

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, February 12, 2019

A regular meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday February 12, 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, Mike Knox, 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 David Robinson absent on Personal Business.

At 1: 39 p.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting to order and stated they would start with the presentations. Council Members Stardig, Le, Travis, Gallegos, Laster, Knox and Edwards absent.

Mayor Turner stated Houston is a hub for ideas, invention and investment, with individuals and families who recognize the city's unlimited potential for growth, with the world-renowned Texas Medical Center, multiple institutions of higher education and companies flourishing in an environment of innovation. Investing in young people will ensure Houston's prosperity and global competitiveness. Houston was an early adopter of former president Barack Obama's My Brother's Keeper (MBK) Community Challenge by implementing the MBK Houston Local Action Plan in May 2015. The plan provides strategies to improve outcomes and expand opportunities for all Houston youth with a focus on boys and young men of color. MBK Houston leverages collective impact to ensure youth enter school ready to learn, read on grade level by third grade, graduate high school prepared for college and a career, complete post-secondary education or training and successfully enter the workforce while reducing crime and violence and providing second chance opportunities. Through these efforts, MBK Houston has experienced significant results, including reaching 26,064 individuals with a campaign to address gaps in brain development within the first three years of life, increasing the number of third graders passing their STARR reading exam by 10 percent over one school year, recovering 700 school credit hours to get students back on track to graduate high school, achieving criminal record expungement, sealing, non-disclosure or identification restoration for 82 percent of Clean Slate Cooperative participants and coordinating the training of 5,300 police personnel to reduce social distance between at-risk youth and law enforcement. The success of the investment of funds, time, energy and resources in human capital by the City of Houston, partnering school districts, county agencies, corporations, philanthropy, faith-based, nonprofits and community-based organizations has resulted in MBK Houston becoming a model for the country and the world to follow. On June 12, 2018, the MBK Houston will be recognized on its three-year anniversary and for its many accomplishments since its inception. The City of Houston commends all involved in MBK Houston for their tireless passion and commitment to ensuring Houston's male youth achieve academic success to prepare them for bright futures, careers and other endeavors and therefore, Mayor Turner hereby proclaimed June 12, 2018, as My Brother's Keeper Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Stardig, Le, Travis, Gallegos, Kubosh and Edwards absent.

Council Member Cisneros stated that Clear the Shelters/Desocupar los Albergues is an NBC and Telemundo public service campaign that addresses the overpopulation in local animal shelters; during the summer months, many shelters swell with abandoned pets. Telemundo Houston wants to help find these pets forever homes, with the largest, single day pet adoption event; and, August 18, 2018, KTMD Telemundo Houston and KPRC 2 and more than 30 local animal shelters and rescues in the Houston metropolitan area will host the fourth annual Clear the Shelters Pet Adoption Campaign; and participating animal shelters and rescues in Houston and other areas will offer no-cost or reduced fee adoptions or waive pet spaying and neutering fees. Partner shelters include BARC, Houston SPCA, Houston Humane Society and Harris County Animal

Shelter, partner rescues include A Chance to Bloom, Good Lif3 Bully Rescue and Save A Perfect Cat Rescue; and the City of Houston commends and appreciates KTMD Telemundo Houston, KPRC 2, the local animal shelters, rescues and other organizations, and all participants involved in the fourth annual Clear the Shelters and extends best wishes on a successful event and therefore, Mayor Turner hereby proclaimed August 18, 2018, as Clear the Shelters Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Stardig, Le, Travis, Kubosh and Edwards absent.

Council Member Martin stated that as the only airport equestrian volunteer program in the United States, the George Bush Intercontinental (IAH) Airport Rangers program increases the security of IAH through community participation by training volunteers to patrol the perimeter of IAH on horseback; and an active Houston resident, Devan Horn participates as a member of the Houston Airport System Rangers Program. She is also a prolific competitive horseback rider and her equestrian prowess has been chronicled in many news reports; and most recently, Devan Horn finished in third place at the 2018 Mongol Derby, a fiercely competitive and rugged endurance race which places competitors on the backs of semi-wild horses for a race of over 1,000 kilometers through the Mongolian Steppe; and, on August 15, 2018, Devan Horn will be recognized for her selfless service and competitive spirit. In recognition and appreciation of her dedication and loyal service to the community, the City of Houston congratulates and commends Devan Horn and extends best wishes for her continued success and therefore, Mayor Turner hereby proclaimed August 15, 2018, as Devan Horn Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Le and Travis absent.

At 2:11 p.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting into order and recognized Council Member Laster for the Invocation. Council Member Laster invited Reverend Patrick Miller to pray and then led the Pledge of Allegiance. Council Members Stardig, Davis and Le absent.

Council Members Stardig and Le absent. Council Member David Robinson absent on Personal Business.

Council Member Cohen moved to Adopt the Minutes for August 21-22, 2018 and to delay the balance and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Stardig, Le, Travis and Kubosh absent.

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

Elmer Fridia, 4123 Belgrade, 77045, (713)598-3014 appeared and stated that he wanted to thank all of them for what they do for Houston. They thank them for supporting their area in terms of the parking and they're trying to get to upgrade their community and trying to keep it on a positive note. Council Members Stardig, Le, Travis and Kubosh absent.

Patsy Taylor, 4135 Knotty Oaks, 77045, (832)643-7605 appeared and stated that she also would like to thank the Mayor and Council Members for taking them into consideration for the Ordinance that they are requesting for their community. Council Members Stardig, Le and Travis absent.

Members of Council commented and questioned Ms. Taylor about applying for a no parking on the grass Ordinance.

Theodore Andrews, 4019 Regency Dr., 77045, (281)660-6400 appeared and stated that he wanted to thank the Mayor and the Council Members, especially Council Member Castex-Tatum. He is here to ask for their support for Agenda Item 29, and the Ordinance that they are requesting support is to prohibit yard parking. They have been through the procedures and he wanted to thank the Planning Department. They got this kickstart from former Chief of Staff Donald Perkins,

who was able to lead them in the right direction with their neighboring Cambridge Civic Club and this is one of the good things that are happening. Council Members Stardig, Le and Travis absent.

Council Member Castex-Tatum thanked Mr. Andrews for coming down and to Mr. Fridia and Ms. Taylor because they appreciate the work that they do in the community. She is so blessed to have willing participants that would go out and do the work for an Ordinance like this. She wants to continue to make sure our neighborhoods are thriving. Yes, Donald did help them get this started and they are glad to see it through and tomorrow he looks forward in supporting Item 29.

Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Boykins for a Procedural Motion; Council Member Boykins moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of moving Gerry Monroe to the top of the 3 minutes from the List of Speakers and seconded by Council Member Cohen, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Stardig, Le and Travis absent. **MOTION 2019-0068 ADOPTED**

Tony Diaz, 333 S. Jensen Dr., 77003, (713)867-8943 appeared and stated that he is here personally to thank them all from the Nuestra Palabra Bookstore for Latinos having their say and they are about to have their 21st Anniversary. They do want to thank the Mayor, City Council, along with many meetings with Council Member Gallegos, because they are so proud to receive a grant from City Initiatives for their showcase. He wanted to invite everyone to the event, and they want to make it clear to thank everybody who's played a role in making Houston a leader for Latino culture. He would also like to thank Talento Bilingue de Houston and they want to show to love Talento Bilingue de Houston. They were fighting for their art and culture and because of them, they are at the Museum of Fine Arts Houston, they have made National news. He believes that the Country is watching us in becoming the leaders delivering art and culture to their communities. Latino Art is going to be in April, and he presented information to Members of Council. Council Members Le, Travis and Castex-Tatum absent.

Members of Council thanked Mr. Diaz for all he does in the community; Council Member Gallegos stated to Mr. Diaz that he is looking forward to the reception for tomorrow and 4 months of promoting Latino Art throughout the City of Houston and there are over 30 venues, it's so exciting.

Christel Womack, 2106 Hardy St., 77026, (512) 785-4849 appeared and stated that she wanted to thank everyone here and for their attention. She is here in support of Talento Bilingue de Houston and she really wants to celebrate what they have done for them and their community. She doesn't know if Council knew about their afterschool program and they have a summer program where their little ones get to be creative. She thinks a lot of times kids in their community don't have an opportunity to express themselves, and Talento Bilingue de Houston is a beacon in that darkness. She appreciates everything that they do, and she urges Council to help them when they are needed. Council Member Le absent.

Gerry Monroe, 2600 Westridge, 77054, (832)591-96881 appeared and stated that the last time he spoke, and he was on video where he got 4.6 million views, and he didn't come down here when the Police Union President Joe Gamaldi said what he said because he was very upset. He did get an opportunity to speak to several activists of different ethics and ever since Mr. Gamaldi has said those things, he refuses to allow his group to work with HPD. He has spoken to the Executive Chief and the Chief of Police, and he wants them to understand what that means. That means all of those gang murders down there because they are going to have a hard time solving them because they are not doing it. He wants to tell them what he feels, they have an Educational Czar that is yet to address Houston Independent School District in regard to Black History month; why do we celebrate Black History month in school district that doesn't teach it. They teach

Mexican/American history. They employed these people; tell them to do what they are supposed to do. He isn't here to badger them, but he is here just to tell them that their African American community is tired, and they are tired all across the Country. Council Member Le absent.

Brilliant Browder, 5035 Dickens Rd., 77021, (832)475-3298 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Member Le absent.

Broderick Butler, 10327 Rebel Rd., 77016, (832)808-8097 appeared and stated that he is a long-time resident of District B in Northeast Houston area and he comes here today for 2 reasons. One, is he wanted to express his gratitude to all of the Council Members' efforts to better the greater Houston and especially Northeast Houston? Their City Leaders and Representatives have kept them informed, updated in response in sanitation, illegal dumping and storm drainage. Secondly, he would like to request that as a resident from Northeast Houston that the City continue to seek out input on various issues like the ones that he has mention, he wants to be able to provide more input and feedback with the City to maximums current or future projects to ensure simply safety policies, Maintance projects, to improve mobility plans, City wide beautification, business, growth and job careers. He hopes to build on the partnership with them on achieving more efficient services for our tax dollar in the greater Houston. Council Member Le absent.

Council Member Davis stated to Mr. Butler that he appreciates the work, the communication and coming down to voice his opinion for the residents in the Northeast area. They do have the CIP that is coming up at the Kashmere Multiservice Center, and he can give him the dates later. They will do a robo dial-out call to all of the residents, they will have break out situation where they can hear what's going on in the City with each Department.

Susan Gaitan, 8211 Katy Freeway, Apt.#38, 77024, (713)705-0966 appeared and stated that she been waiting 417 days for an arrest to be made, and if they pull up the Tree House Condominiums at Chimney Rock and it used to be a pretty safe neighborhood. She has e-mailed each Council Member a pictures and documents of some of the things that are available with HPD. Again, it has been 417 since this assault and robbery in the front of her house. She was assaulted and threatened in front of her home by the landscaper that works there. She has flashbacks and nightmares and also, she has trouble concentrating at her job, she can't hold down a job now. She is not safely living in her house anymore. This is the story, on December 22nd the yardman at her condominiums violently attacked her and he bruised her and then fled across the courtyard. HPD took about 45 minutes to arrive and there was no arrest. On December 28th he returns to Tree House Condominiums to work and HPD won't arrest him because an investigator wasn't assigned. On January the 8th he saw her in the laundry room on her property and he is not a homeowner and he came straight at her and she called 911 4 or 5 times, and no one came. Saying that her address didn't exist. Over the 100 days he stalked her and did several things to her and was never arrested. Over 50 calls she was told by HPD now she is being red flagged; she began a lawsuit and restraining order which he broke. He failed to bring the subpoena documents and the judge gave him his own restraining order on her. The restraining order says she can't leave her house, pass his car or even do her laundry, but this man doesn't live there, he is a worker. Please help her and her 80-year-old mother. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Le and Kubosh absent.

Mayor Turner stated to Ms. Gaitan that HPD did investigate several times and they referred it to the Harris County District Attorney's Office on multiple occasions, that office elected not to file any charges in this matter.

Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Edwards for a Procedural Motion; Council Member Edwards moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of moving Emmanuel Thomas after Carolyn Evans-Shabazz for 3 minutes on the Speaker List and seconded by Council Member Stardig, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Le and Kubosh absent.
MOTION 2019-0069 ADOPTED

Tracy Timmons, no address, no phone, had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Le and Kubosh absent.

Andriko Gipson, 2829 Chimney Rock Rd., 77057, (281)864-8168 appeared and presented handouts to Members of Council and stated that he is Co-Owner of Gallery Food Truck Park. It's on 2829 Chimney Rock. The reason why they are here today is because they built a Food Truck Park; they didn't want to be alone, so all of the food trucks can be in a big group. They wanted to be trend setters and to make a really nice location. They hired engineers, they did the landscaping, the new signs, installed concrete, gravel and lights and they submitted permits to the City so that they can get everything approved. In the blue prints, they wanted 5 trees and 5 tables. They have an Ordinance which is 30-22D7E which means that the tables have to be 100 feet away from the food trucks and their property is only 15,000 square feet and as they can see in the blueprints, they actually had to remove them because the City came by and they did what the City told them to do is to remove them. As everyone knows, food trucks are really popular and they are actually number one on Yelp, and out of 1000 food trucks he owns 3 of them and he pays a thousand bucks for the food trucks every year. They are creating money for the City of Houston, and they are in talks to do a reality show with their food truck and their food truck park. They have people coming by, but the problem is that there are no tables to sit. He is here to see if they can lower the 100 feet or just to do it away for food parks, he doesn't know if that isn't asking too much. He has spoken to a lot of people and he has just gotten the run around. He used to be homeless, he loves Houston and he wants to be a trend setter for food trucks. He does have 24-hour security, it's a safe situation and he thinks that Food Truck Parks are the next best thing. Council Members Boykins, Travis and Kubosh absent.

Mayor Turner stated to Mr. Gipson that he isn't the only one that has raised the issue, the Ordinance is being reviewed to see whether or not it needs to be amended in some form and unfortunately Mayor Turner can't give him an exact time or date.

Council Member Laster stated to Mr. Gipson that he believes that his Office has reached out to him to discover part of the reason he was coming down here and learned that he is affiliated with the new food truck court which is located in District J, and he goes by that location every day and he recognized what he was doing a week or so ago and raised some issues and will continue to raise issues. They are looking forward to having an on-going discussion with him to see how they can be in compliance with the Ordinance.

Members of Council had a lengthy discussion with Mr. Gipson about the Food Truck community.

Albert Gill, 75 Lyerly, Apt.#420, 77022, (713)283-4371 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Boykins, Travis and Kubosh absent.

Carolyn Evans-Shabazz, Post Office Box 8482, 77288. (713)539-4964 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Boykins, Travis and Kubosh absent.

Emmanuel Thomas, no address, no phone, appeared and stated that every time he comes here, he gets a ticket because that meter is crazy. He wanted to come here to address Council and

thanks for all who came out in helping to promote the campaign to the public about his son's case, and his killer turn himself in, this past Friday at the Harris County Sheriff's Department. It was a good thing, but it became bitter sweet because he found out that this man was given a bond and not the normal \$100,000.00 bond for a murder case, but he was given a \$40,000.00 bond which are lower than for misdemeanors. He was wondering and hoping that one of the Council Members is could find out why this happen. He did find out that his attorney is a former 228 District Judge and to add that they found a judge previously let him off him off of a thrift and that Judge knew where he was the whole entire time. The second issue is Golden Gate Cemetery is owned by the City of Houston in the front of the cemetery and the back is owned by corporation and it's horrible out there, he thinks that someone needs to take a look at it. He was visiting his grandmother grave and right next to her grave. There was an open on, it was completely open. There are private entities that need to be held accountable for, by the City of Houston. The Memorial that he put together was vandalized and stuff was stolen. Council Members Stardig, Travis and Laster absent.

Steve Williams, no address, no phone, had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Travis and Laster absent.

Barbara Nelson, 784 Davidson, 77091, (832)439-9951 appeared and stated that she is with Standing in with Faith Ministries and Standing with Faith is a restoration and community ministry. She is not only here to speak about the ministry at large. They do a lot within the prison system and they do a lot by helping them find halfway houses, connect them with various resources and it was a couple of years ago that they received the Texas Criminal Justice Volunteer Service Award and that was when she was informed that they we the best kept secret in Houston. She came here to let them to know what they are because they don't want to be the best kept secret. For the last 4 years they have been in the Greenspoint area. Now, they are at 784 Davidson in Acres Homes, they have a building there that is about 10,000 feet and what they are doing there is what they need help with from the Council Members. It is a huge building, they are going to have training for people coming out of prison. They will have training for people transferring from homelessness to Housing. They offer care packages and within the packages are a toothbrush and tooth paste. What they are lacking is gravel and that is what she came here is for; gravel. She needs to ask for about 20 trucks full of gravel for their parking lot, they need sand, 10 computers and wiring in that particular building and on top of that she needs an 8-passage van and a 12 passage van. They do a lot in their community, they help the homeless find jobs, help train them and in that they don't want to be Houston's best kept secret because they are here to help. Council Members Stardig, Travis and Laster absent.

Council Member Christie stated to Ms. Nelson that he thinks it was a beautiful presentation and he would donate to the gravel and for her to contact his office. What she does with that gravel with that building is one of the neatest blessings and having a Ministry helping people out.

Pastor James Nash, 8418 Colonial Ln., 77051, (713)725-1664 appeared and stated that he is here today to speak about a very amazing man that he has met in person named Albert Yancy. Who has a prison Ministry? Mr. Yancy asked him if he would go with him to visit, and he sat in the Chapel office and Albert came in and prisoners came in asking questions to him. I looked into his past and he went to prison when he was 17, 27 years he was in prison, and he needed someone with power and that has helped him out so many times and his name was Senator Whitmire. He spoke to Senator Whitmire, and shared his story about Albert Yancy, he was so intrigued that he went to meet himself and when he did meet him, he was so impressed with him. He thinks that Mr. Yancy is one of the sharpest people he has every met that is in prison or out of

prison. He has done a lot of good inside of prison. Council Members Stardig, Davis and Travis absent.

Mayor Turner allowed Pastor Nash to finish his statement and Members of Council commented and questioned Pastor Nash.

Jesus Medel, 314 Cosmos, 77009, (713)575-7080 appeared and stated that he started to speak to Members of Council in the Aztec Language because it is very much apart of their museum that is here in Houston and this year, they are celebrating 25 years as a mobile museum, a museum without walls. He purposes today to put Talento Bilingue an edifice. No pother cultural center in Houston and he see Talento Bilingue as an edifice center for Latino Culture. The main thing he wanted to say about Talento Bilingue is that they are addressing a very serious problem that continues to grow in Houston which is violence against children. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Travis and Kubosh absent.

Mary Medel, 314 Cosmos, 77009, no phone, appeared and stated that she is here on behalf also of the Talento Bilingue of Houston and she is here requesting them to help them stay open because the children in Northside, the children of the 2nd Ward and the children of all communities need them very much. What they do is a great job, they have afterschool programs, they help teach the children with their reading, math and art. She is here today to see if City Council would help them stay open with whatever it is and request them for an accountant to help keep up their records. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins and Travis absent.

Winslow Guterrez, 900 Parker Rd., 77076, (713)503-8014 appeared and stated that he goes by his nickname Ben, he is Commander of a Vietnam Combat Association. They started their group in 2013 and they didn't have a place for them to meet. They found a program that Mr. Javier had put on and then they had a place to meet and hold their meetings. They are a non-profit, they are able to hold seminars, banquets and others and it had no cost to them. They help collect toys for the TBH and they need them. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Cohen, Boykins, Travis and Kubosh absent.

Dan Gallegos, 1123 Vera Cruz St., Crosby, TX, 77532, (832)573-7007 appeared and stated that he is also going to speak about Talento Bilingue Houston and TBH is a center that at first, he didn't know that it existed and the fact this place is open that allows their community to grow, especially the Latino Community. They let other organizations free of charge to regularly meet there. The fact that they allow local play rights and he feels that TBH feels the needed in the community and it also different types of theaters and festivals. It is a very important Center and where he lives there is nothing close to show the arts. They have the afterschool programs and he is here to beg to do whatever it takes to keep this program going. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins and Travis absent.

Victoria Lara, no address, no phone, had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins and Travis absent.

Pastor Patrick Limbrick, 8321 Woodlyn, 77028, (832)404-1545 appeared and stated that he is a volunteer at the Salvation Army, school districts all around the City of Houston, but he is here today with Joseph House Ministry Living Waters Church, they came up with an idea in order the Law Enforcements, the Government workers and the Houston Fire Department. The work that they do sometimes goes unnoticed and one of the things that he has noticed in his life that they are going to need a preacher one way or another, like one way or another they are going to need Police or Firefighters. The work that they do in their community and they do an amazing job. He honors them and part of Joseph House Ministry they came up with the idea on September the

16th that they wanted to honor all law enforcements, firefighters and all governor workers to come out and sit down at the Living Water Center and come out and get free BBQ dinners. They want people to come out to let them know how much that they appreciate in their communities. This Thursday they will be on Fox 26 at 6:00 p.m. news covering them. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins and Travis absent.

Council Member Knox stated to Mr. Limbrick that he appreciates his statement because often they hear just the complaints and that they do positive things. He personally thanks him for acknowledging what the Houston Police Department does and another City Employees as well.

Pastor R.C. Stearns, 7802 Jensen, (713)384-3816 appeared and stated that he is the Senior Pastor at Living Waters and they have been working with the pantry for about 10 years. They do between 4,000 to 7,000 months. All different nationalities and not just serving, not just clothing, they do the whole nine yards and they came up with the idea and they want to honor them. The Mayor is doing a great job and the Sergeant that is standing in the corner here did a great thing. When the previous speaker spoke about her issue, she went to the previous speaker and spoke to her and that's how he knows that he is doing the right thing in honoring them. It's just not all HPD, its, the Constables, the Sheriffs, people that been shut down by the government. They want to make this an annual thing and they want the Mayor and City Council to know that they appreciate what they do for this City. Council Members Davis, Boykins and Travis absent.

Chaplain Carl Farris, 14942 Atmore Place, 77082, (281)277-8181 appeared and stated that he is with a prison ministry. He is an ex-offender and after he got out of jail, he started his own ministry. He and his wife are in a prison at 3 times a week. its doesn't matter how many years that you are locked up, you only get \$100.00. They spend about \$500 to a \$1000 a month to help these gentlemen get back on their feet. He was fortunate to have family that stood beside him but some of the guys don't. Some of the guys don't know where to go or don't have the money to stay in a halfway house. They need some help so that they can help these people that get out. He expresses his story on the first day he got out of jail and it was for 5 years, but things were completely different. He gave Members of Council his business card and asked them to go on his website and call him if they need anything. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Travis and Gallegos absent.

Members of Council thanked Chaplain Farris for what he does for the community.

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 3:47 p.m. The City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 13, 2019, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Travis and Gallegos absent.

Pat J. Daniel, Assistant City Secretary read the description or captions of the Items on the Agenda. The Houston City Council reconvened at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 13, 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, Mike Knox, 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.

At 9:06 a.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting to order and requested the Assistant City Secretary to call Items 1-3. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Le, Travis, Cisneros, Gallegos, Laster and Knox absent.

1. **REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following individuals to the **GENERAL APPEALS BOARD OF DIRECTORS**:
 - Position One - **REGINALD LEE MACK**, reappointment for a term to expire January 2, 2021
 - Position Two - **LESLIE BARRY DAVIDSON**, reappointment for a term to expire January 2, 2020
 - Position Three - **DAVID BROWN**, appointment for a term to expire January 2, 2021
 - Position Four - **SOLOMON B. SILVA**, reappointment for a term to expire January 2, 2020
 - Position Five - **THEODORE "TED" SIMS**, appointment for a term to expire January 2, 2021
 - Position Six - **JAMES F. THOMPSON**, appointment for a term to expire January 2, 2020
 - Position Seven - **MICHAEL DISHBERGER**, appointment and to serve as Chair, for a term to expire January 2, 2021
 - Position Ten - **LANCE MCKNIGHT**, appointment for a term to expire January 2, 2020

Was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Castex-Tatum, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Le, Travis, Cisneros, Gallegos and Knox absent. **MOTION 2019-0070 ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner and Members of Council thanked them for their willingness to serve.

2. **REQUEST** from Mayor for confirmation of the reappointment of the following individuals to the **HOUSTON CIVIC EVENTS, INC**, for terms to expire January 1, 2022:
 - Position Two - **LISA FORONDA HARPER**
 - Position Four - **KYM IRIS KING**

Was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Travis and Knox absent. **MOTION 2019-0071 ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner thanked them for their willingness to serve.

3. **CONFIRMATION** of the appointment of **DIANA UNTERMAYER** to Position 8 of the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HOUSTON CIVIC EVENT, INC, CITY OF HOUSTON TEXAS**, for a term to expire January 1, 2022- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Travis and Knox absent. **MOTION 2019-0072 ADOPTED**

MAYOR'S REPORT

No Mayor's Report.

MISCELLANEOUS - NUMBER 4

4. **RECOMMENDATION** from Director of Human Resources for unpaid leave of absence for **ELIZABETH RODRIGUEZ, Human Resources Specialist**, beginning November 28, 2018 until January 2, 2019- The Assistant City Secretary advised that Item 4 has not been received and if received during the meeting, it will be considered at the end of the Agenda.

ACCEPT WORK - NUMBER 5

5. RECOMMENDATION from Director Houston Public Works for approval of final contract amount of \$2,005,191.88 and acceptance of work on contract with **RELIANCE CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, L.P.**, for Sewer Service to Unserved Areas of Golden Glade Estates Subdivision - Package 20.61% over the original Contract Amount - **DISTRICT D – BOYKINS**- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2019-0073 ADOPTED**

PROPERTY - NUMBER 6

6. RECOMMENDATION from Director Houston Public Works to purchase Parcel AY17-213, located at 4820 Washington Avenue, owned by Washington/Shepherd Partners, Ltd., for the **SHEPHERD AND DURHAM PAVING AND DRAINAGE PROJECT from Washington Avenue to Dickson Street DISTRICT C – COHEN**- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Travis and Knox absent. **MOTION 2019-0074 ADOPTED**

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS - NUMBERS 7 through 12

7. **AMEND MOTION NO. 2018-0306, 6/28/2018, TO INCREASE** spending authority from \$13,865,517.21 to \$13,943,517.21 for Chlorine Tank Body with Crane through the Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Purchasing with the Texas Local Purchasing Cooperative (Buyboard) and Houston-Galveston Area Council for the Fleet Management Department on behalf of Houston Public Works, awarded to **HOUSTON FREIGHTLINER, INC** - \$78,000.00 - Enterprise Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Travis and Knox absent. **MOTION 2019-0075 ADOPTED**

8. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$977,775.00 out of Public Library Consolidated Construction Fund to the contract between the City of Houston and **THYSSENKRUPP ELEVATOR CORPORATION** for the purchase of Construction Services for Elevator Modernization at Jesse H. Jones Central Library for the General Services Department- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Travis and Knox absent. **ORDINANCE 2019-0075 ADOPTED**
9. **THYSSENKRUPP ELEVATOR CORPORATION** to purchase Elevator Modernization Services through the Houston-Galveston Area Council for the General Services Department - \$977,775.00 Public Library Consolidated Construction Fund
This item should only be considered after passage of Item 8 above- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Travis and Knox absent. **MOTION 2019-0076 ADOPTED**
11. **GEMALTO COGENT, INC** for purchase of Automated Fingerprint Identification System Maintenance for the Houston Police Department - \$135,260.29 - General Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Travis and Knox absent. **MOTION 2019-0077 ADOPTED**
12. **WALLER COUNTY ASPHALT, INC** for spending authority to purchase Cold Mix Asphalt from the State of Texas Procurement and Support Services Contract for the Houston Public Works Department \$206,000.00 - Enterprise Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Travis and Knox absent. **MOTION 2019-0078 ADOPTED**

ORDINANCES - NUMBERS 21 through 30

21. **ORDINANCE** amending Ordinance No. 2016-0508 to increase the maximum contract amount for an agreement between the City of Houston and **TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION SERVICE** by and through its Wildlife Services Unit, a member of the Texas A&M University System, for Wildlife Hazard Management Services - \$179,289.00 - Enterprise Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Travis and Knox absent. **ORDINANCE 2019-0076 ADOPTED**
23. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **BERLITZ LANGUAGES, INC** for Conversational Language Testing Services for Various Departments; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$242,027.00 - General and Other Funds- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Travis and Knox absent. **ORDINANCE 2019-0077 ADOPTED**
25. **ORDINANCE** amending Ordinance No. 2016-0410 (Passed on June 1, 2016) to increase the maximum contract amount for the contract between the City of Houston and **PEST MANAGEMENT, INC** for Pest Control Services for Various Departments - \$290,216.50 - General, Enterprise and Other Funds- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Travis and Knox absent. **ORDINANCE 2019-0078 ADOPTED**

28. **ORDINANCE** rescinding Ordinance No. 1999-1376 establishing the south side of the **5800 block of Rose Street** within the City of Houston, Texas as a special minimum building line requirement block pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT C – COHEN**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Travis and Knox absent. **ORDINANCE 2019-0079 ADOPTED**
29. **ORDINANCE** extending the provisions of **SECTION 28-303** of the **CODE of ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, to all single-family residential properties within the **BRENTWOOD SUBDIVISION SECTIONS 1, 2, 3 and 5**; and **PAMELA HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION SECTION 1**, to prohibit parking vehicles in the front or side yards of such residences - **DISTRICT K - CASTEX-TATUM**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Travis and Knox absent. **ORDINANCE 2019-0080 ADOPTED**
30. **ORDINANCE** amending Ordinance No. 2016-802 establishing the east and west sides of the **2000 block of Harvard Street**, within the City of Houston, Texas, as a special minimum lot size block to replace the Exhibit "A" attached thereto - **DISTRICT C – COHEN**- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Travis and Knox absent. **ORDINANCE 2019-0081 ADOPTED**

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

10. **S & S WORLDWIDE, INC** for Recreational, Educational, and Miscellaneous Supplies for the Houston Parks and Recreation Department - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$2,098,100.00 - General Fund- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. Council Members Travis and Knox absent. **MOTION 2019-0079 ADOPTED**
13. **RESOLUTION** confirming support for the proposed development of certain properties as Affordable Rental Housing, each located in the City of Houston, Texas, and the submittal of applications for Housing Tax Credits for such developments- was presented and Council Member Cohen tagged Item 13. Council Member Knox absent.
14. **RESOLUTION** confirming support for the proposed development of certain properties as Affordable Rental Housing, each located in the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Houston, Texas or having been annexed into the City of Houston only for limited purposes, and the submittal of applications for Housing Tax Credits for such developments- was presented and Council Member Cohen tagged Item 14. Council Member Knox absent.
15. **RESOLUTION** confirming no objection to the proposed development of certain properties as Affordable Rental Housing, each located in the City of Houston, Texas, and the submittal of applications for Housing Tax Credits for such developments - **DISTRICTS D - BOYKINS and**

I – GALLEGOS- was presented and Council Member Cohen tagged Item 16. Council Member Knox absent.

16. **RESOLUTION** confirming no objection for the proposed development of certain properties as Affordable Rental Housing, each located in the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Houston, Texas or having been annexed into the city of Houston only for limited purposes, or the submittal of applications for Housing Tax Credits for such developments- was presented and Council Member Cohen tagged Item 17. Council Member Knox absent.
17. **RESOLUTION** identifying certain proposed developments of Affordable Rental Housing as contributing to the concerted revitalization efforts of the City of Houston, Texas more than any other in the concerted revitalization plan area in which the applicable development is located - **DISTRICTS B - DAVIS; D - BOYKINS; E - MARTIN; H - CISNEROS; I - GALLEGOS; J - LASTER and K - CASTEX-TATUM-** was presented and Council Member Cohen tagged Item 13. Council Member Knox absent.
18. **ORDINANCE** adopting the City of Houston Community Housing Development Organization Single-Family Home Development Program Guidelines- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Knox absent. **ORDINANCE 2019-0082 ADOPTED**
19. **ORDINANCE** amending Ordinances 2018-56 and 2018-84 to provide for additional funding, thereby increasing funding available to each Master Contractor Agreement executed thereunder and increasing the maximum amount of all of the Master Contractor Agreements executed pursuant thereto \$3,433,581.00 - Grant Funds- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Knox absent. **ORDINANCE 2019-0083 ADOPTED**
20. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing sixth amendment to extend the term of the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program Rental Housing Projects Round 2 Subrecipient Grant Agreement between the City of Houston and the **GENERAL LAND OFFICE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS-** was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Knox absent. **ORDINANCE 2019-0084 ADOPTED**
22. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing Professional Legal Services Agreement between **BALLARD SPAHR LLP** and the City of Houston; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Knox absent. **ORDINANCE 2019-0085 ADOPTED**
23. **ORDINANCE** amending Ordinance No. 2018-0347 (Passed on April 25, 2018) to establish a maximum contract amount for the contracts between the City of Houston and (1) **DRC EMERGENCY SERVICES**, (2) **ASHBRITT, INC** and (3) **PHILLIPS & JORDAN INCORPORATED** for Hurricane Harvey Disaster Debris Removal Services for the Solid Waste Management Department; declaring the City's intent to seek reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and other eligible sources for such expenditures - **\$23,139,461.17** - Disaster Recovery Fund- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. Council Member Knox absent. **ORDINANCE 2019-0086 ADOPTED**
26. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing first amendment to the contract between the City of Houston and **MCLEMORE BUILDING MAINTENANCE, INC** for Janitorial Cleaning and

Associated Services for the General Services Department on behalf the Houston Police Department; amending Ordinance Number 2013-0739 (Passed on August 27, 2013) to increase the maximum contract - \$1,211,953.68 General Fund- was presented and tagged by Council Members Boykins and Laster.

27. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing first amendment to the contract between the City of Houston and **MCLEMORE BUILDING MAINTENANCE, INC** for Janitorial Cleaning and Associated Services for the General Services Department on behalf of Various Departments; amending Ordinance Number 2013-1055 (Passed on November 13, 2013) to increase the maximum contract - \$2,017,309.44 General, Enterprise and Other Funds- was presented and tagged by Council Members Boykins and Laster.
31. **ORDINANCE** awarding contract to **PROFESSIONAL TRAFFIC CONTROL, LLC** for FY2019 Pavement Markings Services Work Orders #1; 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- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2019-0087 ADOPTED**

NON CONSENT AGENDA - NUMBER 32

MISCELLANEOUS

32. **MOTION TO SET A DATE** not less than seven days from February 13, 2019, to receive nominations for appointment for Position One on the **PORT OF HOUSTON AUTHORITY OF HARRIS COUNTY**, for a term to expire February 1, 2021- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2019-0080 ADOTPED**

MATTERS HELD - NUMBER 33

33. **MOTION** by Council Member Cohen/Seconded by Council Member Davis to adopt recommendation from Chief Procurement Officer to award to **HAHN EQUIPMENT CO., INC** for purchase of Submersible Pumps and Associated Equipment for Houston Public Works - \$3,032,310.95 - Enterprise Fund
TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BOYKINS
This was Item 8 on Agenda of February 6, 2019- was presented, all voting aye, nays none.
MOTION 2019-0081 ADOPTED

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE FOR AGENDA OF FEBRUARY 13, 2019

34. **ORDINANCE** appropriating \$6,000,000.00 out of Airports Improvement Fund as an additional appropriation for Professional Services Agreement between the City of Houston and **TURNER & TOWNSEND, INC** (Approved by Ordinance No. 2015-167) for Executive Program Management Services for the Houston Airport System (Project No. 800)- was presented, all voting aye, nays none. **ORDINANCE 2019-0081 ADOPTED**

Assistant City Secretary advised that Item 4 has been received and will be consider the next Item.

- 4. RECOMMENDATION** from Director of Human Resources for unpaid leave of absence for **ELIZABETH RODRIGUEZ, Human Resources Specialist**, beginning November 28, 2018 until January 2, 2019- was presented, moved by Council Member Cohen and seconded by Council Member Davis, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2019-0081 ADOPTED**

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

Members of Council announced events and discussed matters of interest.

There being no further business before Council; the City Council adjourned at 10:00 a.m. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Le, Laster, Knox and Kubosh absent.

DETAILED INFORMATION ON FILE ON THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

Pat J. Daniel, Assistant City Secretary

