

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, March 28, 2000

A Regular Meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p. m. Tuesday, March 28, 2000, with Mayor Lee P. Brown presiding and with Council Members Bruce Tatro, Carol M. Galloway, Mark Goldberg, Jew Don Boney, Jr., Rob Todd, Mark A. Ellis, Bert Keller, Gabriel Vasquez, John E. Castillo, Annise D. Parker, Gordon Quan, Orlando Sanchez and Carroll G. Robinson; Mr. Paul Bibler, Senior Counsel, City Attorney's Office, Mr. Jesse Cantu, Director, Citizens Assistance and Ms. Martha Stein, Agenda Director present. Council Member Chris Bell out of city on personal business.

At 2:07 p.m. Mayor Brown called to order the meeting of the City Council, and Council Member Quan led everyone in prayer and pledge of allegiance.

At 2:08 p.m. Mayor Brown requested the City Secretary to call the roll. Council Member Bell out of the city on personal business. Council Members Goldberg, Boney, Todd and Vasquez absent.

Council Members Quan and Tatro moved that the minutes of the preceding meeting be adopted. Council Member Bell out of the city on personal business. Council Members Goldberg, Boney, Todd and Vasquez absent.

Council Member Sanchez recognized a delegation from Morocco, and stated that the group was sponsored by the American Council of Young Political Leaders (ACYPL), that it was an exchange of young political leaders from the United States, that they send leaders from all over the Country to all parts of the world and also received delegations from all parts of the world, that today the group from Morocco was being headed by the Program Director, Mr. Michael Reiner. Council Members Goldberg, Vasquez and Castillo absent.

Mr. Reiner stated that the American Council of Young Political Leaders were headquartered in Washington, DC and their focus was to bring and send young emerging political leaders from around the world into Washington and to other states for a program for roughly about two weeks long, that the American Council of Young Political Leaders was founded in 1966 as a 501C3 organization and was founded under the principle and idea that during the time of the Cold War a number of individuals saw the disconnect of how their international partners behind the Iron Curtain and Europe and wanted to create an organization that could tie and bind their interests to bind them tighter together and to work through the Iron Curtain, so they started in Europe and today it was much more broader through Asia, North Africa and South America, that it was a non partisan, 50% democrat and 50% republican, organization, that 50% was funded through the State Department and the rest was private business and individuals that had been on their trips. Council Member Sanchez invited each member of the Morocco Delegation to introduce themselves. Council Members Goldberg and Castillo absent.

Mayor Brown welcomed them and stated that he hoped that it would not be the last time that they would have the chance to visit, and wanted to also strengthen relationships between their cities. Council Members Goldberg and Castillo absent.

At 2:17 p.m. Mayor Brown requested the City Secretary to call the list of speakers.

Ms. Gretchen Hollingworth, 311 Hawthorne #16, Houston, Texas 77006 (713-522-8346) appeared and stated that she was an independent producer with the public access channel which was the Houston Media Source, that she wanted to thank the City of Houston for providing the opportunity for culturally diverse programming with the Public Access channel and an alternate to commercial programming, that Houston Media Source was the voice of the community of Houston and for those of them who could not afford to purchase all of the latest technology with the equipment that they had just received they were able to provide accurate programming to show what was going on in the City of Houston so they were present to thank Council and when they would hear Houston Media Source and Public Access they would continue to know that they were the voice of the community and think about them as they continued to receive funding from the City.

Council Member Galloway moved to suspend the rules to hear Mr. Ernest McMillan, Mr. Quincy Berry and Mr. Jose Lazo together and add Ms. Quintess Lindsey to the speakers list and to hear from Ms. Susan Jackson after Ms. Lindsey, seconded by Council Member Boney. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2000-436 ADOPTED.

Mr. Ernest McMillan, 4601 Noble, Houston, Texas 77020 (713-229-8353) appeared and stated that he was Executive Director of the Fifth Ward Enrichment Program, that their agency was a community based agency and had been around since 1984; that for the last 4 years they had been a free standing agency, that he was proud to be standing before them, that their agency worked with young men especially and they were promoting their development into healthy, responsible and productive adult citizens, that today he was simply present to acknowledge one of the City's resources that had helped their agency and were present to support the Houston Resource Center formerly known as Access Houston, that he served on the board of that agency, but before serving on that board he was aware of it and it helped them in many ways, because any and every success they had to enjoy in promoting the health and responsible living of those young men was because of someone else's generosity and kindness, that one of the most successful efforts they had within their agency was through their Teen Enterprise Center, that within their Teen Enterprise Center they had bicycle repair, mirror artists, silk screen printing, computer refurbishing and even urban gardening, that all of those efforts combined help give their young men an opportunity to learn skills at an early age, being able to practice out a budget and manage their lives and become successful in creative ways without having to beg, borrow and steal for it, that the Houston Resource Center had been helpful because one of his enterprises was filmmaking and the two young men with him were present to tell how it impacted their lives, that Mr. Berry was a senior at Wheatley High School and Mr. Lazo was a freshman at the High School for Law Enforcement.

Mr. Quincy Berry, 4014 Market, Houston, Texas 77020 (713-229-8353) appeared and stated that he was in the Fifth Ward Enrichment Program and had been in the program for about five years, that with Access Houston he had the opportunity to go to South Africa and record his visit along with his fellow members of the Fifth Ward Enrichment Program and that was a good experience and he thanked them for that, that it gave him the training and know how to fix the cameras, to record, edit and all the other things that professionals did, that he had the chance to take his camera to Louisiana and other places to record his experiences so he could share them with his fellow members and any other child that wanted to know and to bring it to the program to be taught those

skills for the future, that he wanted to thank Access Houston for everything they had done for them because they did not really see someone just putting out their hands and giving them that training, that sometimes they had to pay for it or beg for it, but they gave it to him and he was glad and wanted to praise them for helping him out.

Mr. Jose Lazo, 4014 Market, Houston, Texas 77020 (713-229-8353) appeared and stated that he went to the High School for Law Enforcement, that he had been in the film makers for two years, that he wanted to thank Houston Media Source for providing them with cameras, because with the cameras they had learned how to use them, how to interview, and all the positions that the cameras had to be in and without them they would not know all of those things.

Mayor Brown thanked Mr. McMillan for his continuous good work, that he had done a great job as usual and that the two young men with him were good representatives of his work so they appreciated what he was doing.

Ms. Susan Jackson, 1475 W. Gray, Houston, Texas 77019 (713-529-6910) appeared and stated through a sign interpreter that she was Project Director of Optica and she was present on Houston Media Source, that they had been a major support of their organization, that on behalf of Illuminations Theatre with the deaf and Optica they thanked them for providing her an interpreter and an opportunity to speak out for their signing and that wonderful organization that had worked with them up to now, that Optica had three classes and one of them was a media class, that it connected with Houston Media Source and they send one teacher to teach them in the class, that they provided studio time for their students to learn editing techniques, including captioning video tapes, that they were working together to develop the media program by working with the hearing impaired students, that they also worked to develop the video tape library from their Little Hand Theatre activity and children's story hour, that they were presently collaborating with them on the project Deaf Talk, a live deaf talk show slated for Deaf Awareness Month in September, so she would like to show them their strong support to keep Houston Media Source, that Houston Media Source had been instrumental in the documentation of deaf art and artisans in the Houston area and they looked forward to their continued relationship with them.

The City Secretary advised the audience that under the rules of Council any applause or boo's or anything was prohibited under the rules, that it just delayed the speaker session and Council would appreciate their cooperation by observing those rules.

Ms. Quintess Lindsey appeared and stated that she was 13 years old and had been with the Houston Media Source for 2 years and was very happy with the program, that she had learned how to edit and also run her own show and had also met new friends, that it helped boost her self esteem and she would like to see the Houston Media Source Summer Youth Program grow.

Ms. Arlene Russell, 8502 Opalwood, Humble, Texas 77338 (713-639-1593) appeared and stated that she was speaking on behalf of Houston Media Source and was very grateful for the Summer Youth Program, that it had allowed three of her nieces in and in fact they had interviewed Council Member Robinson at the Martin Luther King Jr. Parade and thought that was an honor to allow the teens an opportunity to go out to

different events and interview, and not only did they interview, they did their editing and ran their cameras, that she thought that it was very nice when the youth could learn from other youth, and stated that they were very happy with the program and would like any type of support and more support that they could give them, and appreciated any type of support that they could give the youth to keep them in the program.

Mr. Jimmy Dunne, 1306 West Brooklake, Houston, Texas 77077 (281-584-9707) appeared and stated that he was with the Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty and had passed out some handouts regarding the death penalty in Texas to each member of Council, that they were present to ask Council's to support a resolution which called for a moratorium on executions in Texas, that the Texas Legislature could take the act, but they believed that Council's moral persuasion and help would help them make that decision, that the death penalty in Texas was very unfair and very racially motivated and needed to be examined and they needed to come up with some examples of how to improve it, that right now the public support for the death penalty had fallen to 41% when there was a life without parole choice, and 43% preferred to have life without parole, that they were very concerned that innocent people had been executed, that in Texas 7 people on death row had been removed or exonerated since 1977 and was sure they were familiar with Randall Dale Adams and Clarence Brandley, that just a couple of weeks ago they had Odell Barnes Jr. executed on March 1, 2000 despite that fact that there was evidence that there was planted blood from the victim on his clothing, that the lawyer could not get the judges to look at that evidence, that the Houston Chronicle had an editorial that stated that the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals had ruled that newly discovered evidence of innocence was insufficient grounds for overturning a conviction or ordering a new trial, that showed that the execution program was totally unfair and was reserved for the poor and minorities who could not afford to hire their own attorney's, that 90% of their capital cases were people who could not afford to hire their own attorney and were appointed attorney who often had little or no experience in criminal cases, that other cities, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and San Francisco had also made the moratorium resolutions and thought Houston should stand up and do the same thing because Texas was way out of line on the executions, that since January 1, 1999 they had 47 executions and the other 49 states had 76, that they had 8% of the Nations population and had 38% of the executions, that they needed to look into it.

Mr. Dave Atwood, 1802 Kipling, Houston, Texas 77098 (713-529-3826) appeared and stated that he was present to basically support what Mr. Dunne had stated, that he was president of the Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty, that they probably asked themselves why they had brought it up to the Council, well primarily they would really like their moral voice on it, that there was a trend right now in the Country for City Council's to pass resolutions calling for a moratorium on executions, that he wanted to make it very clear that they were not asking for abolition of the death penalty, that a person like himself was for that, that they were calling for a moratorium which was different and said let's stop the executions and examine the criminal justice system, that there were serious problems with the criminal justice systems, that it was very hard for many of them to accept that there were that many problems with the system and he would not have believed it himself 5 years ago, but had learned over the last 5 years that it was a highly flawed, biased system that they had and sometimes it resulted in innocent people being convicted, and sometimes innocent people being executed, that he thought they needed to stop the executions and asked for their support in terms of a resolution, that they could sign the resolution even if they were for the death penalty, that they could

be for the death penalty and still sign a resolution asking for a moratorium, and he referred them to a book by Barry Scheck and Peter Neufeld called Actual Innocence, that if they did not believe about the problems in the criminal justice system to read the book, that it was very clear and convincing. Council Members Castillo and Robinson absent.

Council Member Boney stated that in the material that Mr. Atwood passed there was summary of the Amnesty International Report on the death penalty in Texas called Lethal Injustice and requested a copy of the entire report and stated that he would be willing to make a commitment to write a letter on his letterhead stationary in support of the moratorium, that he had a lot of experience with the abolishment movement and had worked on a number of cases of people who were innocent on death row and in fact innocent in prison as well, that he was pleased that the coalition had taken it as a strategy and would suggest, as had other abolitionists, that they seek new legislation in the State of Texas to establish imprisonment without the possibility of parole, that one of the reasons they suffered so many executions was that it was the primary alternative so that violent offenders were not released after some period of time, back into society where they may prey upon the innocent again, that if there were an alternative which would incarcerate those people for the rest of their natural lives that many juries would in fact choose that other alternative, and he strongly urged Mr. Atwood to meet with the Texas Legislative Delegation and begin that discussion, because that also would not be prohibitive for those who did still support the death penalty. Council Member Castillo absent.

Mr. Frank Blake, 1010 Peden #3, Houston, Texas 77006 (713-528-2896) appeared and stated that he currently served as chair of the Houston Sierra Club, that all across the Country communities were waking up to the problems caused by urban sprawl, that they too were rapidly losing their best remaining open space to highway expansion and secondary development and they suffered the resulting impacts on air quality, mobility, flood control and quality of life, that they believed that Houston had come to a crucial crossroads and they must now make smart choices regarding their future growth, that transportation issues were key and they believed it was a mistake to think that expanding and adding freeways endlessly would solve their mobility problems, that their attention should now focus on developing real transportation options, that development of the light rail network and commuter rail would lead to improved mobility, better land use, cleaner air and serve as a catalyst for economic revitalization, that good transit could create pedestrian friendly districts and a more livable city, that the Sierra Club strongly supported the proposed light rail line on Main Street and wished to thank the Mayor and City Council Members for their leadership in bringing light rail to Houston, that the City of Dallas had demonstrated that light rail systems could be successfully built in their region and were fortunate to have such a working model from which they could learn, that on Tuesday evening, April 11, 2000, the Houston Sierra Club was sponsoring a public presentation on the Dallas Dart Light Rail System and they invited members of the City Council, the Mayor and their staffs to attend the event, that Mr. Jack Risensky, Senior Manager of Planned Studies and Economic Development with Dallas area rapid transit would relate the success story of light rail in Dallas and future expansion plans, that light rail in Dallas had spurred much redevelopment and had garnered broad public support, that this was an opportunity to examine how a rail network could benefit the Houston region and looked forward to working with their elected City leaders on transit and other issues that were essential to their economy and quality of life. Council Member Castillo absent.

Council Member Boney stated that what it really came down to on the matters of public policy was how many votes did they have and there was a fine line that was being walked there with regard to the funding from the Federal Government for the starter rail that would go down Main Street as opposed to other connections to it that other parts of the City had wanted, that as a matter of fact some of the federally elected officials had said that if there was a lot of discussion about system wide rail then they would not even want to support the initial starter rail, that obviously there was enough money to do the starter rail, but they would need the political support with their elected officials and with the public to have a total solution, that obviously rail would not be a complete solution anymore than freeways would be a complete solution, that one of the things that the Mayor had done with the air quality comprehensive plan that they proposed was to try to bring the region in to a plan of process for air quality, that one of the things that he had strong suggestions was that the State Legislature do emissions control testing on the whole State rather than do emissions control in Houston and in Dallas and acting like there was no pollution coming from the suburban areas from the major pockets of industry that also pollute the air, that he looked forward to working in partnership with the environmental community to try to develop a politically savvy strategic plan that would improve the quality of life and the quality of the air. Council Member Castillo absent.

Council Member Vasquez stated that he appreciated Mr. Blake's support of rail and the starter line, however he asked him to look real closely to the northern most stop which was right by the University of Houston Downtown and unfortunately that stop was at the top of a bridge and from his perspective it made to sense to have a rail stop at the top of a bridge when they could go a 100 feet or more into the Northside where there would be parking and other types of activities, so he hoped that as they focused on the starter line and doing a good job of identifying the stops and the locations that they overcome the idea that stopping at the top of a bridge would be a good idea, and any help support that he could lend to making sure that there was a rail stop in the Northside and that they did not have a rail stop at the top of the bridge causing safety and traffic congestion and pedestrian problems would be most appreciated, and Mr. Blake stated that they saw the public meeting as an important opportunity to educate themselves about the opportunities that a light rail network could present itself, and of course they would be starting with the current rail on Main Street as proposed, but they needed to be open to how it had worked in other communities and how it could be successfully applied here. Council Member Castillo absent.

Ms. Claire Broido, 2222 Maroneal, Houston, Texas 77030 (713-853-0390) appeared and stated that she was also speaking on behalf of the Sierra Club and was an environmental scientist, that the Houston Chapter of the Sierra Club included more than 5,000 members and the Sierra Club was the oldest and largest conservation organization, that she was talking about air quality issues, that the Sierra Club would very much like to work with the Mayor and the City Council on the air quality issues, that clean air was not a luxury, that the Houston Galveston Area Council pointed to a study that was done that said that the economic cost due to health problems caused by smog were up to \$2.9 to \$3.1 billion dollars annually and it was a very important issue as they were all aware, that the Sierra Club proposals for addressing the air quality problem included greater use of mass transit, requiring low cost and low emission vehicle plans and requiring enforceable regulations for power companies and ending the grandfathering of older industrial facilities under State Clean Air Regulations and insuring the use of

modern and clean technologies by businesses, that she would like to reiterate the public meeting on light rail, that she had three very specific points, (1) that she hoped they strengthen the bureau of air quality control, that there were many fewer employees there now than there were 10 years ago, (2) work to monitor the currently unreported upsets, such as unreported leaks from oil refineries, that those numbers were astounding, and (3) end the grandfathering of older industrial facilities under the State Clean Air Regulations.

Mr./Coach R. J. Bobby Taylor, 3107 Sumpter, Houston, Texas 77028 FA20234511 had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called.

Mr. John Gable, 12211 Fondren #305, Houston, Texas 77035 (713-729-5721) appeared and stated that last year he was present about a campaign to listen to the cries of the children, that he had been hospitalized with several problems, that he was present to get some more support to help the kids do some things after school and get out of detention centers. Council Member Sanchez absent.

Mayor Brown stated they appreciated his being present again and also appreciated his dedication in working on behalf of the children and thought he could speak for all members of the City Council that they all shared his concern and recognized that their children represented the future and they all had an obligation, duty and responsibility to make sure they could grow up, get a good education and stay out of trouble to reach their full potential. Council Member Sanchez absent.

Mr. Benito Coronado, 7919 Masterson, Houston, Texas 77028 (713-674-1496) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Member Sanchez absent.

Mr. Steven Williams, no address, no phone had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Member Sanchez absent.

Mr. Woodrow Johnson, 2409 Sam Wilson, Houston, Texas 77020 (713-674-8637) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Member Sanchez absent.

Ms. Pat Porter, 1015 Prince, Houston, Texas 77008 (713-878-7570) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Member Sanchez absent.

Ms. Victoria Williams, 9847 Mesa Dr., Houston, Texas 77078 (713-635-7446) appeared and stated that she was a member of the Greater Progressive Baptist Church at 9847 Mesa Road, that she was present to discuss the issue of widening of Mesa Street, that from her understanding it should be on the agenda in November, that the street needed to be widened and they had sidewalks that were down the street partially but then the rest of the street there were makeshift sidewalks which meant that the children had no where to walk, that there were about 4 schools on Mesa Street and also upcoming apartments that were going to be on Mesa Street, that the community was growing and they were wondering when would Mesa Street be widened, that through the years Mesa Street was set to be widened but it had not been done yet and they wanted to know if there were plans for Mesa Street to be widened and if there was not then why not, that they wanted to know what was going on. Council Member Sanchez absent.

Mayor Brown stated that Mesa Street had been on their Capital Improvement Plan for sometime and he remembered talking to many people out there in that community and wondering the same thing that Ms. Williams was asking about when it was going to be taken care of, that this was a two phase project and Phase I was scheduled to go out for bids in mid April, with construction to start in July, that Phase II would start immediately after Phase I was completed and the total cost was about \$10 million dollars to accomplish what they wanted done and would take about 12 months for each phase so that in two years they should have completed the entire project, so that was where they were right now, that he agreed with her that this had been something that was long overdue and they had Mesa Street on the capital improvement list as a candidate project for a long time, that there were religious leaders out there that had been working very hard to get it done as well as the other neighborhood leadership and so that was the time frame, two phases within two years, and Council Member Galloway stated that she had checked on it, that what had happened was that it had been in the planning designing stage and it took approximately a year to design so that was the reason the construction had not started yet, but it would be started as the Mayor stated, that in April they would be issuing the contract to widen the street, and Mayor Brown stated that it would be a four lane, curb and gutter thoroughfare with sidewalks, instead of a two lane open ditch right of way.

Mr. Julio Fajardo, 8217 Cowart, Houston, Texas 77029 (713-674-9432) appeared and stated that he was president of the Port of Houston Civic Club, that agreed with the Neighborhood Protection because it was looking good in the Port of Houston, that he wanted to thank Mayor Brown for his support in general because that was a way for their children to stay away from the gangs and out of trouble, that at this time he was currently involved in the Youth Soccer League, that he wanted to thank Ms. Bolano and her department because they were doing their best at keeping the ditches and the street in the area where he lived in good condition because she understood what their community needed, and he thanked Council Member Quan for his attention because the people of the Port of Houston were worried about prostitution and they asked for more police patrol in that area so that their children would not be exposed to that kind of behavior, that they wanted their children to grow up fine, and he had asked Council Member Castillo and his department to listen and help the Port of Houston because their community had a lot of problems. Council Member Sanchez absent.

Council Member Quan stated that when he met with Mr. Fajardo and the Port of Houston Civic Club they indicated they needed a fence between the Port of Houston and the neighborhood and stated that he still wanted him to get back in touch to see if they still needed it because he had spoken with the port people and they were willing to build a fence if the community really wished that to be done and he would be glad to follow-up with him on police patrols in the neighborhood. Council Member Sanchez absent.

Ms. Mirya Garcia, 1903 Daugherty, Houston, Texas 77029 (713-675-8085) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Member Sanchez absent.

Mr. Keith Jamar, 4207 Chartres, Houston, Texas 77004 (no phone) appeared and stated that he was disabled and continued to speak about his personal issues while living

in Houston and also discussed his medical condition until his time expired. Council Members Castillo and Sanchez absent.

Mayor Brown stated that Mr. Jesse Cantu was present to meet with him and get more details on his concerns. Council Members Castillo and Sanchez absent.

Ms. Gladys Yvonne Carter, 5034 Pershing, Houston, Texas 77033 (no phone) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Castillo and Sanchez absent.

Ms. Esperanza Flores, 2002 Flaxman #2, Houston, Texas 77029 (713-671-0993) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Castillo and Sanchez absent.

Mr. Ricky Hurt, 2500 W. Mount Houston, Houston, Texas 77038 (281-448-0959) appeared and stated that he was the bandit slasher, that today his topic was the unsightly bandit signs along the roadways, that it was springtime and with the beautiful weather the ones hired to put up bandit signs would soon be out in force again, that they had a little breather a couple of days after the election and it looked so nice, but now they would be out again, that he was very impressed when the Mayor was able to get 500 people last weekend to clean up the area around the downtown diamond, that it was something about to impress the people about the beauty of Houston, and to get to the Houston downtown diamond people were going to have to travel along the blighted roadways, I-10, 290, 1960, Highway 6, Montrose Boulevard, et cetera, that he appreciated the work of the sign administration and all the work they had done to rid the roadways of bandit signs, that the handful of people of the sign administration needed a little help from the neighborhoods to accomplish the roadways clear of bandit signs, that if they could get 500 people to clean the area around the baseball diamond then maybe they could get each district in Houston to provide volunteers to clean the signs in their neighborhoods, that a couple of months ago Council Member Tatro contacted one of his constituents in Spring Branch about Mr. Hurt's bandit sign web site and they were now working together, that maybe other Council Members could do it in their own districts too and they could work together on it, that a women from the River Oaks Road Women introduced him to a national web site about the bandit signs which was based in Dallas and it was www.causs.org and it was Citizens Against Ugly Street Span, that he suggested to Council Member Sanchez a couple of months ago that they needed a public service announcement and understood that he was working with the Municipal Channel on that, that they needed to have more enforcement of the bandit signs by the police and if they observed people placing the signs, and to have elected officials state that it was against the law to place illegal bandit signs along the roadways and that included home builders on weekends, that according to the sign administration they as citizens could remove the signs along public right of ways so how about a month of public awareness regarding bandit signs. Council Members Galloway, Castillo and Sanchez absent.

Council Member Keller stated that it was something they were going to focus on and that Mr. Hurt had brought to light that the missing link may be enforcement and he was going to check in the sign administration department as to how many people did they have assigned to enforcement and of that enforcement what were the penalties when they could actually execute the enforcement because it was illegal. Council Members Galloway and Sanchez absent.

Council Member Parker stated that she agreed with him and she too was a sign snatcher and was glad that he kept up with it, that she thought there was one guy in sign enforcement that actually went out and picked up signs, but it was a big city and he was busy and needed lots of help. Council Members Galloway and Sanchez absent.

Council Member Castillo stated that they had a problem with a lot of renegade real estate people, that they put up their signs no matter what was done and if they took them down they were back up the next morning, that it was really a disservice, that maybe they could speak to the association of realtors about passing the word. Council Members Galloway and Sanchez absent.

President Joseph Charles, P.O. Box 53831, Houston, Texas 77052 (713-710-1715) appeared and stated that he was President Joseph Charles of Royalty and also a certified volunteer deputy registrar of Harris County and one of the only official presidential candidates for the coming presidential election and he was a crime victim, that he was present again to request an order for emergency protection as a crime victim, that his case address and charges of HPD was that he was a Houston Police Patrolman's Booster member and crime victim, conviction case versus HPD consisted of capital punishment and crimes that had been committed that was known by the City Council Chambers and Mayor Lee P. Brown, that he had been trying to get his attention and his case had been pending when he was the former police chief and he did not take any action on his case, that all his vital organs had been removed and his mind had been tampered with many radio devices and totally computerized. Council Members Galloway and Sanchez absent.

Council Member Vasquez stated that he would extend his time for one more minute, and President Charles further stated that he had an official command emergency order of protection that was to be provided for him and was issued out by the office of the Grand Jury Division and Court and division and he was an official crime victim, and asked if they were aware of the Texas State Constitution that guaranteed the crime victim bill of rights, that the crime victims office downstairs had refused to take action on his case and his case was an official case that Mayor Lee P. Brown had knowledge of and the City Council Members and asked what they proposed to do about that, that he had evidence and a conclusive conviction case against HPD and not only against HPD but City Council Chambers as a whole for criminal denial of emergency protection. Council Members Galloway and Sanchez absent.

Mr. Richard Johnson, 8738 Fannette, Houston, Texas 77029 (281-850-5040) appeared and stated that they rose today to be the voices of those whose words could no longer be expressed, that the voices of those whose words were silenced and had become memories, that they also spoke for the young adolescence whose dreams and hopes and aspirations for the future had been shattered, and lastly they spoke for the poets whose poems would never be written, the doctors who would never see a patient and the judges who would never have an opportunity to dispense justice, that those were the unborn children of those who would be born affected and infected with HIV and AIDS, that they owed them a better world and circumstance, that the great founders of the Nation felt so fervently and strongly the need for sacrifice to be made by the current generations for freedom and the quality of life for future generations that they wrote it in the preamble, that they the people of the United States of America in order to form a

more perfect union, establish justice, assured domestic tranquility to provide for the common defense and promote general welfare and insure the blessings, liberty to themselves and their prosperity's, that obtaining those goals for themselves was not what made the preamble profound, but it was it was their dedicated commitment to the preservation of the goals for the future generations, and why was he talking about America, the Constitution and a public health problem, that maybe simply to say that HIV and AIDS was nobody's fault but it was a serious American problem, that maybe just to say that Council had a responsibility to respond to the public health problem with every means that it could to eradicate it, and lastly maybe just to say that the Council owed the citizens of the great city a committed and unanimous response that would insure an adequate plan of action to bring the problem under control and the financial resources that it would take not only to implement the plan of action, but to see it through and carry it all the way out, and in the words of Martin Luther King, who said that one could not begin to live until he could rise above the narrow confinements of his own individualistic concerns for the broader concerns of all humanity, that was what leadership was about and that was why they were going to keep the issue before Council until they came up with an answer of what it was going to take to eradicate the problem and the spread of HIV and AIDS in their community as well as their commitment unanimously. Council Members Galloway and Sanchez absent.

Mr. James Partsch-Galvan, 1611 Holman, Houston, Texas 77004 (713-528-2607) appeared and stated that it was Tuesday, March 28, 2000, that today he would like to talk about the Libertarian Party Convention that was held on March 25, 2000, that there were 22 people there, all white except for himself and one other Latino, that he was the only one from Texas Representative District 147, that District 147 was predominantly minority so how could 20 whites who did not even live in the district vote for or against him, that it was illegal and a violation of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and he had thirty days to challenge the vote in district court and he needed a lawyer to handle the case because he was HIV positive, and the speakers list was supposed to read flush the Dyke Campaign and they put Dyky, that it was Flush the Dyke Campaign and that was the campaign that he started to get Council Member Parker out of office. Council Members Galloway and Sanchez absent.

At 3:13 p.m. upon motion by Council Members Robinson and seconded by Council Member Quan, City Council recessed until 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, March 29, 2000. Council Member Bell out of city on personal business. Council Members Galloway and Sanchez absent.

City Council reconvened in the City Council Chamber at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, March 22, 2000, with Mayor Lee P. Brown presiding and with Council Members Bruce Tatro, Carol M. Galloway, Mark Goldberg, Jew Don Boney, Jr., Rob Todd, Mark A. Ellis, Bert Keller, Gabriel Vasquez, John E. Castillo, Annise D. Parker, Gordon Quan, Orlando Sanchez, Chris Bell and Carroll G. Robinson; Mr. Al Haines, Chief Administrative Officer, Mayor's Office; Mr. Richard Lewis, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Mayor's Office; Mr. Anthony Hall, City Attorney; Ms. Martha Stein, Agenda Director and Ms. Linda Layton, Agenda Office, present.

At 8:21 a.m. the City Secretary read the descriptions or captions of items on the Agenda.

At 9:07 a.m. Mayor Brown called the meeting to order. Council Members Galloway, Goldberg, Boney, Vasquez, Bell and Robinson absent.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Briefing by Bob Eury, Executive Director, Houston Downtown Management District, on opening of Enron Field – was presented.

Mr. Eury presented all at the Council table with maps of downtown and baseball buttons welcoming fans to downtown; complimented all city departments for their work regarding the opening of Enron Field tomorrow; gave a briefing on getting to and from the ballpark; parking availability with some parking ranging from \$4.00 to \$6.00; free shuttle service by METRO running downtown so that you would not have to walk from distant parking; and stated that free maps were available at all Kroger stores for parking, streets and tunnel information. Council Members Boney, Vasquez, Bell and Robinson absent.

Council Member Quan stated that he had concerns regarding how the stadium would impact parking for churches and businesses in the area; and upon questions, Mr. Eury stated that the Astros had worked closely with Enunciation church regarding scheduling of masses and game day out of respect for their schedule and some businesses such as in China Town, etc., they were stressing bandit parking, just dropping off a car, and asking that people be respectful of curbside parking restrictions and private parking lots needed for businesses and as they went along they would learn more on what was needed. Council Members Goldberg, Boney, Vasquez, Castillo, and Bell absent.

Mayor Brown stated that Mr. Eury's hard work was very much appreciated and it had paid off. Council Members Goldberg, Boney, Vasquez, Castillo, and Bell absent.

Council Member Sanchez welcomed a group of athletes from Houston's sister city Chiba, Japan, and stated that 16 middle school all star players were present along with their coaches and other representatives for Houston's first ever Houston/Chiba Sister City Baseball exchange; and invited all to the podium. Mayor Brown greeted everyone to the city and stated that this was not only about baseball but about sharing cultures; and he hoped all would make new friends while in Houston. Mayor Brown presented each with a certificate and gave them a gift to present to their Mayor once they returned; and their representative presented Mayor Brown with a gift from their Mayor. Council Member Sanchez presented each with a City of Houston lapel pin and stated that he hoped they would all return home with warm memories of Houston. Council Member Boney absent.

Council Member Galloway moved to suspend the rules to consider Item 37 at out of order, and was seconded by Council Member Robinson. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Boney absent. MOTION 2000-0437 ADOPTED.

37. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing first amendment to loan agreement between the City of Houston and **PLEASANT HILL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**, a Community Housing Development Organization, to loan an additional \$195,000.00 (The original loan amount was \$280,000.00) to aid in the construction of a forty-eight (48) unit Multi-Family

Housing Project for low and very low income citizens, to be located in the 3700 block of Lyons Avenue, which additional loan amount will be funded out of the Home Investment Partnerships Program ("HOME") Fund - **DISTRICT B – GALLOWAY** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Boney absent. ORDINANCE 2000-201 ADOPTED.

Council Member Castillo moved suspend the rules to take Item 38 out of order, and was seconded by Council Member Vasquez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Boney absent. MOTION 2000-0438 ADOPTED.

38. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and the **CHICANO FAMILY CENTER, INC** to provide \$750,000.00 in Community Development Block Grant Funds for Renovations to a Facility located at 7524 Avenue E - **DISTRICT I – CASTILLO** – was presented

Council Member Parker stated that while she would like to see the funds go to the Chicano Family Center she had a number of questions about how the money was being distributed and would like someone from the Administration to visit with her as one was pulled from funding at the sole discretion of the department director; and upon questions, Mayor Brown stated that the department director would visit with her on that.

A vote was called on Item 38. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Boney absent. ORDINANCE 2000-202 ADOPTED.

Council Member Castillo recognized those present with the Chicano Family Center; and stated that the project the non-profit enjoyed had great participation by the city by an agency doing great work; and all their hard work was greatly appreciated.. Council Member Boney absent.

Council Member Robinson moved to suspend the rules to consider Items 40 and 43 at this time. Council Member Vasquez added a friendly amendment to also consider Items 66 and 71 at this time, and was seconded by Council Member Galloway.

The City Secretary stated that Item 43 had not yet been received; and Mayor Brown stated that the motion would be for Items 40, 66 and 71. A vote was called. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Boney absent. MOTION 2000-0439 ADOPTED.

40. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Amendment No. 1 to contract for Marketing and Advertising Support Services for the Houston Airport System by and between the City of Houston and **BQR ADVERTISING AND PUBLIC RELATIONS, INC d/b/a BQR** - \$1,200,000.00 Enterprise Fund - **DISTRICTS B - GALLOWAY and E – TODD** – was presented, and was tagged by Council Members Bell, Sanchez and Todd. Council Member Boney absent.
66. MOTION by Council Member Boney/Seconded by Council Member Sanchez to adopt recommendation from Finance & Administration Department to award to **BERKSHIRE ADVISORS, INC** for Professional Consulting Services to conduct a staffing analysis of the Library's public service positions - \$132,180.00 - General Fund – **(This was Item 27 on Agenda of March 22, 2000, TAGGED BY**

COUNCIL MEMBERS TATRO, VASQUEZ, KELLER, ELLIS and GOLDBERG – was presented.

Council Member Vasquez moved to postpone Item 66 for two weeks, and was seconded by Council Member Ellis. Council Members Boney and Castillo absent.

Council Member Parker stated that a presentation by the Library was scheduled for a Monday morning committee meeting and they would do a full presentation on the Master Plan for Council and there would be an opportunity to ask questions regarding Item 66; and asked if Council Member Vasquez would consider a one week delay. Council Member Vasquez stated that he would prefer a two week delay. Council Members Boney and Castillo absent.

A vote was called on Council Member Vasquez's motion to postpone Item 66 for two weeks. Council Member Parker voting no. Balance voting aye. Council Members Boney and Castillo absent. MOTION 2000-0440 ADOPTED.

71. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 96-39 to increase the maximum contract amount of contract between the City and **BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS, INC** for Materials Acquisition, Cataloging, and Processing for the Library Department - \$13,500,000.00 - General Fund – **(This was Item 52 on Agenda of March 22, 2000, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS QUAN and KELLER)** – was presented.

Council Member Vasquez moved to postpone Item 71 for two weeks, and was seconded by Council Member Keller.

Council Member Parker stated that it had been tagged once; and upon questions, Mayor Brown stated that there was an issue timeliness relating to the fact that the funds were general fund moneys and it would take time to make purchases and funds had to be spent before the end of the fiscal year; that the delay would jeopardize the ability to do that.

Council Member Quan stated that he was one who had tagged the item last week and the money had been allocated by the budget to the library and basically all Council was doing was expanding their spending limit with Baker and Taylor Books; that he also understood invoices were not paid because the allocation was not officially made so he had some of the same concerns as Council Member Parker.

Council Member Sanchez stated that he would like to know the substantive issues for the delay; and Council Member Vasquez stated that he would change to a one week delay; that it was an extension of the contract, but he wanted to look at the totality of the contract. Council Member Castillo absent.

Council Member Boney stated that this was in his district and he would ask Council Members to not support the delay, it was a tremendous facility and he would like it to come on full force for those citizens of Ft. Bend County. Council Member Castillo absent.

Council Member Vasquez stated that he respected the substance of Council Member Boney's argument, but he would like to see the city be responsive to citizens and his understanding was a one week delay would not hurt the item.

Mayor Brown stated that he supported what Council Member Boney indicated, people in that area of the city were very anxious and from an Administrative standpoint he saw no reason for a delay and he would ask Council to vote no on the delay.

A roll call vote was called on Council Member Vasquez's motion to postpone Item 71.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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| Mayor Brown voting no. | Council Member Vasquez voting aye. |
| Council Member Tatro voting aye. | Council Member Castillo voting no. |
| Council Member Galloway voting no. | Council Member Parker voting no. |
| Council Member Goldberg voting no. | Council Member Quan voting no. |
| Council Member Boney voting no. | Council Member Sanchez voting aye. |
| Council Member Todd voting aye. | Council Member Bell voting no. |
| Council Member Ellis voting aye. | Council Member Robinson voting aye. |
| Council Member Keller voting aye. | MOTION 2000-0441 FAILED. |

A vote was called on Item 71. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2000-203 ADOPTED.

Consent Agenda (Items 1 through 60) were considered as follows

MISCELLANEOUS - NUMBERS 1 through 5

- CONFIRMATION of the appointment of **MR. JAMES THOMAS** to Position 14 of the **CITY HALL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**, for a term to expire December 31, 2001 - was presented, moved by Council Member Sanchez, and seconded by Council Member Boney. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Robinson absent. MOTION 2000-0442 ADOPTED.
- RECOMMENDATION from Chief of Police for Extension of Leave of Absence without pay for Police Lieutenant **THOMAS A. ROMAN**, Employee #57044 - was presented, moved by Council Member Sanchez, and seconded by Council Member Boney. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Robinson absent. MOTION 2000-0443 ADOPTED.

DAMAGES - NUMBER 6

- RECOMMENDATION from City Attorney for settlement of lawsuit styled **TAHEREH ASLANI** v. City of Houston, City of Houston Police Department and Nadir Rasheed; Cause No. 99-13542; 280th Judicial District Court - \$36,000.00 - Property and Casualty Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Boney, and seconded by Council Member Sanchez. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2000-0444 ADOPTED.

ACCEPT WORK - NUMBERS 7 through 9

7. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$440,609.22 and acceptance of work on contract with **DURWOOD GREENE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY** for Construction of Neighborhood to Standard Tier VI, Overlay Project in Northline Park, Phase I, GFS Q-1148-01-3 (248-99/Q-1148) - 02.21% under the original contract amount - CDBG Grant Fund - **DISTRICT H – VASQUEZ** - was presented, moved by Council Member Boney, and seconded by Council Member Sanchez. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2000-0445 ADOPTED.

PROPERTY - NUMBERS 10 through 16

14. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering to purchase Parcel A95-75, located at 8006 Wheatley, owned by Katy York King, for the **ELLA (WHEATLEY) BOULEVARD PAVING PROJECT from West Little York to West Gulf Bank Road**, CIP N-0533-33-1 - \$10,202.00 - Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT B – GALLOWAY** - was presented, moved by Council Member Boney, and seconded by Council Member Sanchez. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2000-0446 ADOPTED.
15. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering to purchase Parcel A95-82, located at 9226 South Kirkwood Road, owned by Thor P. Hanson and Mark M. Friedman, in connection with the **KIRKWOOD ROAD PAVING PROJECT from Bissonnet Street to Alief-Clodine Road**, CIP N-0575-00-1 - \$90,160.00 - Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT F – ELLIS** - was presented, moved by Council Member Boney, and seconded by Council Member Sanchez. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2000-0447 ADOPTED.
16. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering to purchase Parcels A95-89 and A95-89A, located at 4620 South Kirkwood Road, owned by Thomas Abraham (an undivided one-half interest) and Sarah Abraham (an undivided one-half interest), for the **KIRKWOOD ROAD PAVING PROJECT from Bissonnet Street to Alief-Clodine Road**, CIP N-0575-00-1 - \$251,566.00 - Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT F – ELLIS** - was presented, moved by Council Member Boney, and seconded by Council Member Sanchez. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2000-0448 ADOPTED.

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS - NUMBERS 17 through 32

LOW BIDS

19. **TEXAS ANILINE DYE CO., INC** for Fluorescent Dye for Department of Public Works & Engineering - \$44,438.40 - Enterprise Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Boney, and seconded by Council Member Sanchez. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2000-0449 ADOPTED.

OTHER

23. **ABB AIR PREHEATER, INC** for Replacement Parts for Two Flash Dryer Paddle Mixers for Department of Public Works & Engineering - \$32,915.00 - Enterprise Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Boney, and seconded by Council Member Sanchez. MOTION 2000-0450 ADOPTED.
26. **DAVIS TRUCK & EQUIPMENT OF SAN ANTONIO-HOUSTON** for Two Rear-Steer Heavy Trash Loader Trucks for Solid Waste Management Department - New - \$195,528.00 - Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Boney, and seconded by Council Member Sanchez. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2000-0451 ADOPTED.
28. **COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT & SALES** - \$60,000.00, **CARLTON-BATES COMPANY** \$126,500.00 and **TURTLE AND HUGHES, INC** - \$162,595.00 for Electrical, Instrument Relays, Meters and Fuses for Various Departments - General, Enterprise, METRO and Fire Department Revolving Funds - was presented, moved by Council Member Boney, and seconded by Council Member Sanchez. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2000-0452 ADOPTED.
29. **SOUTHERN PLAINS POWER** to Furnish and Install Generators for Various Departments - New \$86,703.00 - Equipment Acquisition Consolidated and Street & Drainage Maintenance Funds - was presented, moved by Council Member Boney, and seconded by Council Member Sanchez. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2000-0453 ADOPTED.
31. **REMINGTON TIRE DISTRIBUTOR, INC dba GRAY'S WHOLESALE TIRE DISTRIBUTORS** \$3,801,559.07 and **S/W HOUSTON TIRE SALES, INC** - \$1,540,925.50 for Automobile Tires and Tubes Contract for Various Departments - General, Enterprise and Fleet Management Funds - was presented, moved by Council Member Boney, and seconded by Council Member Sanchez. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2000-0454 ADOPTED.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES - NUMBERS 33 through 60

34. RESOLUTION designating certain property in the City of Houston as a Historic Landmark (The Third Church Of Christ, Scientist Building, 5516 Almeda Road) - **DISTRICT D – BONEY** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. RESOLUTION 2000-12 ADOPTED.
36. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing an Occupancy Agreement between the **NEIGHBORHOOD CENTERS, INC** as occupant, and the City of Houston, Texas, as owner, for space in the Magnolia Multi-Service Center - **DISTRICT I – CASTILLO** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2000-204 ADOPTED.
42. ORDINANCE appropriating \$393,000.00 out of Airport System Subordinate Lien Revenue Bond Fund and approving purchase of approximately 31.73 acres of land out of the W.C.R.R. Co. Sec. 3, Blk. 5 Survey, Abstract 927, Houston, Harris County, Texas, for the expansion of Bush Intercontinental Airport, CIP A-0024, and approving purchase and sale agreement with **R. BRUCE LABOON, Trustee** to

acquire the land for a purchase price, including Title Insurance and Closing Costs, which does not exceed the sum hereby appropriated - **DISTRICT B – GALLOWAY** – had been pulled from the Agenda by the Administration, and was not considered.

43. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing two applications for grant assistance, as submitted, to the **UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**, Federal Highway Administration for Two Diesel Demonstration Projects; declaring the City's eligibility for such grants; authorizing the Mayor to act as the City's representative in the application process; authorizing the Finance and Administration Director for the City of Houston to accept such grant funds and to apply for and accept all subsequent awards, if any, pertaining to the program - \$71,000.00 - CNG Vehicle Replacement Fund – had not been received, and the City Secretary announced it would be considered at the end of the Agenda if received during the meeting.
47. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing professional Fine Art Restoration Services contract between the City and **LABORATORY FOR CONSERVATION OF FINE ARTS** for the Restoration of the Artworks "West of the Pecos", "Winds of Change" located at Bush Intercontinental Airport, and "Call Ernie" located at Hobby Airport - \$40,500.00 - Enterprise Fund - **DISTRICTS B - GALLOWAY and E – TODD** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2000-205 ADOPTED.
51. ORDINANCE appropriating \$37,460.65 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing a Developer Participation Contract between the City of Houston and **W & W ASSET MANAGEMENT, INC** for construction of Water & Sanitary Sewer Lines in the Villages of Westplace Subdivision, CIP S-0800-17-3 and R-0800-21-3 - **DISTRICT C – GOLDBERG** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2000-206 ADOPTED.
52. ORDINANCE appropriating \$173,513.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund for Demolition of the Alief Central Wastewater Treatment Plant under various cost sharing contracts with the **GULF COAST DISPOSAL AUTHORITY**, CIP R-0527-01-3; providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT G – KELLER** – had not been received, and the City Secretary announced it would be considered at the end of the Agenda if received during the meeting.
55. ORDINANCE appropriating \$418,000.00 out of Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing professional engineering services contract between the City of Houston and **JNS CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC** for Design of Reconstruction of Dixie Drive from Almeda Road to Bowling Green, CIP N-0611-36-2 (SB9019); providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT D – BONEY** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2000-207 ADOPTED.

57. ORDINANCE appropriating \$275,000.00 out of General Improvements Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing first amendment to professional services contract between the City of Houston and **GILBANE BUILDING COMPANY** for Facilities Construction Management Services, CIP D-0099-01 – had been pulled from the Agenda by the Administration, and was not considered.
58. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,061,000.00 out of Street & Bridge Construction Fund, awarding construction contract to **DURWOOD GREENE CONSTRUCTION CO.**, on low bid of \$824,753.00 and approving and authorizing professional services contract for engineering testing services with **TOLUNAY-WONG ENGINEERS, INC** in the amount of \$60,000.00 for construction of the Neighborhoods to Standard Meadowcreek Overlay Program Tier VI; GFS Q-1147-01-3 (247-98); providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Bridge Construction Fund - **DISTRICT E – TODD** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2000-208 ADOPTED.
60. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,540,000.00 out of Street & Bridge Construction Fund, awarding construction contract to **DURWOOD GREENE CONSTRUCTION CO.**, on low bid of \$1,218,871.00 and approving and authorizing professional services contract for engineering testing services with **DAE & ASSOCIATES, LTD., d/b/a GEOTECH ENGINEERING & TESTING** in the amount of \$85,000.00 for construction of the Neighborhoods to Standard - Reveille/Park Place Overlay Program - Tier VI; GFS Q-1151-01-3 (251-98); providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Bridge Construction Fund - **DISTRICT I – CASTILLO** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2000-209 ADOPTED.

Items removed from the Consent Agenda were considered as follows:

MISCELLANEOUS

1. CONFIRMATION of the appointment of the following to the Community Educational Outreach Panel of the **ANIMAL SHELTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**, for terms to expire December 31, 2001:
Position H - **MR. JOSEPH RAMIREZ**
Position I - **MR. LEON ADAMS GARCIA, JR.**
- was presented, moved by Council Member Boney, and seconded by Council Member Sanchez. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2000-0455 ADOPTED.
3. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Health & Human Services for approval of funding for an Interlocal Agreement with **HARRIS COUNTY** for the Houston/Harris County Child Fatality Review Team - \$42,200.00 - General Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Boney, seconded by Council Member Castillo, and was tagged by Council Members Sanchez, Bell, Tatro, Vasquez and Todd.

Council Member Bell stated that he would like Mayor Brown to ask that the department deliver the information his office requested; that he had no problem with the

item but would like a follow-up when his office requested information; and Mayor Brown stated that he would make sure it happened.

Council Member Todd stated that he would also like to know why Houston was the only city being asked to contribute money when it was a countywide effort; and Mayor Brown stated that he would get an answer to his question.

5. RECOMMENDATION from Director Building Services Department for approval of Change Order No. 3 modifying the scope of work and adding 121 days to contract with **R. H. TONETTI CONSTRUCTION COMPANY** for Renovation of Smith Branch Library, GFS E-0063-01-3 **DISTRICT D – BONEY** – was presented, moved by Council Member Boney, and seconded by Council Member Sanchez.

Council Member Keller stated that out of respect to his colleague he would not tag or vote no, but he would like to point out that Ms. McGilbra's office did a good job on the backup and it was unusual how many times it occurred that after a project commenced serious structural flaws were discovered; that once again if more inspection was done on design work maybe they could save money; and the amount this went over would pay for two CIP projects in his district which were delayed and one lost its funding; and he would hope it would continue to be monitored.

Council Member Boney stated that he was not sure who was at fault and it may be because there was no Building Services department at that time, but this was a cosmetic upgrade and because of the money they even looked into building a new one but numbers did not match up.

A vote was called on Item 5. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2000-0456 ADOPTED.

ACCEPT WORK

8. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$2,377,029.52 and acceptance of work on contract with **KINSEL INDUSTRIES, INC** for Construction of Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation in East Haven and Southeast, GFS R-1042-01-3 (4260-19) - 09.27% under the original contract amount - Enterprise Fund - **DISTRICT E – TODD** – was presented, moved by Council Member Boney, seconded by Council Member Sanchez, and was tagged by Council Member Todd.
9. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$8,000,908.41 and acceptance of work on contract with **INDUSTRIAL TX CORP.** for FWSD No. 23 Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion, GFS R-1210-08-3 (4429-1) 10.50% over the original contract amount - Enterprise Fund - **DISTRICT B – GALLOWAY** – was presented, moved by Council Member Boney, seconded by Council Member Sanchez, and was tagged by Council Member Keller.

Council Member Keller stated that he hoped someone would get with him; that a lot of this resulted from not being able to check with the EPA and he would like to know if there was someone in charge that could have checked with the EPA first.

PROPERTY

10. ORDINANCE appropriating \$23,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund Number 755 to pay the Landowners' "Reasonable Costs" in connection with the dismissal of an eminent domain proceedings styled City of Houston v. Newton Wilds and Robert Canion, Trustees for Wilds Canon & Mitchell Design, Inc., et al., in connection with the Westheimer Pump Station No. 1 Relocation Project, Project No. 4236-6; GFS/CIP R-0015-97-1 - **DISTRICT G – KELLER** – was presented.

Council Member Quan stated that Item 10 was seeking to condemn property and efforts were made to negotiate and it drug on for a long time and now they were working a settlement to pay attorney fees for tying up his property and he would still be out \$21,000 because of the city's inaction; and tagged Item 10. Council Member Castillo absent.

Council Member Keller stated that he would also tag Item 10. Council Member Castillo absent.

- 10a. RECOMMENDATION from City Attorney to pay the landowners' "reasonable costs" relative to eminent domain proceeding styled City of Houston v. Newton Wilds and Robert Canion, Trustee for Wilds Canion & Mitchell Design, Inc., et al., Cause No. 608,601; in connection with the acquisition of Parcel C91-7, for the Westheimer Pump Station No. 1 Relocation Project, Project 4236-6, GFS/CIP R-0015-97-1 - **DISTRICT G – KELLER** – was presented, moved by Council Member Boney, seconded by Council Member Sanchez, and was tagged by Council Members Quan and Keller. Council Member Castillo absent.
11. ORDINANCE appropriating \$9,920.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund Number 755 to pay the amount of the Agreed Final Judgment in connection with the eminent domain proceeding styled City of Houston v. Donald D. Hartman, et al., to acquire Parcel Number D96-37, for the WCID Number 47 Clarifier (Buffer) Project File Number 4637-1; GFS/CIP R-0018-06-1 - **DISTRICT E – TODD** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2000-210 ADOPTED.
- 11a. RECOMMENDATION from City Attorney to settle a lawsuit styled City of Houston v. Donald D. Hartman, et al, Cause No. 676,296, in connection with eminent domain proceeding for acquisition of Parcel D96-37 for **WCID NUMBER 47 CLARIFIER (BUFFER)**, Project File Number 4637-1; GFS/CIP R-0018-06-1- **DISTRICT E – TODD** – was presented, moved by Council Member Boney, and seconded by Council Member Sanchez. All voting aye. Nays non. MOTION 2000-0457 ADOPTED.
12. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for condemnation of Parcels DYO-29 and DYO-29A, located in the 13000 block of West Bellfort, owned by Donald Bartlett Moore, for the Sanitary Sewer in connection with the **WEST BELLFORT PAVING PROJECT from Huntington Village to West Bellfort**, CIP N-0466-01-2 - **DISTRICT F – ELLIS** – was

presented, moved by Council Member Boney, seconded by Council Member Sanchez, and was tagged by Council Member Keller.

13. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for condemnation of Parcel G94-2, located at 3622 Scott Street, owned by Titus Edwards and wife, Rejone Edwards, for the **SMITH BRANCH LIBRARY EXPANSION PROJECT**, CIP E-0078-00-1 **DISTRICT D – BONEY** – was presented, moved by Council Member Boney, and seconded by Council Member Sanchez. Council Member Robinson voting no. Balance voting aye. Council Member Keller absent. MOTION 2000-0458 ADOPTED.

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS

LOW BIDS

17. **SANITARY MATTRESS COMPANY dba KING KOIL SLEEP PRODUCTS** for Bedding for Fire Department - Replacement - \$68,955.49 - General and Fire Department Revolving Funds– was presented, moved by Council Member Boney, and seconded by Council Member Sanchez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Keller absent. MOTION 2000-0459 ADOPTED.
18. **MOBILE MINI, INC** to Furnish and Deliver On-Site Four Security Storage Containers for Houston Police Department - Replacement - \$31,170.00 - Police Special Services Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Boney, and seconded by Council Member Sanchez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Keller absent. MOTION 2000-0460 ADOPTED.
20. **D. F. SALES** for Automotive, Specialty Fasteners for Various Departments - \$120,850.00 General, Enterprise and Fleet Management Funds – was presented, moved by Council Member Vasquez, and seconded by Council Member Boney. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Keller absent. MOTION 2000-0461 ADOPTED.

OTHER

21. **N.A.H., INC** for Removal & Replacement of Epoxy Resin Composition Flooring for the Convention & Entertainment Facilities Department - \$28,301.00 and contingencies for a total not to exceed amount of \$29,716.05 - Enterprise Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Boney, and seconded by Council Member Sanchez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Keller absent. MOTION 2000-0462 ADOPTED.
22. **COMP USA** for Computer Printer Toner Cartridges from the State of Texas General Services Commission's Contract through the State of Texas Cooperative Purchasing Program for the Library Department - \$21,192.10 - General Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Boney, seconded by Council Member Vasquez, and was tagged by Council Member Vasquez. Council Member Keller absent.

24. **AGISSAR CORPORATION** for Hardware and Software Maintenance Support from the State of Texas General Services Commission's Contract through the State of Texas Cooperative Purchasing Program for Department of Public Works & Engineering - \$53,025.00 - Enterprise Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Boney, and seconded by Council Member Sanchez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Keller absent. MOTION 2000-0463 ADOPTED.
25. **HYDRAFLO, INC** - \$180,154.00 and **HUGHES SUPPLY, INC dba INDUSTRIAL INTERNATIONAL, INC** - \$140,492.00 for Fire Hydrant Repair Parts Contract for Department of Public Works & Engineering - Enterprise Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Boney, and seconded by Council Member Sanchez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Keller absent. MOTION 2000-0464 ADOPTED.
27. **ABBOTT LABORATORIES DIAGNOSTIC DIVISION (Bid No. 1)** - \$556.50, **ABBOTT LABORATORIES DIAGNOSTIC DIVISION (Bid No. 2)** - \$15,188.50, **ALLEGIANCE HEALTHCARE** - \$15,174.00, **BECTON DICKINSON BIOSCIENCES** - \$15,083.19, **CHEMICON INTERNATIONAL, INC** - \$44,608.50, **DIVERSIFIED MEDICAL SERVICES INTERNATIONAL, INC** - \$35,351.83, **EVER READY FIRST AID & MEDICAL SUPPLY** - \$833,505.34, **FERGUSON TEST KITS, INC** - \$50,824.00, **GEN-PROBE** - \$77,600.00, **RADIAN INTERNATIONAL L.L.C.** \$40,000.00, **SUPERIOR PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANY** - \$137,897.07, **SUPREMUS MEDICAL** \$65,595.45, **TEXAS IMEX** - \$64,506.00 and **UNITED MEDICAL SUPPLY** - \$98,974.80 for Medical, Diagnostic, Biological Test Kits and Supplies Contract for Various Departments - General and Asset Forfeiture Funds – was presented, moved by Council Member Boney, seconded by Council Member Sanchez, and was tagged by Council Member Todd.
30. **ROMCO EQUIPMENT COMPANY** for One Asphalt Paver and One Asphalt Roller for Various Departments - Replacement - \$203,870.00 - Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Boney, and seconded by Council Member Sanchez. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2000-0465 ADOPTED.
32. **CONROE GOLF CARS** - \$20,709.00, **BRIGGS EQUIPMENT** - \$87,655.00, **BROOKSIDE EQUIPMENT SALES, INC** - \$22,605.00, **A.M.C. INDUSTRIES** - \$30,430.58 and **PROFESSIONAL TURF PRODUCTS OF TEXAS/TORO** - \$42,356.28 for Utility Vehicles for Various Departments - New and Replacement - Enterprise, Equipment Acquisition Consolidated and Park Special Revenue Funds – was presented, moved by Council Member Boney, and seconded by Council Member Sanchez. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2000-0466 ADOPTED.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

33. RESOLUTION relating to Non-Voting Advisory Board Members of the Houston Convention Center Hotel Corporation; confirming various persons, including Michael Stevens, as Non-Voting Advisory Board Members – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. RESOLUTION 2000-13 ADOPTED.

35. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing lease agreement between **ST. JAMES SCHOOL, a Texas Non-profit corporation**, as landlord, and the City of Houston, Texas, as tenant, for space at 3129 Southmore for use as a temporary site for the Smith Branch Library - \$2,700.00 for 9 Months - General Fund - **DISTRICT D – BONEY** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2000-211 ADOPTED.
39. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing an agreement between the City of Houston, Texas, Reinvestment Zone Number One, City of Houston, Texas and the **SAINT GEORGE PLACE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY** for certain Public Infrastructure Improvements - **DISTRICT C – GOLDBERG** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2000-212 ADOPTED.
41. ORDINANCE appropriating \$16,000.00 out of Airport System Subordinate Lien Revenue Bond Fund and approving purchase of approximately 0.47 acre of land out of the John Skorupski Survey, Abstract 720, Houston, Harris County, Texas, for the expansion of Bush Intercontinental Airport, CIP A-0024, and approving purchase and sale agreement with **E N E, INCORPORATED** to acquire the land for a purchase price, including Title Insurance and Closing Costs, which does not exceed the sum hereby appropriated - **DISTRICT B – GALLOWAY** – was presented, and was tagged by Council Member Todd.
44. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing an Insurance Contract between the City and **FIDELITY & DEPOSIT OF MARYLAND** for a three year Public Employees Fidelity Policy - 3 Years \$25,358.00 - Property and Casualty Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2000-213 ADOPTED.
45. ORDINANCE providing for a Performance Incentive Program allowing Performance Based Compensation payments to be paid to certain Houston Airport System Employees; containing findings and other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; providing for severability \$360,000.00 - Enterprise Fund - was presented, and was tagged by Council Members Sanchez, Todd and Keller
46. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing compromise and settlement agreement between the City of Houston and **MUNICIPAL COLLECTIONS, INC, a Texas Corporation**, to settle a lawsuit \$210,000.00 - Property and Casualty Fund – was presented, and was tagged by Council Member Todd.
48. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **ANACOMP, INC** for Conversion Services, Deliverables, Software and Systems for Various Departments; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two option years - \$600,000.00 - Central Service Revolving Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2000-214 ADOPTED.

Council Member Parker stated that she was very curious as to when data would begin being put on CD instead of microfiche and then transferring; and Mayor Brown stated that Ms. Dodson was present and chaired the city's Technology Task Force.

Council Member Parker moved to suspend the rules to hear from Ms. Cheryl Dotson, and was seconded by Council Member Sanchez. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2000-0467 ADOPTED.

Upon questions by Council Member Parker, Ms. Dodson stated that they were currently speaking with a couple of firms about documenting imaging systems which would give a couple of options, one to image them and put them directly to CD Rohm but equally important was to scan them in, image them and put them out on the web or various means of storage and today they would be giving a briefing to the Technology Transportation and Infrastructure Committee; that it was in the posting under Technology Updates. Council Member Sanchez absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Goldberg, Ms. Dotson stated that it was her understanding it would be about \$200,000 a year, but this item was not her item and she did not know how many documents it would entail; and Mayor Brown stated that he would get an answer for him. Council Member Sanchez absent.

A vote was called on Item 48. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Sanchez absent. ORDINANCE 2000-214 ADOPTED.

49. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City and **GTE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS CORPORATION** for purchase, installation and service of Electronic Key Telephone Equipment for Various Departments; providing a maximum contract amount - \$2,000,000.00 - Central Revolving Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Sanchez absent. ORDINANCE 2000-215 ADOPTED.
50. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing treated water supply contract between the City of Houston and **HARRIS COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 89** Revenue – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Sanchez absent. ORDINANCE 2000-216 ADOPTED.
53. ORDINANCE appropriating \$3,618,509.90 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund No. 755; \$139,113.01 out of Storm Sewer Consolidated Construction Fund No. 436 to Reimburse the Metropolitan Transit Authority (METRO) for the City's Initial Cost Participation in the construction of the City's Water, Sanitary and Storm Sewer lines in Metro Downtown/Midtown Transit Street Program approved by City Council under Ordinance No. 93-274 on March 30, 1993, GFS S-0443-04-3, S-0443-01-3, S-0443-12-3, R-0537-08-3 and M-0671-07-3 - **DISTRICTS D - BONEY and I – CASTILLO** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Sanchez absent. ORDINANCE 2000-217 ADOPTED.
54. ORDINANCE appropriating \$2,550,301.33 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund No. 755; \$529,980.67 out of Storm Sewer Consolidated Construction Fund No. 436 to Reimburse the Metropolitan Transit Authority (METRO) for the City's Initial Cost Participation in the construction of the City's for Water, Sanitary and Storm Sewer lines in Metro Transit Street Program - Phase I and II Fannin Street, approved by City Council under Ordinance No. 93-169 on February 17, 1993, GFS S-0443-15-3, R-0537-07-3 and M-0671-06-3

DISTRICTS C - GOLDBERG and D – BONEY – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Sanchez absent. ORDINANCE 2000-218 ADOPTED.

56. ORDINANCE appropriating \$275,000.00 out of Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing professional engineering services contract between the City of Houston and **A.I.A. ENGINEERS, LTD** for Intersection Redesign and Street Safety Improvement, CIP N-0662-17-2 (SB9011); providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2000-219 ADOPTED.
59. ORDINANCE appropriating \$451,000.00 out of Street & Bridge Construction Fund, awarding construction contract to **DURWOOD GREENE CONSTRUCTION CO.**, on low bid of \$348,224.25 and approving and authorizing professional services contract for engineering testing services with **TOLUNAY-WONG ENGINEERS, INC** in the amount of \$35,000.00 for construction of the Neighborhoods to Standard Oak Forest/Mangum Manor Overlay Project Tier VI; GFS Q-1149-01-3 (249-99); providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Bridge Construction Fund - **DISTRICT A – TATRO** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2000-220 ADOPTED.

The Non Consent Agenda (Items 61 through 63) were considered as follows:

MISCELLANEOUS

61. **SET A PUBLIC HEARING DATE** to consider the creation of a Reinvestment Zone for **EXTRUSION TECHNOLOGY CORP. - DISTRICT E - TODD SUGGESTED HEARING DATE - 9:00 A.M. - WEDNESDAY - 2 WEEKS FROM DATE OF PASSAGE** - was presented, and Council Member Boney moved to accept the date as suggested, and was seconded by Council Member Quan. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Sanchez absent. MOTION 2000-0468 ADOPTED.

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS

62. Council Member Boney moved to suspend the rules for the purpose of reconsidering **MOTION #2000-251, 2/16/00**, which made award for Footwear, Safety for Various Departments, seconded by Council Member Quan. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2000-0469 ADOPTED.
62. Council Member Boney that **MOTION #2000-251, 2/16/00**, which made award for Footwear, Safety for Various Departments, awarded to **SAFETY SHOE DISTRIBUTORS, INC**, be brought back to Council for reconsideration, seconded by Council Member Quan. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2000-0470 ADOPTED.
62. Council Member Boney moved that the **MOTION #2000-251, 2/16/00**, be amended to reflect the correct bid number from SC-R-8430-041-12429 to SC-R-8430-041-

12459, for Footwear, Safety for Various Departments, awarded to **SAFETY SHOE DISTRIBUTORS, INC**, seconded by Council Member Quan. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2000-0471 ADOPTED.

63. Council Member Boney moved to suspend the rules for the purpose of reconsidering **MOTION #2000-16, 1/5/00**, which made award for Light Duty Cabs and Chassis and Bodies for Various Departments, seconded by Council Member Robinson. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2000-0472 ADOPTED.
63. Council Member Boney moved that **MOTION #2000-16, 1/5/00**, which made award for Light Duty Cabs and Chassis and Bodies be brought back to Council for reconsideration, seconded by Council Member Robinson. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2000-0473 ADOPTED.
63. Council Member Boney moved that the **MOTION #2000-16, 1/5/00**, be amended to reflect the award of Item No. 20, Two Truck Service Bodies for Various Departments to **HI-TECH TRUCK RIGGING & EQUIPMENT COMPANY** increasing the award amount to \$43,549.00, seconded by Council Member Robinson. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2000-0474 ADOPTED.

MATTERS HELD - NUMBERS 64 through 76

64. MOTION by Council Member Boney/Seconded by Council Member Sanchez to adopt recommendation from Director Building Services Department for approval of final contract amount of \$720,987.24 and acceptance of work on contract with the Surety, **GULF INSURANCE COMPANY** for ADA Renovation at Moody and Acres Homes Branch Libraries, GFS E-0024-01-3 and E-0051-01-3 - 06.81% over the original contract amount - Public Library Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS B - GALLOWAY and H - VASQUEZ - (This was Item 11 on Agenda of March 22, 2000, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER KELLER)** - was presented.

Council Member Keller stated that this item was another which went over and by \$720,000 which would probably pay for a lot of CIP projects and it basically happened because the contractor did not conform with contract documents and he thought that Ms. McGilbra's office was developing a formula and he would hope when someone did not conform the project or construction manager was aware at the time it did not conform and not at the end of the project on the walkthrough.

A vote was called on Item 64. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Boney absent. MOTION 2000-0475 ADOPTED.

65. MOTION by Council Member Boney/Seconded by Council Member Sanchez to adopt recommendation from Finance & Administration Department to award to **PHILPOTT MOTORS, LTD** - \$677,999.07, **CROWN DODGE** - \$137,619.00, **LAWRENCE MARSHALL CHRYSLER, L.P.** - \$402,634.00 and **LAWRENCE MARSHALL CHEVROLET, L.P.** \$183,392.00 for 81 Special Duty Vehicles for Police Department - Replacement - Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund - **(This was Item 20 on Agenda of March 22, 2000, TAGGED BY COUNCIL**

MEMBER TODD) – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Boney absent. MOTION 2000-0476 ADOPTED.

67. MOTION by Council Member Sanchez/Seconded by Council Member Tatro to adopt recommendation from Finance & Administration Department to award to **R & W POLIZE, DBA CENTRAL POLICE SUPPLY** - \$15,002.00, **SUPER SEER CORPORATION** - \$56,580.00, **G. T. DISTRIBUTORS, INC** - \$32,488.70 and **TROOPER SUPPLY, INC** - \$418,950.00 for Apparel, Uniform Accessories and Supplies, Part II for Police Department - General Fund – **(This was Item 29 on Agenda of March 22, 2000, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER QUAN)** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Boney absent. MOTION 2000-0477 ADOPTED.
68. MOTION by Council Member Sanchez/Seconded by Council Member Vasquez to adopt recommendation to **AMEND MOTION #98-1271, 8/5/98, TO EXTEND** expiration date for 12 months from July 29, 2000 to July 28, 2001, for Automotive, Ford Trucks Heavy Duty Replacement Parts and Repair Contract for Various Departments awarded to **BAYOU CITY FORD TRUCK SALES, INC** - **(This was Item 34 on Agenda of March 22, 2000, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER TODD)** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Boney absent. MOTION 2000-0478 ADOPTED.
69. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing a Tax Rebate Agreement between the City of Houston and the **HOUSTON CONVENTION CENTER HOTEL CORPORATION** related to the Development of the Convention Center Hotel - **DISTRICT I – CASTILLO – (This was Item 41 on Agenda of March 22, 2000, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ)** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Boney absent. ORDINANCE 2000-221 ADOPTED.
70. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing amendment No. 2 to contract for professional consulting services in connection with Traffic and Earnings Study and other general Advisory Services on Houston Airport System matters by and between the City of Houston and **ROGER H. BATES** \$250,000.00 - Enterprise Fund - **DISTRICTS B - GALLOWAY and E – TODD – (This was Item 47 on Agenda of March 22, 2000, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER KELLER)** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Boney absent. ORDINANCE 2000-222 ADOPTED.
72. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing a Utility Functions and services allocations agreement between the City of Houston and **HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 372 DISTRICT G - KELLER** - **(This was Item 55 on Agenda of March 22, 2000, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS GALLOWAY and VASQUEZ)** – was presented.

Council Member Tatro stated that the item was to approve the contract for wastewater charges and last year there was a similar contract for Spring Valley and at that time he pointed out that it was basically a rate classification and that the ordinance needed to be updated to include that rate class and he would again reiterate and ask the Administration to move forward and update the ordinance; and Mayor Brown stated that

they agreed and it was now being worked on by Public Works. Council Member Boney absent.

A vote was called for Item 72. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Boney absent. ORDINANCE 2000-223 ADOPTED.

73. ORDINANCE appropriating \$14,740,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing professional engineering services contract between the City of Houston and **LOCKWOOD, ANDREWS & NEWNAM, INC** for Accelerated Surface Water Transmission Program, CIP S-0900-AS; providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **(This was Item 58 on Agenda of March 22, 2000, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS TATRO and PARKER)** – was presented.

Council Member Tatro stated that the contract was interesting and a needed project; that there were two components to the contract with the first being a management team and the second would be the actual engineering in the development of the lines and what caught his eye was when it was broke down there were 24 individual engineering contracts and he would like to ask how they positioned themselves to go with 24 engineering contracts; and moved to suspend the rules to have a representative answer questions, and was seconded by Council Member Parker. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2000-0479 ADOPTED.

Upon questions by Mayor Brown, Mr. Haines stated that he would start with the answers and then Mr. Green could answer the technical questions regarding the selections; that this was regarding delivers of surface water to the north and west part of the city and it was the first of three significant initiatives, one being the development and upgrading of the systems; and he would now refer to Mr. Robin Green who was responsible for the process of creating the clustering of design firms to move forward. Council Member Robinson absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Tatro, Mr. Green stated that in general they tried to keep construction packages in the range of \$3,000,000 to \$7,000,000 with the idea being they were looking for competitive bids and even though there were 24 construction packages it did not mean there would be 24 contractors and they anticipated 5 or 6 contractors; that historically looking at other water line projects there was a pattern and they looked at what made sense as far as the line segments, lengths, locations and dollar amounts; that some were doing the job the first time, but the city was paying for oversight from Lockwood, Andrews & Newnam, Inc., so they were not out there on their own. Council Member Goldberg absent.

Council Member Keller stated that this was the most justified project that had come before Council since he had been present and he knew time was of the essence but had serious problems to the way they had approached the solution; that 24 contractors only increased the margin of error and in his review of some of the 24 he had found 5 to be in bad financial shape and if that one had a problem it could become a log jam.

Mayor Brown stated that along that line he would like to ask a question; and upon questions, Mr. Green agreed that the contract was for design and not construction.

Council Member Keller stated that he would like to have them step back and focus on defining additional services instead of just going into it with almost 50% of it being unknown; and upon further questions, Mr. Haines stated that this was for engineering design work and there was no contractor recommended and the reimbursement was based on work performed; that he felt what was important for review purposes was this process was very similar to that which was invoked on the wastewater program and that was the identification of a strong engineering firm to oversee on behalf of the city the design program with a number of potential clustering projects that could be uniquely defined and they were based on what was a conceivable realistic project and the idea was to engage sufficient capacity not just through one firm, but one firm managing through separate design activity a product that could be bid on with the best value for the city and it was not an inconsistent process for the city as it was done on a regular basis. Council Member Galloway absent.

Council Member Robinson stated that he wanted to make clear this was a process they normally did and that clearly when expansion of scope was discussed he would assume they would ask for more money; that he also did not want to say that if you had not done work for the city before you could never do work, but if someone on the list had a history of problems then that should be pointed out; and he would encourage a vote for this. Council Member Galloway absent.

Council Member Boney stated that he too would encourage his colleagues to vote for this item; that this was not inconsistent with what had been done and a better price was received when it was competitive; that because someone was small or because it was the first time they were to do work with the city did not mean they should be shut out; and he did not see this as a policy issue and did not see the argument. Council Member Robinson absent.

Council Member Todd stated that he agreed with what Council Member Boney said and there was a tendency among some people once they get on Council to want to become an expert in everything and with the benefit of hindsight one of the most important jobs Council Members had was to make certain the city bidding or contracting process was fair; and apparently there were more than 24; and upon questions, Mr. Green stated that they did not know how many other and various subcontractors they had at this time, but once it was defined they would make selections; that it should be under 50, but these were sub-consultants and they were underneath the 24 prime consultants. Council Member Robinson absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Sanchez, Mr. Hall stated that one service Legal provided was to review contracts on behalf of the city and with regard to the enterprise funds they did have a reimbursement policy to the general fund itself, not to the Legal Department, and he thought this project was out of bond funds and would probably be reimbursed to the general fund, but having 24 contracts would probably still have one fee. Council Members Vasquez and Robinson absent.

Council Member Castillo stated that the most significant point was that the procedure they always used for such a project was being followed and this was an accelerated program to get the water program moving because of the serious deadlines in getting off well water; that having an umbrella contractor was done during the Greater

Houston Wastewater Program and he understood there were over 200 contracts going on at one time and there was no reason this could not succeed. Council Members Boney and Vasquez absent.

Council Member Keller stated that 24 consultants would increase the margin of error and he would like to know who would take responsibility; and Mayor Brown stated that Mr. Gary Oradat would be responsible for that on behalf of the city. Council Member Vasquez absent.

After further discussion Council Member Ellis stated that he was not as concerned with the engineering contract which was being voted on today, but what concerned him was when it went out for bid it looked like there would be 24 different segments for contractors; and upon questions, Mr. Green stated that not all 24 would be working at the same time and they still had the oversight of Lockwood, Andrews & Newnam, Inc., and of Public Works. Council Member Tatro absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Ellis, Mr. Haines stated that there was one project manager on the whole thing, one over the construction program itself, and each specific site would have someone on site to report to that project manager; that this was a three year construction program which would be building \$133,000,000 worth of water improvement activities throughout west and north Houston and as designs were completed and bid out they would come back to Council and be referenced to this project.

Council Member Robinson moved to call the question, and was seconded by Council Member Quan. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2000-0480 ADOPTED.

A roll call vote was called on Item 73.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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| Mayor Brown voting aye. | Council Member Vasquez voting aye. |
| Council Member Tatro voting no. | Council Member Castillo voting aye. |
| Council Member Galloway voting aye. | Council Member Parker voting aye. |
| Council Member Goldberg voting aye. | Council Member Quan voting aye. |
| Council Member Boney voting aye. | Council Member Sanchez voting aye. |
| Council Member Todd voting no. | Council Member Bell voting aye. |
| Council Member Ellis voting aye. | Council Member Robinson voting aye. |
| Council Member Keller voting no. | ORDINANCE 2000-224 ADOPTED. |

Mayor Brown stated that the city had a good model which had been looked at by other cities, the wastewater which had been mentioned several times, it was very successful and over a billion dollar project came in on time and under budget so they were not plowing new territory and he felt the vote was a correct one.

74. ORDINANCE appropriating \$5,437,400.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing professional engineering services contract between the City of Houston and **THOMPSON PROFESSIONAL GROUP, INC** for the Design of Plant Reliability Improvements and increase of the firm capacity to 350 MGD at the East Water Purification Plant

Complex (EWPP), CIP S-0056-29-2 (WA10594); providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **(This was Item 59 on Agenda of March 22, 2000, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER TATRO)** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2000-225 ADOPTED.

75. ORDINANCE appropriating \$200,600.00 out of General Improvements Consolidated Construction Fund, the sum of \$449,000.00 out of Airport Improvements Fund and the sum of \$16,400.00 out of Solid Waste Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing professional environmental consulting services contract for various facilities between the City of Houston and **MALCOLM PIRNIE, INC**; providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the General Improvements Consolidated Construction Fund and the Solid Waste Consolidated Construction Fund - **(This was Item 62 on Agenda of March 22, 2000, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER KELLER)** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2000-226 ADOPTED.

76. ORDINANCE appropriating \$104,500.00 out of General Improvements Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing first amendment professional services contract between the City of Houston and **BOVAY ENGINEERS, INC** for services relating to the Upgrade of Four Elevators in City Hall and Renovation of Office Space in the 611 Walker Annex and Tower, CIP D-9999-03-2; providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the General Improvements Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS H - VASQUEZ and I - CASTILLO - (This was Item 73 on Agenda of March 22, 2000, POSTPONED BY MOTION #2000-431)** – was presented.

Council Member Goldberg stated that he had met with Building Services and they had worked with him on the item, but he felt the best thing to do would be to send it back to Building Services; and moved to refer Item 76 back to the administration, and was seconded by Council Member Parker. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2000-0481 ADOPTED.

Item received during the meeting was considered as follows:

43. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing two applications for grant assistance, as submitted, to the **UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**, Federal Highway Administration for Two Diesel Demonstration Projects; declaring the City's eligibility for such grants; authorizing the Mayor to act as the City's representative in the application process; authorizing the Finance and Administration Director for the City of Houston to accept such grant funds and to apply for and accept all subsequent awards, if any, pertaining to the program - \$71,000.00 - CNG Vehicle Replacement Fund – was presented.

Council Member Ellis stated that he was not opposed to the item but had questions if someone from the Administration could answer; that it seemed the studies had been done somewhere else before and he wondered if someone would be reviewing the prior studies; and moved to suspend the rules to hear Mr. Huckabay at this time, and was

seconded by Council Member Robinson. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Keller and Castillo absent. MOTION 2000-0482 ADOPTED.

Mr. Huckabay stated that there were similar products tested in other jurisdictions but not in municipalities or in the duty cycles the city had, the garbage and fire trucks, backhoes, excavators, etc.; that they had been tested in things like semi-trailer trucks and they wanted to test them in uses the city had and assume they would get the same results they received elsewhere and if they did they would be implemented into the rest of the fleet; that they were sharing the results with other jurisdictions; and as a part of the grant proposal they were suggesting an advisory board with representatives of the Construction Industry Council so they could share it with public and private sector representatives. Council Member Castillo absent.

A vote was called on Item 43. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Castillo absent. ORDINANCE 2000-227 ADOPTED.

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Council Member Sanchez stated that on April 15 he would be riding a bicycle to Austin to raise money for the MS Society and he would appreciate his colleagues chipping in; that it was 189 miles and he would accept any donations. Council Member Castillo absent.

Council Member Parker stated that there had been much discussion around the Council table about the Child Safety Fund and how money was spent; that the Controller's Office provided a list on the number of crossing guards and the estimated budget, but she had not been able to get a hard number on standards; that she wanted to maximize the program but it did not seem there were set standards and she would like to visit with someone in the Administration to work up numbers and see if they were allowed to set objective standards since the state created the program and what the standards might be as to how they reimbursed school districts; and Mayor Brown stated that Mr. Haines would follow-up with her.

Council Member Robinson stated that any information she received he would appreciate a copy of.

Council Member Parker stated that a local restaurant downtown, in her opinion, had been undergoing a systematic assault in harassment with various departments; that it had been opened approximately four years and the owner had received all necessary permits and passed all annual inspections and in the last six months he had 30 complaint driven inspections of his restaurant from Health, Neighborhood Protection, Fire Marshall, etc., anyone and everyone who could inspect and that caused him to close and shut down the restaurant and she had no evidence that he had been cited in any of them; that he had several inspections from Fire and Health Departments within 48 hours of the routine scheduled inspection; that it should not be a surprise that the complaints were coming from the person trying to buy the property and if there was a way to deal with the situation she would appreciate it; and Mayor Brown stated that would be followed up on.

Council Member Castillo stated that he wanted to remind the public about the parking situation for the inaugural ball game tomorrow and urge them to be vigilant of where they park; and if they paid before they left for the game it would help when it was time to leave; that it would also be tempting to park at the first available space found but that may be more costly.

Council Member Castillo stated that there was an item in the paper regarding the low amount of Census forms received and what unnerved him was to hear those in the media and in the legal community saying if questions were invasive they did not need to be answered; that besides bad legal advise it caused confusion when people respected said if you did not like it don't answer, it was a great disservice to the work being done by all in the community and was counterproductive; and encouraged all who had received the Census and not returned it to do so; that it meant so much to people the city provided services to and also to the business community. Catalogues

Council Member Bell stated that he had just returned from San Francisco and they were opening their new ballpark this week; that they were also most concerned with parking and traffic and so that was just the price of progress in any major city and something that would need to be dealt with as time went on.

Council Member Bell stated that on the Census he was afraid the city was somewhat alone; that yesterday he read an article in USA Today and they were talking about the poor return in Texas and the response from the Texas director, according to the article, was he would like to see how well New York and California were doing and they were near the top; that Houston and Texas needed to do better and respond to the Census or all predictions from Council Member Castillo and others involved were going to come true and they would be cheated in the end.

Council Member Bell stated that Item 78 which Council Member Goldberg referred back to the Administration had money which would have gone to make arrangements for the Council move and it was his understanding that given the fact there were new Council Members, etc., another survey would be done and he did think one was called for.

Council Member Bell stated that a couple of weeks ago during pop-off he spoke about a citizen who had made numerous complaints on someone who she believed was dealing drugs in her neighborhood and could get no response and after it was brought up at the Council table the police did respond and he understood the individual was arrested and in jail; that he did thank the Police Department for responding so rapidly, but the lesson to be learned was it should not come to that, when citizens made complaints they needed to be taken seriously.

Council Member Ellis stated that District F starting April 14 would have a district office in the district and he thanked the Mayor's Office for helping him; that it would be the first of its kind, some Council Members had the district offices and paid out of their campaign funds but this was a contract between the Sharpstown Shopping Center and the City of Houston so when he left the position the incoming Council Member would have a district office and he believed this was necessary because like District E it was the only one that did not reach into the 610 Loop area and it was a burden for constituents to have to drive downtown and this would be a great asset; that he also

wanted to thank the Mayor Pro Tem in advance for purchase orders that would be going through his office as he knew he would work with him on the issue.

Council Member Ellis stated that he went out to speak with the Shenandoah Homeowners Association last night in the Gulfton Area and while they had a number of concerns one they had was the day labor camp off Renwick and Westpark; that it was maintained by a nonprofit corporation, GANO, and it was funded on an annual basis by the City of Houston; that the problem seemed to be coming from the 501C3 and he would be looking at that in the next budget cycle; that he wanted to put them on notice as there was loitering in the area and allegations of crime though he had not researched that there was trash in the area also; and he would be checking to see if they were keeping up their end of the bargain. Mayor Brown stated that the property he was referring to was owned by the Solid Waste Department and they would be using it for their own purpose and there were efforts to find additional sites which Council Member Galloway and Affirmative Action and AFLCIO were assisting in; and Council Member Ellis stated that he did understand there was an additional site, but it was not so much that as the way the nonprofit was managing the present site; and he would like to spend time and address the issue with Mr. de Leon. Mayor Brown stated that he would ask him to work with him; that they had a program in Austin and he would see if that could be used to go by.

Council Member Goldberg stated that he wanted to speak about a street reconstruction project in District C called College Court; that it was one of the worse projects he had seen and Mr. Herbert Lum rated it as one of the worse he had seen also; that they both had received many complaints on it and he had one staff member which spent almost all their time answering complaints on it, it looked like a war zone and AJS, the construction firm, had not been very responsive; that it was located in the vicinity of Wesleyan and the Southwest Freeway and he was seeking help from the administration on it; that two streets not even in the project were destroyed by vehicles on the project and this was not just a situation of an overlay, it was broken and almost a dirt road now. Council Member Parker absent.

Council Member Goldberg stated that there was a bid out where Netco was the low bidder and for some reason they could not get it on the Agenda as it was stuck in Legal and he would thank Mr. Hall in advance for getting the project on the Agenda soon; that the contract was expiring April 14, and it needed action. Mayor Brown stated that Mr. Hall indicated he would expedite that; and on the first item someone in Public Works would work with him; that he knew Mr. Lum was very much involved with it.

Council Member Todd stated that today Item 27 was tagged and it was for medical supplies; that roughly \$650,000 of the supplies were marked for the jail; that a couple of years ago he brought up why they did not ask inmates whether or not they were insured; that if the city was providing their medical service why would the taxpayer be asked to foot the bill before finding out if they had a way to pay; that he did not suggest denying medical treatment, but if they were supplying medical attention to those who did have insurance or a way to pay why would they do it for free; and again he would urge that they consider that point and ask on the intake form whether or not they were insured.

Council Member Todd stated that in the Business Journal that came out on Friday the Midtown Authority was planning to sell the Hargest College site and when the city

first approved the sell of the site to them they were assured they were selling at market value and an amendment was passed so that if the Midtown Authority sold the site any profit would have to go back to the city and it was sold to them at \$8.00 a square foot with the estimate now being \$20.00 a square foot which was a significant increase in value; that the article stated they were putting out an RFP but the headline stated "Midtown Authority Prepared to Sell" so he was not sure if they were selling, but if they were the city needed to get their money back; and Mayor Brown stated that they would follow-up and make sure the right thing was done.

Council Member Galloway stated that last week she said a star would be born and many stars were born; that the city was well represented and she displayed a trophy where the City came in second place. Council Member Galloway stated that Mr. Don Payne, he was a police officer who could really spin his gun brought them over the top and she thanked him and Council Members Parker and Quan; that the number one place was also won by city employees and it was a fantastic show and she did not know Council Member Quan had so much rhythm, she wondered where he got it all, but she wanted all to know they had a fantastic time and it was a good cause and she hoped next year others would join in on supporting the Urban League on the Apollo Night. Council Member Todd absent.

Council Member Galloway yielded to Council Member Castillo who stated that the way Council Member Quan got his rhythm was he was raised in the east end in the Magnolia Park area. Council Member Todd absent.

Mayor Brown congratulated all on their success.

Council Member Robinson stated that yesterday he had a conversation regarding Council Member Todd's statement and there were a number of cities across the country who actually charged inmates in their correctional facilities and used the money to help fund the After School Programs so it was not unique to collect fees relative to the inmate population and then use it for programs; that the logic behind those programs was that they spoke to the issue of public safety and as far as he knew there were no challenges and he would like that to be another revenue stream to enhance the After School Program.

Council Member Robinson stated that he wanted to remind the members of the Transportation, Technology and Infrastructure Committee that they were meeting today at 2:00 p.m. with three action items and would have a couple of significant issues including briefings on technology in the City's E Government effort and a briefing on the City's Regional Water efforts and potential Northeast Water Plant; that they would be laying the foundation over the next three years and the new members six years for a series of projects that at their completion would amount to something in the area of probably five to ten billion dollars; that they were laying out the picture for what the regional water needs would be between now and 2050 and hopefully all would be there.

Council Member Robinson stated that he wanted to thank his colleagues for moving forward on the water issue as they had a major subsidence requirement they needed to take care of over the next several months and that too would be included in their presentation.

Council Member Quan stated that Council Member Castillo's executive assistant was outstanding as Madona during the Urban League's Program.

Council Member Quan stated that he wanted to thank Mayor Brown and several of his staff members for their work on the open house he had as it was a good event.

Council Member Quan thanked Mayor Brown for pitching in on the cleanup around the new ballpark; that the city looked attractive, clean and the park was ready to open. Council Member Goldberg absent.

Council Member Quan stated that on Council Member Castillo's comments of the Census he was also concerned; that there was finger pointing as to why they were behind and he was confident there would be a good count but efforts needed to be done to reassure it. Council Member Goldberg absent.

Council Member Tatro stated that for some time there had been pleas for a removal policy on speed humps and he understood one would be forthcoming May 1, and for the second time in several months removal of the humps were stopped in his neighborhood on Bethlehem and he thanked the Council Members who assisted; that in alleviating the humps no policy or procedure was used and many who tried for them would like to voice their opinion in keeping them; and it was important to proceed with that removal policy before the humps were removed and then abide by it. Council Members Goldberg and Sanchez absent.

Council Member Tatro stated that he had submitted to the Mayor, and would resubmit two letters now, on two significant issues that had no response which he would like a response on, one had a budget policy impact and the second was on an ongoing process regarding right of way. Council Member Sanchez absent.

Council Member Vasquez stated that he would like to bring to the Mayor's attention the Carnegie Library which was a school library to both Davis High School and Marshall Middle School totaling 3,000 students; that it was the only library in the near north side and there was currently an effort to renovate it; that he supported the renovation, but currently the library was scheduled to close from around mid-April to mid-May and it would clearly be a problem for those students and he was asking that the project be delayed until the last week of May; and Mayor Brown stated that he would look at it. Council Member Sanchez absent.

Council Member Keller stated that he was receiving serious complaints regarding utility and cable companies and the way they had attacked city streets; that cars were being damaged and phone and water lines were being cut; that Public Works notified the Administration in December and it was handed to Legal needing an amendment in an ordinance so the city would have the right to police their own streets in this regard and it was expected that revisions to Article V, Chapter 40, would be presented to Council by mid-January and that may have been done, but he was pleading as people were coming to his house, etc.; and he would greatly appreciate it if the ordinance could be amended as soon as possible; and Mayor Brown stated that because it was a citywide issue a taskforce was working on it and revisions would be forthcoming. Council Member Sanchez absent.

Council Member Boney stated that to support what Council Members Castillo and Quan raised about the Census the response in Houston as of yesterday was 26% and that was ridiculous as Houston's money would be sent somewhere else and Texas' response rate was only at 33%; that he was appealing to the media to do something and urge all to fill out their Census forms; that the forms were only to be used by the Census bureau and anyone else attempting to use them would go to prison so it was simply about Houstonians getting their share of money; and Mayor Brown stated that he would echo that; that what was at stake was the City's representation in Congress as well as money for the schools, health care, parks, transportation and he would join all who spoke on the subject to urge all to fill out their forms and send them in. Council Member Sanchez absent.

There being no further business before Council, the City Council adjourned at 11:36 a.m. upon MOTION by Council Member Todd, seconded by Council Member Vasquez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Sanchez absent. MOTION ADOPTED. COUNCIL ADJOURNED.

DETAILED INFORMATION ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY.

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

Anna Russell, City Secretary