justice. The Super Neighborhood did receive notification of a various request for a property located North on Clint Drive and East of McCarty Street. City Coun-cil District B and H are impacted with this particular various request. The property was previously owned by Exxon Mobil and had been monitoring an environmental clean up agreement with the EPA and the TCEQ for 9 years. Council Members Boykins and Knox absent.

Mayor Turner allowed Ms. Murray to finish her statement and he asked her is this matters that is present in front of the Planning Committee? She said It's more about City streets and the option that the City must extend those streets onto their property. That is how they became aware of this. Mayor Turner stated to her that he needs them to take a look at it to get answers and re-sponses to the things that she is raising concern about.

Council Member Davis stated to Ms. Murray and with the other residents from Pleasantville to please stand up. He thanked them for coming out and appreciated them and for bringing this to their attention. They will be working with them through the Mayor's Office.

Mary Carolan, 1506 Lynnview Dr., 77055, (713)275-7555 appeared and stated that she is a single parent with 2 twin boys in 1983 and when she came to Houston to build a life for herself and her children. Houston been amazing to her and her family. She is an owner of a real estate investment

banking firm, that is house on Travis street. She sales Houston real estate globally and locally. She has told people all over the world that Houston is first class, we are sexy, that we are proactive. She has lived in Piney Point for a while because she had to downsize when her husband passed away. Recently she moved into District A, Council Member Stardig District. The trash collection budget dollars are out of the General Fund and there are not growing. She has wet rugs sitting in her front yard and there is a sofa down the street. Her neighborhood graphic is about 1200 homes and average size is about \$700,000.00 of tax base, property taxes base and about 70% of the trash budget comes from property taxes. She is super proud of Houston but why does she have trash in her front yard, why didn't someone tell her that she was going to get bowed off on the day it was supposed to be picked up. Why are they short 69 trucks and after the fact that they ordered them, but they won't be here until this summer? She wants answers and she trust Council to serve them and solve their problems.

Mayor Turner allowed Ms. Carolan to finish her statement and told her he appreciates her being here today, in voicing her opinion and her views and they share her passion. Mayor Turner does agree with Ms. Carolan with the garbage pickup, recycling pickup and those are vital services that need to occur, and they are always seeking ways to improve it and they do their very best to operate in their financial means. They do have to make tough choices because we need another 600 to 1,000 Police Officers, they have to make tough choices. Ms. Carolan asked do we need a \$13 million-dollar golf course, for revision which the Mayor asked if he can respond to that comment because that \$13.5 million dollars is not coming from the City of Houston, not one dime is coming from the City, but we do need more Police Officers and Trash pickup trucks. There are tremendous needs and not enough revenue. Mayor Turner also wanted to say that 2 of the major Departments out of the 23 Departments that consume about 60 plus percent of the City's budget; Police and Fire and they can take all of the other 21 Departments, they are still not going to get marginal increase. He appreciates her presents, he will tell Ms. Carolan that it is very challenging when they have tremendous needs and they have limited resources but the other point he would like to make because of the population growth last year they had to reduce the revenue by \$17 million dollars, not increase, they had to reduce it because of the lack of population growth and they are up against the Revenue Cap.

Members of Council commented and questioned Ms. Carolan at length.

Charna Falls, 4050 Martinshire, 77025, (281)813-8258 appeared and stated that she has some handouts that she would like to share with Council. Herself and her family are here to address their concerns regarding Main Lan Industries. They have lived in the Woodshire Subdivision for almost 25 years. Woodshire and Woodside they sandwich Stella Link, they are on the Westside of Stella Link and on the Eastside of Stella Link is Woodshire. Recently, Main Lane started a project, a drainage project that they are all in favor of and they have experienced some negative impacts because of the work they are doing. They were here about 2 months ago to speak on this issue and the reason they are back because they would like to give them an update. The last time they were here they shared colorful packages to them. The packages that displayed the type of work Main Lane is doing. So, the pictures that they shared were pictures from heavy equipment being parked in their yard, dangerous streets that were left impassable for weeks at a time, they didn't have access to their drive for a very long time and one of their neighbors that is elderly, she was actually put into a dangerous situation and they had to call 911 because the street was so muddy and dangerous that her car was stuck and no proper signage. These are the issues that they are concern with and because the construction site for Main Lane is where they live. They really don't get a choice about it, they have to deal with it every single day. The flyer that they

see, is one is a notice that they received from the City and some of the promises they made was promising. Council Member Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Gallegos, Laster and Christie absent.

Mayor Turner let Ms. Falls finish her statement and asked her who did she call to report this situation and she advised she thinks her Council Member Castex-Tatum is wonderful person and they have been in touch with her for several months. Her and her office calls them back almost immediately. They have been very understanding and they did try 311 but that didn't work very well. In their effort in speak with Main Lane directly and they were not forth right, they actually came to their house on the 20<sup>th</sup> of December to speak with them, the Vice President, David Cox including the President and others. Mayor Turner asked about what happen after the meeting. Did they change behavior, did they not change, and she told him that all they did was deny, deny. They damaged their property including their sprinkler system and their trees were dying. Mayor Turner did ask Council Member Castex-Tatum about the response.

Council Member Castex-Tatum stated that she understands that it's been an inconvenience and they have been talking to her back and forth. Her staff attend those progress meetings and they been trying to get her and Main lane to come to some type of agreement and she believes that the conversation is not over and for them to continue to talk to her and her office.

Keffus Falls, III, 4050 Martinshire, 77025, (713)594-3520 appeared and stated that he does have a few visuals to pass around and his primary concerns would be the fact that presumption is made that heads of Main Lane go against the alternative actions and methods; so of the examples are the lack of street lights, impassable streets, notes of unofficial actions on their houses, like dug up holes on certain areas of the neighborhood that have been left idle for weeks at a time. His biggest fear is not for himself but for the young and elderly. He actually had a personally incident which he did slip into some debris around the front yard area, he was able to catch himself, but some people might not be able too. They do have residents in the subdivision that are 60 plus years old, can't pick themselves up in two seconds. His concern is how do we provide a safe environment for these older residents and right now Main Lane Construction has not done that. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Gallegos, Laster and Christie absent.

Council Member Castex-Tatum thanked Mr. Falls for coming down here with his mom and dad, they are aware of their concerns and she appreciates his family bring it forward. They are going to reach out to Main Lane again because this is important. As Council Member for this area she has had an amazing opportunity to work with SER Construction and she seen the pinnacle of what the project should look like and she requested for them to give them time to reach out to Main Lane because the project should be done in May and then they can make sure that them and their neighborhoods have been made whole again.

Marion Scott, no address, no phone, had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Gallegos, Laster and Christie absent.

Anthony Tellerin, 11535 Ainworth Dr., 770099, (713)454-3950 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Gallegos, Laster and Christie absent.

William Beal, no address, no phone, had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Gallegos, Laster and Christie absent.

Ronald Williams, 2826 Lakeview Dr., Missouri City, 77459, (346)715-3173 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Gallegos, Laster and Christie absent.

Ryan King, 2119 Tomlinson Trail, 77067, (832)586-6973 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Gallegos, Laster and Christie absent.

Nguyen Thai Hoc, 19030 Park Trail Dr., 77094, (832)766-0646 appeared and stated that he sees a very happy face today and he is glad to have this opportunity. He thinks that all of the Council Members do a wonderful job and he has endorsed and worked for the Mayor while getting a bad name because the Mayor met with a high-ranking Vietnamese Communist Party but for 2 days the Mayor did not tell them the truth. There is bunch of murderers, they even murdered his father. When they came here and asked the Mayor to take of them, they didn't need that. Their community is questioning everybody and why they endorsed the Mayor. And he told them that the Mayor made a mistake and he truly ask the Mayor to release the full script/video off the meeting, and they will go by this, and he will tell them all once again, he is a Texas Board Member, he is the President of the Army of the Federal Asian American voters. He is a proud citizen of the United States and no communist of Vietnam can come here and tell them how to live their lives. They don't need any support, they own their own homes, they own businesses and they are just like everyone here. He will even in the second term support Mayor Turner, but he is asking him to do the right thing, just to release the transcript/ the video so the whole community can see it and believe that their own Mayor is the leader. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Gallegos, Laster, Castex-Tatum and Christie absent.

Mayor Turner stated to Mr. Hoc with all due with respectfully as he can, it was a courtesy visit that they made to City Hall, just like the Ambassador of China or other representatives from Russia. It was a courtesy visit and the meeting lasted less than 20-minute meeting. He wanted to finish because once he leaves Mr. Hoc may not agree but at least they would hear the facts as they occurred.

Council Member Le thanked Mr. Hoc for coming down to the meeting and expressing his views., Council Member Le stated to the Mayor that the problem was that there was a private meeting and apparently the media from the Vietnamese, the Communist Vietnamese posted on their local new that he had made promises economy wise between the City of Houston and certain cities in Vietnam and that has spurred a lot of rumors within the Vietnamese American community.

David Ortega, 11010 Gloria, 77013, no phone, had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Gallegos, Laster, Castex-Tatum and Christie absent.

Judy Calhoun, no address, (832)373-3362 appeared and stated that she is a native Houstonian, graduated from Jack Yates High School and the University of Houston. She had started an outreach program; Calhoun Visions and she has reached out to the homeless and those who are in need. She is retired from AT&T and these funds are coming out of her pocket, not any other entity that is helping her and it is heavy on her heart about Sir Romeo and the young lady Jazmine that were killed. The young boy from Texas City that was autistic son of someone. If she had the money, she would help all of them. She reaches out to the homeless and the hungry. She is here today to ask questions, has there been any head way or information for what happen to Sir Romeo? She thinks it has been swept underneath a rug and this kid has a long, long road ahead of

him for recovery. He is going to have Counseling for the traumatic event that happen to him. Her question is today, have they put any gates or what is the update on putting the gates around the complex that he lives in? Is there anyway that the family could be moved into a better environment which will ease this baby. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Cisneros, Gallegos, Laster, Castex-Tatum and Christie absent.

Mayor Turner advised Ms. Calhoun that the family is on a waiting list.

Isaac Owolabi, Post Office Box 77288, (832)607-0326 appeared and stated that it is a privilege to stand before them and he wanted to come and thank Mayor Turner and Members of Council for the opportunity. God bless you! There are so many things that he can say but he doesn't have enough time. He also wanted to thank HPD, the yellow cab, the school system, Church, the 2 airports. They are all doing a great job. In his 34 years in Houston he never seen a Mayor that has done a great job in maintaining the roads and for the Council Members for helping to support the Mayor. And God Bless America.

James Hale, 2422 South Voss, 77057, (713)781-6116 appeared and stated that his daily topic is to get a weather balloon launch station at Ellington Field. In March of 2017, the Houston City Council approved upgrades on Ellington Field and in the Houston Chronicle on April 5<sup>th</sup> in 2017 had an article about the ground breaking. The project involving \$12,400,000.00 dollars of City and Federal funding which involves the replacement of the tower and it will be twice as high. It has weather awareness, communications in supporting of NASA Activities and also the road access infrastructure was being addressed. As his handouts states the 9 County Greater Houston Area has not had a balloon since the early 1990s, they have to rely on a station over in Lake Charles in Louisiana, 150 miles away and in Corpus Christie which is 200 miles away. While this upgrade project is ongoing, it seems like an opportunity time to work with the National Weather service, the National Oceanianic and aerospace Administration to have a daily weather balloon launched station that is located at Ellington Field. Such a station would benefit this area for 7 million people, approximately 25% of the population that is in Texas and would provide more timely weather information and it would help better serve both the Addick's and Barker Reservoirs. Just a few days ago he left information this same information to the Mayor's Office and he also left the information at Congresswoman Lizzie Fletcher Office, but he sent it to a PO Box because he doesn't think she has an office set up here and he wanted to thank them for listening to him. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Gallegos, Laster Castex-Tatum and Christie absent.

Mayor Turner advised Mr. Hale that he did get his information and he did pass it on, and they are working on a response to him and someone from Ellington Field will be reaching out to him.

James Jones, 72223 Sandra St., 77028, (832)513-0634 appeared and stated that he is a representative from God and that means he represents all God creations and so he is praying for his neighborhood. He knows how Houston is going to become great again and first off, he wants to start off in Trinity Garden and what he needs from City Hall is a roaming permit. He has been doing his walking and helping his brothers. The reasons he needs a roaming permit is because him and his dogs roam the lands. The dogs are the protectors of the land. They are going to get the people in the community to clean up their own communities. He is also going to get the railroad to do their part in cleaning up, but he also wanted to say that they have a lot of selfish people in all of these communities. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Gallegos, Laster Castex-Tatum and Christie absent.



Rita Palomarez, no address, no phone, appeared and stated that she was born and raised in Houston, she was able to come and go without incident as a young girl. Today, it's not quite the same, there are people with attentions that are not good. Today she would like to address the Library system and how it targets the mind, the control, and the incident children that should be learning about everything but sex. Since it is funded by tax payers, Mayor Turner, in one of the Council Meetings he addressed. The issue that it was not tax payer funded. Mayor Turner, can you address how this is not possible please, he was asked by the Houston Pastor Council to shut the doors on the Drag Queen Story Hour and in another Council Meeting where he stated that he owned the City; can he elaborate on this because he does indeed own the City why is he not shutting this down and they see that it is clear that they are hold adult entertainment that are doing disgusting acts to be in costumes in front of children that are reading books, listing as being gay is their right. That they can be a boy even if they are a girl. They are assigned a sex at birth and they should all be that sex and to go against that is a life of lies. They all will stand against this and he is accountable for this, they will not go away, and they will be broadcasting this to the roof tops until this is finished. Now, let's talk about the issue of the lawsuit that is in another State, costing us more money. This Court case is against the Church vs the State clause, but they have brought the Drag Queens in to be slated as targets, that is not true. they are not targeting Drag Queens. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Gallegos, Laster, Castex-Tatum and Christie absent.

Deborah Elaine Allen, Post Office Box 263252, 77027, (713)264-0127 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Gallegos, Laster, Castex-Tatum and Christie absent.

Dr. Kevin Vu, 19030 Park Trail Dr., 77094, (832)766-0646 appeared and stated that he been living and working in Houston for over 21 years. Mayor Turner the last time he was here on December of 2018 and he asked him to be transparent, to release the record of the meeting and he was totally ignored by Mayor Turner for his request. He fully demands a copy of that record and he knows that is his right to have it.

Mayor Turner commented that there was no video of the meeting.

Mr. Vu wants to release it so they can verify it and if he doesn't release the video there is going to be a lot of angry people amongst them and Mayor Turner told him again it was a courtesy visit, again there was no meeting and that's all he can tell him.

Members of Council commented and questioned Mr. Vu at length.

David Sherman, 1022 Heights Blvd., 77008, (713)861-1337 appeared and stated that when the Mayor was in High School, a River Oaks resident 47 years old named Alan Shepherd hit a golf ball on the moon and he was also the first American in space and he was his late Uncle and a customer of the Memorial Park for close to 41 years and since. He has a continuous support from other speakers today about the employees of the Memorial Park Golf Course. The HGA has a big start on it with lobbying for their management ideas for Memorial Park. Nothing grinds his gears for a Non-Profit that has a high salary because he googled Steve Tims this week and saw that he had a \$435,000.00 salary and that is according to Golf Digest. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Travis, Gallegos, Laster, Castex-Tatum and Christie absent.

Members of Council commented and questioned Mr. Sherman; Council Member Cohen thanked for being here and she knows that her office has been in touch with him and he just want them to

know that they have tried to reach out twice to him today, she didn't want him to think that they disregarded his attempts.

Lori Milam, 4103 Barberry Dr., Apt. #104, 77051, (832)373-8631 appeared and stated that she brought her grandson Sir Romeo with her today, just for all of them to understand and she knows that her family isn't the only family in Houston that goes through trials and tribulations and as she was stating, she is inviting any of the Council Members to cook them a home cooked meal. Just so that they can spend one night out there to see exactly what I am talking about. She brought him up today to see what they are still going through, that was the tip of the iceberg in getting out of the hospital. Thank the Lord that he did survive. He has braces that are placed on his legs every morning. The least little noise he panics and the constantly have to surround him to make sure he feels safe. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Gallegos, Laster and Christie absent.

Tracy Shannon, no address, (281)785-8968 appeared and stated that the debated over the Drag Queen Story Hour has escalated to nearly a point of violence in the past week and now it a public safety issue that the Mayor must address. She been threatened and harassed because local activist been sharing where she lives, picture of her children, her mother and her vehicles. Even the Mayor Turner LGBT Advisory Board has participated in this activity and even a blog was calling her an evil, telebaptist white supremacist and to make her a target. This is not a good look for Houston and to be here today she had to hire a security detail to come with her to protect her. She is calling to the Mayor to end this Drag Queen Story Hour which can be at other venues in this City. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Gallegos, Laster and Christie absent.

Tex Christopher, 5711 Sugar Hill, 77057, (832)833-8879 appeared and stated that everything rises and falls on leadership. Mayor Turner it is his leadership that is going to change after this year is up and he will speak that into existence today, has a man who has done his part to take people out of office and to put them in office. Today, we have a Mayor that is worried about the Drag Queen Story Time and not the safety of others, including himself, starting with his LGBT Community Advisory Board. This is an example of his leadership and Mayor can't even get his trash picked up. He can't even manage trash, but they have thousands of dollars to pay HPD for the Drag Queen Story time because it is on the HPD website. The HPD Officers make between \$25.00 to \$45.00 an hour. He wanted to remind every Council Member that when the Mayor is saying it's not tax payer money, he is lying and told him that he will see him in Louisiana Court. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Gallegos, Laster and Christie absent.

Council Member Kubosh commented and questioned the status of the lawsuit to Mr. Christopher.

Virginia Mireles, no address, (832)660-3767 appeared and stated that it is not possible to be in favor of justice for some people and not to be in favor of justice for all people, in Martin Luther Kings eyes. This is where we stand, they have threats, they have women that are afraid of their security, of their safety because they choose to not change the place. They don't hate the people. His LGBT photographer just posted today, they are sending e-mails to the City Council Members on how they are planning this, and they are planning that. Someone is talking here, and she will find out. He is not the only one that can investigate, the Health and Human Services is hands on this, and other Governmental agencies are hands on this. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Gallegos, Laster and Castex-Tatum absent.

Council Member Kubosh asked Ms. Mireles since previous speakers have said that they have been threatened; have they made a Police report on the threats? Ms. Mireles stated to Council Member Kubosh that unfortunately the Police have to have a specific threat saying, "I am going to kill you". Council Member Kubosh advised her that there are bullying laws, if they are being attack in some way and advised her that she should make a Police Report.

Linda Rodriguez, no address, no phone appeared and stated she is with Houston Mass Resistance and she is here against Mayor Turner Drag Queen Story Hour. She wanted to talk about his LGBT Advisory Board that is appointed by Mayor Turner. Members said that the Board feels confident to harass people who don't agree with them and it happen at the protest at Free Montrose Library, they have called them names. This Board unequal access to favor and influence the Mayor and the Council Members. All members of the community should have the same access and influence, are there no heterosexuals or evangelical in their Advisory Board? Houston deserves so much more room at the table and Members of this Board have acted in a manner inconsistent with the values of the City. Mayor Turner disband this group and regroup diversity. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Gallegos, Laster and Castex-Tatum absent.

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

At 5:10 p.m. The City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 9, 2019, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Gallegos, Laster and Castex-Tatum absent.

Pat J. Daniel, Assistant City Secretary read the description or captions of the Items on the Agenda. The Houston City Council convened at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 2, 2019 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, Martha Castex-Tatum, David Robinson, Michael Kubosh, Amanda Edwards and Jack Christie D.C.; and Ronald C. Lewis, City Attorney; Marta Crinejo Agenda Director and Stella Ortega Agenda Office present. Council Member Brenda Stardig absent on City Business. Council Member Dave Martin absent on Personal Business.

At 9:11 a.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting to order and would move to the Monthly Financial Report. Council Members Boykins, Le, Travis and Gallegos absent.

**REPORT FROM CITY CONTROLLER AND THE CITY ADMINISTRATION REGARDING THE CURRENT FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE CITY** including but not limited to, a 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- Chris Brown, City Controller and Tantri Emo, Director of Finance Department reviewed the Monthly Operation and Financial report; copies of which are on file in the City Secretary's office for review.

After questions by Members of Council questioned Director Brown and Director Emo and after discussion, Council Member Edwards moved to accept the monthly financial report and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Le, Travis and Laster absent. **MOTION 2019-0018 ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner requested the Assistant City Secretary to call Item 1 before the Mayor's Report.

**MISCELLANEOUS** - NUMBER 1

1. **REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following individuals to the **BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**:

Position One - **TOLORIA M. ALLEN**, reappointment, for a term to expire January 1, 2021

Position Two - **ADAM J. WILLIAMS**, appointment, for an unexpired term ending January 1, 2020

Position Three - **NEIL BREMNER**, reappointment, for a term to expire January 1, 2021

Position Five - **KRISTINE ANTHONY**, reappointment, for a term to expire January 1, 2021

Position Seven - **CLINT MCMANUS**, appointment, for a term to expire January 1, 2021

Position Nine - **CLARK MARTINSON**, reappointment, for a term to expire January 1, 2021

Position Eleven - **YUHAYNA H. MCCOY**, reappointment, for a term to expire January 1, 2021

Position Thirteen - **DIAN NOSTIKASARI**, appointment, for a term to expire January 1, 2021

Position Fifteen - **MIKE VANDUSEN**, reappointment, for a term to expire January 1, 2021

Position Seventeen - **ONI K. BLAIR**, reappointment, for a term to expire January 1, 2021

Position Nineteen - **ROBIN ANN HOLZER**, reappointment, for a term to expire January 1, 2021-

Was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Laster absent. **MOTION 2019-0019 ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner named and their positions of the Members of the Bicycle Advisory Committee, invited them to the podium.

Mayor Turner and Members of Council thanked them for their willingness to serve and they are looking forward in working with all of the Members.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Turner stated that on Monday along with many others, they announced that George Springer that are with the Astros and he see Jim Crane, the owner along with Congressman John Lewis and someone who walked with Dr. Martin Luther King will be the Grand Marshall's of the Black Heritage Society's the Martin Luther King Day Parade that the City of Houston is endorsing for the first time. Both Grand Marshalls' and MVPs, one for his inspiring performance in the world Series and for the other is for his heroism as a Civil Rights Leader with Dr. King and for being champion for freedom at the Capitol. He welcomes everyone to come out to see the parade on January 21<sup>st</sup> in Downtown Houston starting at 10:00 a.m. and taking the same route that they

been taking at the Thanksgiving Parade and this is the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Parade and this one is special one because it is a unification parade because it will bring people together and represents the values of Dr. King. Please go to [blackheritagesociety.org](http://blackheritagesociety.org) for details, including the new Downtown route that will pass by City Hall.

Mayor Turner stated that yesterday, there were several of them that participated or attended the funeral of Jazmine Barnes, the 7-year-old; the incident victim of a reckless violence ad we must all work daily to prevent and much of the Nation joined in sorrow and anger over the needless death of a 7-year-old. The main interest in this case is that we need to protect our children. All of our children and we have to continue to try to take steps to keep this City and Region safe. Their heart and Prayers continue to go out to Jazmine Barnes family and friends. He wanted to give a special thanks to Sheriff Ed Gonzalez and his Department on the way they have handle this case.

Next week they will be doing the homeless count and that will take place on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup>. It is very important to know who is on the streets, who they are, where they are, so that they can take every effort to reduce those who are homeless in the City of Houston streets through permeant or temporary housing.

At 9:38 Mayor Turner requested the Assistant City Secretary to call Consent Agenda.

### **CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 6 through 13**

#### **ORDINANCES** - NUMBERS 6 through 13

6. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$1,000,000.00 out of Airports Improvement Fund as an additional appropriation for Construction Contract between the City of Houston and **CLARK CONSTRUCTION GROUP-TEXAS, LP** (Approved by Ordinance No. 2017-173) for Reconstruction of the Air Traffic Control Tower and Flatwork at Ellington Airport/Houston (Project No. 629) - **DISTRICT E – MARTIN-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2019-0014 ADOPTED**
7. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing submission of an application for grant assistance to **TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD** for Community Flood Mitigation Assistance through the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s Flood Mitigation Assistance Program; declaring the City’s eligibility for such assistance; authorizing the Director of Houston Public Works to act as the City’s representative in the application process, to accept such grant funds, if awarded, and to apply for and accept all subsequent awards, if any, pertaining to the program - \$125,000.00 - Grant and Other Funds **DISTRICT C – COHEN-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2019-0015 ADOPTED**
9. **ORDINANCE** consenting to the addition of 16.962 acres of land to **CY-CHAMP PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT**, for inclusion in its district- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2019-0016 ADOPTED**

10. **ORDINANCE** consenting to the addition of 11.54 acres of land to **HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 64**, for inclusion in its district- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2019-0017 ADOPTED**

### **END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

### **CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**

2. **ORDINANCE** finding and determining that public convenience and necessity no longer require the continued use of a portion of Tackaberry Street, from Morris Street to Quitman Street, situated in the John Austin Survey, Abstract No. 1, Houston, Harris County, Texas; abandoning such portion to Houston Independent School District ("HISD"), the abutting owner, in consideration of its cash payment to the city of \$2,800.00, its payment to the City of \$639,670.00, in the form of a debit to the balance of the credit account established pursuant to an Interlocal Agreement between the City and HISD, the conveyance to the City of a 5-foot-wide right of way easement, and other good and valuable consideration **DISTRICT H – CISNEROS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Davis absent. **ORDINANCE 2019-0018 ADOPTED**
3. **ORDINANCE** adopting the City of Houston Homebuyer Assistance Program Guidelines for Hurricane Harvey Recovery- was presented,

Members of Council commented about Item 3 and Mayor Turner invited Director Tom McCasland, the Director of the Housing and Community Development Department to answers Members of Council questions.

Mayor Turner stated that this is the beginning of the process with the money that is now coming into the City of Houston and it is going to require a lot of community engagement and these guidelines provide them on how to move forward. That is going to be a lot of questions and a lot of them out in the community to walk people through the process, 17 months after Harvey when the money is just now coming arriving.

Director McCasland wanted to add this is a worst first, most vulnerable first approach based upon their priorities. This is not a first in line to get the money and there are going to be time to sign up and they want that to happen relatively quickly so this not a come to us two years from now, but you don't have to be the first one in line in order to get this assistance. The people who are the most vulnerable will be first in line.

After further discussion a vote was called, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2019-0019 ADOPTED**

4. **ORDINANCE** adopting the City of Houston Homeowner Assistance Program Guidelines for Hurricane Harvey Recovery- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2019-0020 ADOPTED**
5. **ORDINANCE** adopting the City of Houston Multifamily Rental Program Guidelines for Hurricane Harvey Recovery- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2019-0021 ADOPTED**
8. **ORDINANCE** consenting to the addition of 7.4186 acres of land to **CROSBY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS**, for inclusion in its district- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2019-0022 ADOPTED**
11. **ORDINANCE** awarding Professional Services Contract to **HAGERTY CONSULTING, INC** for the Coordinate Complex Terrorist Attack Program for the Mayor's Office; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$509,710.23 - Grant Fund- was presented and tagged by Council Member Kubosh.
12. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing contract for Legal Services with **BICKERSTAFF HEATH DELGADO ACOSTA LLP** for Legal Representation of the City of Houston; establishing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$500,000.00 - Enterprise Fund- was presented and tagged by Council Member Kubosh.
13. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **ABM AVIATION, INC** for Janitorial Cleaning and Associated Services for the Houston Airport System; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$2,659,263.93 - Enterprise Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2019-0023 ADOPTED**

**MATTERS HELD** - NUMBERS 14 through 19

14. **MOTION** by Council Member Cohen/Seconded by Council Member Robinson to adopt recommendation from Chief Procurement Officer awarded to **J & B PAVELKA INC - \$61,097.05** and **DOGGETT HEAVY MACHINERY SERVICES, LLC** - \$30,980.00 for purchase of two Trailers through the Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Purchasing with the Houston-Galveston Area Council for the Fleet Management Department on behalf of Houston Public Works - \$92,077.05 - Stormwater and Enterprise Funds - **TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER EDWARDS**  
This was Item 13 on Agenda of January 2, 2019- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2019-0020 ADOPTED**
15. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Land Exchange between the City of Houston, Texas, and **THE UNITED STATES of AMERICA**, acting by and through the Secretary of the Air Force, for tracts of land on or adjacent to Ellington Airport - **DISTRICT E - MARTIN** **TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER EDWARDS**

This was Item 22 on Agenda of January 2, 2019- was presented, Council Member Edwards voting no, balance voting aye. **ORDINANCE 2019-0024 ADOPTED**

16. **WRITTEN** Motion by Council Member Laster to amend Item 18 below as follows:

**NOTE: The following Item may be moot upon passage of Item 17 below**

(Option No. 1)

I move to amend the Memorial Park Golf Course Development and Construction Agreement (Agreement) to provide that the entire amount of the \$1 Million Dollar Event Fee be paid to and deposited into the City of Houston Parks and Recreation Department (Department) Golf Fund No. 2104 for the specific use in the maintenance, improvement and operations of the City of Houston's multiple municipal golf courses. This Amendment to the Agreement shall by, deleting and inserting the words, phrases or sentences shown below, specifically read as follows:

"Section 9.07. Event Financial Terms and Other Consideration. The following items constitute consideration for the Parties to enter into the Facilities Agreement.

(a) Event Fee. For each Event during the Term, the Foundation shall remit to the City and MPC an Event Fee in a collective amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) no later than forty-five (45) days after completion of Event Week. Of the Event Fee, the Foundation shall remit to the City ~~Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000)~~ and to MPC ~~Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000)~~, and MPC agrees to use such contribution for the benefit of the Park in accordance with the terms and conditions of Section 6.08(b) of the MPC Agreement the full amount of said \$1,000,000 Event Fee to be deposited into the Houston Parks and Recreation Department Golf Fund No. 2104 for the specific use in the maintenance, improvement and operations of the City of Houston's municipal golf courses"

**TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MEMBERS BOYKINS and LASTER-** was presented,

After discussion, Council Member Laster withdrawn Item 16. Council Member Castex- Tatum absent.

17. **WRITTEN** Motion by Council Member Laster to amend Item 18 below as follows:

**NOTE: The following Item may be moot upon passage of Item 16 above**

(Option No. 2)

I move to amend the Memorial Park Golf Course Development and Construction Agreement (Agreement) to provide that the entire amount of the \$1 Million Dollar Event Fee be paid to and deposited into the City of Houston Parks and Recreation Department (Department) general operating fund for the specific use in the maintenance, improvement and operations of the City of Houston's municipal parks. This Amendment to the Agreement shall by, deleting and inserting the words, phrases or sentences shown below, specifically read as follows:



“Section 9.07. Event Financial Terms and Other Consideration. The following items constitute consideration for the Parties to enter into the Facilities Agreement.

(a) Event Fee. For each Event during the Term, the Foundation shall remit to the City and MPC an Event Fee in a collective amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) no later than forty-five (45) days after completion of Event Week. Of the Event Fee, the Foundation shall remit to the City ~~Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000)~~ and to MPC ~~Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000)~~, and MPC agrees to use such contribution for the benefit of the Park in accordance with the terms and conditions of Section 6.08(b) of the MPC Agreement the full amount of said \$1,000,000 Event Fee to be deposited into the Houston Parks and Recreation Department general operating fund for the specific use in the maintenance, improvement and operations of the City of Houston’s municipal parks.”

**TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS BOYKINS and LASTER-** was presented,

Council Member Laster withdrawn Item 17. Council Member Castex-Tatum.

18. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Development and Construction Agreement between the City of Houston, Texas, **THE ASTROS GOLF FOUNDATION and MEMORIAL PARK CONSERVANCY, INC** relating to Memorial Park Golf Course - **DISTRICT C - COHEN**  
**TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS BOYKINS and LASTER**  
This was Item 24 on Agenda of January 2, 2019- was presented,

**Council Member Boykins presented an Amendment to Item 18 as follows:**

I move to amend the Memorial Park Golf Course Development and Construction Agreement by adding the following Language:

“Redirect from the General Fund, the previously restored by a majority vote on city council, the remaining \$250,000 of council district service funds to each district council office to support funding for local municipal parks as deemed necessary and/or appropriate by the district council member. This measure is intended to help elevate the standards and quality of all city of municipal parks.”

Council Member Boykins stated that he had 2 concerns; one concern is the impact would have on the Kinder Foundation and their donation and the 10-year Master Plan which he presented a copy of it to Council and it is very clear in the Master Plan or in the contract with the City that they will fulfill this commitment. Also, the impact it would have on the resident in the community. He had mention that he was jogging out there and speaking to some of the residents last week and he has had different text and emails coming to him in support of this Park coming into the neighborhood, they did have concerns about the softball field and other concerns that they thought would be addressed. Council Member Boykins stated that he will be supporting this Item and he hopes the rates say affordable.

Mayor Turner stated that he just wants to deal with the Amendment No.1, make a couple of comments before he rules it out of order. Number one; it is a budgetary Amendment. Number

two; it has taken \$250,000.00 per City Council District out of the General Fund to put on parks. Yesterday, they had a length discussion on Solid Waste Department. Will Council prioritize this over Solid Waste? The voters approved Proposition B, that is \$100 million dollars per year. This is not the way to Govern and not the way to handle budgetary matters. This is a Budgetary Amendment and they will be handling the Budget in couple of months and he will rule this out of order.

Now, they are still on the main item; Members of Council commented and questioned Item 18 at length and Mayor Turner stated the final speaker on this Item is going to be Council Member Cohen.

Council Member Cohen thanked all of her colleagues for all of their comments and she would remind everyone, even though they do know that Memorial Park is in District C, but Memorial Park is not just for District C, Memorial Park is for the entire City of Houston. Memorial Park is the largest Urban Park and for decades its been an asset facing deferring maintenance. The Park was in severe decline, they all may remember the drought in 2011. In 2016 the City of Houston requested the Conservancy to take care of Memorial Park on behalf of the City of Houston and in May of last year; the City of Houston approved a 10-year Master Plan for the Memorial Park Conservancy to raise an additional \$55 million dollars and that is the key. Those funds are for Capital Improvement not operating the park which what they are talking about here. Finally, all being well the Houston Open will take place at Memorial Park which will tax the Park quite bit, to make sure that everything stays as beautiful as it is now and with that note, she would like to request an immediate vote; all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Le absent. **ORDINANCE 2019-0025 ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner wanted to thank everyone that is here, for all of the stakeholders that have participated in the conversation, the Director Steven Wright of the Parks Department and he wanted to thank all of the employees in Park and Recreation Department.

**19. BRENNTAG SOUTHWEST, INC** for Supply of Liquid Ammonium Sulfate Chemicals for Houston Public Works - 5 Years - \$2,127,543.32 - Enterprise Fund

**DELAYED BY MOTION #2019-16, 1/2/19**

This was Item 33 on Agenda of January 2, 2019- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, Council Member Davis voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Le absent. **MOTION 2019-0021 ADOPTED**

**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 11:16 a.m. Mayor Turner, Council Members Davis, Travis, Cisneros, Laster, Knox and Kubosh absent.

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

**MINUTES READ AND APPROVED**

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Pat J. Daniel, Assistant City Secretary

