

City Council Chamber, City Hall, September 11, 2001

The following notice was posted in connection with the weekly meeting of the Houston City Council which had been scheduled to convene at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 11, 2001:

The weekly meeting of the Houston City Council, which had been scheduled to convene at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 11, 2001, has been rescheduled and will instead convene and be conducted in one combined session to commence at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 12, 2001, in the City Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, Houston City Hall, 901 Bagby, Houston, Texas 77002. All business previously scheduled to be conducted at the 1:30 p.m. session on Tuesday, September 11, will instead be conducted in the rescheduled session on September 12, and public speakers who were scheduled to speak at 2:00 p.m. on September 11, will instead be heard commencing at 9:30 a.m. on September 12.

City Council Chamber, City Hall, September 12, 2001

A Regular Meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, September 12, 2001, 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 Parker, Gordon Quan, Orlando Sanchez, Chris Bell and Carroll Robinson; Mr. Anthony Hall, City Attorney, Mr. Paul Bibler, Assistant City Attorney; Mr. Al Haines, Chief Administrative Officer, Mayor's Office; Mr. Richard Cantu, Director, Citizens Assistance Office; and Ms. Martha Stein, Agenda Director present.

At 9:10 a.m. Mayor Brown stated that before they started their meeting he would ask all of them to join him in a moment of silence in respect and memory of those who lost their lives in New York and Washington, D.C. and also to keep in their prayers the family members and loved ones. Council Members Tatro, Boney, Todd, Keller, Castillo and Bell absent.

Mayor Brown called to order the meeting of the City Council, and Council Member Quan lead everyone in prayer and the pledge of allegiance. Council Members Tatro, Boney, Todd, Keller, Castillo and Bell absent.

Mayor Brown requested the City Secretary to call the roll. Council Members Boney, Todd, Castillo and Bell absent.

Council Members Sanchez and Vasquez moved that the minutes of the previous meeting be adopted. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Boney, Todd, Castillo and Bell absent.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Brown stated that this was a combined Council Meeting and at 9:30 a.m. they would break for the public session; that he would like to take his time to give them an update on where they were in reference to the tragedy they had seen in the Country, that their thoughts and prayers must continue to go out to those who lost their friends and loved ones in what was clearly one of the most heinous attacks on civilian targets their Nation had ever seen, that without a doubt the horrific attack had forever scarred the landscape of the Country, that their role now was to unite and also to cope, that this was more than an attack on New York and Washington, this was an attack on each of them, and that being the case they needed to stand as one Nation behind the President, that there was no specific threat to the Houston area after yesterday's attack on New York and Washington and remained true today, however they would and must continue to be alert, that heightened security measures were put in place yesterday at the airports and the Port of Houston, that those measures remained in place today, that at the

airports they had put in place a very visible police force and travelers could expect a very strict boarding process, that it was expected that a decision about resuming flights would be made around noon today, that they would await official word from the Federal Aviation Administration, that the City's Aviation Department officials were meeting with the FAA, FBI and the airlines to determine when air traffic may begin to resume, that he wanted to remind those who were going to travel that it may be some time before the system was back on track, that when traffic did resume schedules would be limited and travelers should be patient and contact the airlines before heading to the airport, that additional security was put in place yesterday throughout the City, Federal and Consulate offices, that both the Houston Police Department and the Houston Fire Department put personnel on standby, that these additional securities were still in place at this hour, that a number of downtown businesses dismissed their employees early yesterday and he wanted to thank Metro for their efforts in quickly adjusting routes and schedules to get those employees home safely, that all HOV lanes were opened to outbound traffic well into the evening to accommodate travelers, that today Metro had resumed normal travel routes and schedules, that most major businesses in the greater Houston area were open this morning as well as all City Departments, that he now asked his residents to return the consideration that so many gave to them when they dealt with the aftermath of Tropical Storm Allison and they could do that by doing what he did yesterday and that was to give blood, that the number of injured would reach well into the thousands and the need for blood and aid would be incredible and Houston could help, that the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center was hosting a special blood drive at the George R. Brown Convention Center until 7:00 p.m., that by giving blood Houston could help a City and a Nation heal, that he had also ordered that all flags be flown at half mast for the next 30 days out of respect for those who lost their lives in this attack, that he would also like to request that the businesses and other organizations do the same, that he wanted to conclude his report by saying that this crime had affected all of them, but through time and prayer they would recover, that they should rely on their faith in God and their faith in the Country to overcome this tragedy and stand as one Nation behind President Bush. Council Member Bell absent.

Council Member Robinson stated that he wanted to thank Mayor Brown and the rest of the task force down at TranStar for the work they did over the last twenty-four hours plus in responding to the issue and also the ministerial community who held a number of prayer vigils around the City last night in response to this issue, that he had a chance to join Council Member Boney at Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church for one of those vigils and there was still a lot of healing that needed to go on even though they were not expressly a target of any of the terrorists attacks, that his prayers continued to go out like all of them at the Council table. Council Members Todd and Bell absent.

Council Member Robinson moved to suspend the rules to consider Item Numbers 21, 27, 33, 34 and 34a out of order, seconded by Council Member Quan. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Todd and Bell absent. MOTION 2001-1002 ADOPTED.

21. ORDINANCE appropriating \$323,400.00 out of Airports Improvement Fund and approving and authorizing professional services contract between the City of Houston and **UNISON-MAXIMUS, INC** for Concessions Consulting, CIP A-0399 - **DISTRICTS B - GALLOWAY and E - TODD** - was presented, and tagged by Council Members Keller, Castillo, Boney, Tatro and Goldberg. Council Members Todd, Sanchez and Bell absent.

Council Member Boney stated that he would like to have someone visit with him on the item, and Mayor Brown stated they would have someone visit with him. Council Members Todd, Sanchez and Bell absent.

27. MOTION by Council Member Boney/Seconded by Council Member Vasquez to adopt

recommendation for approval of supplemental allocation of funds on contract with **JOHN HALL PUBLIC AFFAIRS, INC** for Consulting Services related to the implementation of the Federal Clean Air Act - \$250,000.00 - General Fund - (**This was Item 2 on Agenda of September 5, 2001, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ**) - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Todd, Sanchez and Bell absent. MOTION 2001-1003 ADOPTED.

33. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between City of Houston and **TRIDATA CORPORATION** for Professional Services relating to the Implementation of Emergency Medical Services Planning and Redesign of the EMS System for Fire Department; providing a maximum contract amount - \$100,000.00 - General Fund - (**This was Item 37 on Agenda of September 5, 2001, POSTPONED BY MOTION #2001-997**) - was presented.

Council Member Parker moved to postpone Item No. 33 for two weeks. Council Members Todd and Bell absent.

Council Member Castillo stated that he had an opportunity to visit with Mr. Hollingsworth and members of the fire department and they left him a copy of the contract, that the concern he had was in reading the contract the Attachment A, which was the scope of services, was so vague that he did not see how they could enforce the contract as far as deliverables were concerned or as to the duties that were expected from the consultant, that he did not know if a consulting contract of that type was effective if it was so open ended and they could not define exactly what they expected to get out of it, that he would like to know if it could be made somewhat more specific, at least in terms of describing what it was that they expected to get, and Mayor Brown stated they would work with him on it. Council Members Todd and Bell absent.

A vote was called on Council Member Parker's motion to postpone Item No. 33. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Todd and Bell absent. MOTION 2001-1004 ADOPTED.

Council Member Robinson stated that he had somewhat similar concerns as that of Council Member Castillo, that he would hope, in terms of clarifying the vagueness, was that it be more specifically focused on what they could do in terms of efficiencies in the fire department to move them further down the road of achieving a greater percentage of four fire fighters per apparatus in light of current resources and the commitment that they started on in terms of Chief Connealy's plan and that was what he would be interested in, that he did not know what the language was that they would use in the scope of services to do that, but he would hope that they would have a chance to continue visiting with Mr. Hollingsworth to try to see if they could strengthen and clarify that language. Council Members Todd and Bell absent.

34. MOTION by Council Member Castillo/Seconded by Council Member Parker to amend Item 34A below to provide revised language for Subsection (f) of Section 3-2 - (**TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER TATRO**) - was presented. Council Member Tatro voting no, balance voting aye. Council Members Todd and Bell absent. MOTION 2001-1005 ADOPTED.
The full text of Motion 2001-1005 is as follows:

"I move to amend Agenda Item 34 by amending proposed Subsection (f) of Houston City Code § 3-2 to read as follows:

"(f) The provisions of subsection (a) shall not apply to the operation of a restaurant and/or bar that is associated with a hotel, subject to each of the following criteria:

- (1) The hotel must be situated within the 'central business district,' as defined in section 3-3 of this Code;
- (2) The hotel must have a total project cost per room of \$100,000, or more, and must continuously meet each of the following criteria:
 - a. Have 80 or more separately rentable guest sleeping accommodations;
 - b. Have breakfast, lunch, and dinner meal service available to the public on the premises during normal meal periods; ~~<and>~~
 - c. Have ~~<a daily>~~ an average daily room rental rate of ~~<\$75>~~ \$100 or more; and
 - d. Have 15 hours or more of on premises room service on a daily basis.
- (3) The restaurant and/or bar must be operated within the same structure that principally houses the guest sleeping accommodations of the hotel and must be an integral part of the hotel's operations; ~~<provided that the restaurant or bar may be operated by the hotel owner or>~~ this requirement shall not be construed to preclude the operation of a restaurant by another person acting under a license or business agreement with the ~~<hotel owner>~~ hotel's owner or operator, but a bar must be operated by the hotel's owner or, if the hotel is not operated by the owner, then by the person primarily responsible for the overall operation and management of the hotel; and
- (4) The restaurant or bar shall:
 - a. Take access from the lobby or interior corridors of the hotel; a restaurant may in addition to the lobby or interior access have direct public access to the exterior of the hotel structure but a bar may have no direct exterior access, except for 'exit only' emergency egress doors if required for compliance with building and fire codes;
 - b. Have no signage that is placed upon or visible from the exterior of the hotel that references or suggests the existence of a bar or advertises or suggests the availability of alcoholic beverages within a bar or restaurant;
 - c. Not have any alcohol bottles, beer taps, alcohol service equipment, bars of the type typically associated with the service of alcohol by a bartender, alcohol related signage, or any other indicia of the sale or service of alcohol that may be viewed from the exterior of the hotel through windows, doorways, or other openings; however, this provision shall not preclude the service of alcohol in unmarked or covered containers or barware at patrons' tables in response to customer service orders; and
 - d. Not have any outside seating or service areas; this requirement shall not be construed to preclude an interior courtyard restaurant or bar that is completely surrounded by the hotel and is not visible in any manner from the exterior of the hotel.

For purposes of the application of this subsection, the term 'restaurant' shall be limited to a premises operating under a food and beverage certificate issued by the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, and any other type of premises that offers alcohol service shall be referred to as a 'bar.' 'Average daily room rental' equals each day's gross receipts from rental of guest sleeping accommodations, less taxes, fees, and service charges, divided by the number of room rentals during that day. 'Total project cost per room' equals the total project cost for the hotel, including all real estate, design, construction, financing, legal, and other soft costs, divided

by the number of separately rentable guest sleeping accommodations. Operation of a hotel bar or restaurant under the provisions of this subsection shall require written approval of the director of planning and development, which shall be granted upon demonstration of compliance with the foregoing requirements. Application for an approval shall be made by the applicant for alcohol license or permit for the premises, who shall additionally be joined by the owner of the hotel and the owner of the land upon which the hotel will be situated if they are not the same persons who will hold the alcohol licenses or permits. The approval shall be in the form of a covenant enforceable by the city that shall run with the land upon which the hotel will be situated and shall be conditioned upon full and continuing compliance with all requirements of this subsection for the duration of the alcohol licenses or permits. The covenant shall be executed by the applicant and duly recorded in the real property records of Harris County at the expense of the applicant. The director of ~~Planning~~ planning and development may issue rules that are consistent with the requirements of this subsection for the administration of its provisions. No certification that may be required from the city by the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission or any other authority for the issuance of any alcohol permit or license shall be provided until all requirements of this subsection have been completed."

34a. ORDINANCE amending **CHAPTER 3 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; HOUSTON, TEXAS**, relating to the Sale of Alcohol within the City; containing findings and other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; providing for severability - **DISTRICT I - CASTILLO** - (**This was Item 42A on Agenda of September 5, 2001, POSTPONED BY MOTION #2001-1001**) - was presented.

Council Member Sanchez asked if they had plans to come back at each point and time and take advantage of the statute of the 1,000 foot distance, and Mr. Hall stated that he knew the issue was being reviewed and did not know what the plans were, and Council Member Sanchez asked Mayor Brown if he had intentions of taken advantage of the State statute which allowed for protection of the private schools as well, that obviously the statute already included public schools, and Mayor Brown asked Mr. Hall if this included the private schools as well as the public schools and Mr. Hall stated yes, but it was by application, that they had to apply, and Council Member Sanchez asked if they needed a mechanism that kicks in the City's inclusion of private schools in the 1,000 foot distance protection, in other words were they to receive a resolution from somebody or some organization requesting that they do that and then Council would have to take appropriate action to include it in the ordinance, and Mr. Bibler stated that no they would not include it in the ordinance, that he thought they would just pass a motion or resolution, but it was the same process they went through with the public schools, that they had to apply for it and it was his understanding that the board of directors of the school already had a resolution and they would be presenting it, and assuming that Legal gets it in the next few days, Council should see it on the agenda in the next week, and Mayor Brown stated they had a commitment from the administration. Council Members Bell and Robinson absent.

After further discussion by Council, a vote was called on Item No. 34A as amended. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Bell and Robinson absent. ORDINANCE 2001-0832 ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 1 through 26

MISCELLANEOUS - NUMBER 1

1. RECOMMENDATION from Fire Chief for Extension of Injury Leave for **BRIAN GAEKE** - was presented, moved by Council Member Boney, seconded by Council Member Tatro. All

voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Bell and Robinson absent. MOTION 2001-1006 ADOPTED.

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS - NUMBER 4

4. **REGAL PLASTIC COMPANY, INC** for Plastic Baggage Tubs for Aviation Department \$69,600.00 - Enterprise Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Boney, seconded by Council Member Sanchez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Bell and Robinson absent. MOTION 2001-1007 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES - NUMBERS 11 through 22

11. ORDINANCE consenting to the addition of 0.384 acres of land to **MONTGOMERY COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 47**, for inclusion in its district - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Bell and Robinson absent. ORDINANCE 2001-0833 ADOPTED.
15. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City and **ZINA GARRISON ALL COURT TENNIS ACADEMY** for a Tennis Program for Youth; providing a maximum contract amount - \$780,000.00 - General 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. Council Members Bell and Robinson absent.
16. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and the **STATE OF TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION RESOURCES (“DIR”)** for Long Distance Telephone Services and other Communication Services for Various Departments; providing a maximum contract amount - \$420,000.00 - Central Service Revolving 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. Council Members Bell and Robinson absent.
17. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing fourth amendment to contract (approved by Ordinance No. 95-573) between the City of Houston and **AT&T COMMUNICATIONS, INC** for Internet Services for Various Departments - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Bell and Robinson absent. ORDINANCE 2001-0834 ADOPTED.
19. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing an Untreated Water Supply contract between the City of Houston and the **DEER PARK ENERGY CENTER L.P.** - Revenue - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Bell and Robinson absent. ORDINANCE 2001-0835 ADOPTED.
20. ORDINANCE appropriating \$6,500,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing second contract amendment between the City of Houston and **MWH AMERICAS, INC** for Neighborhood Sewer System Improvements, CIP R-0544-01-02 (R-0544-03), Project No. 4751 had not been received, and the City Secretary announced it would be considered at the end of the Agenda if received during the meeting. Council Members Bell and Robinson absent.
22. ORDINANCE appropriating \$82,152.00 out of Airports Improvement Fund and approving and authorizing amendment No. 2 to Reimbursable Agreement SW-419 between the City of Houston and the **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION** for Relocation of the HUB VOR/DME at William P. Hobby Airport, CIP

A-0141.31 - **DISTRICT E - TODD** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Bell and Robinson absent. ORDINANCE 2001-0836 ADOPTED.

MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA WERE CONSIDERED AS FOLLOWS:

DAMAGES

2. RECOMMENDATION from City Attorney for settlement of lawsuit styled **JOSE SORTO v. The City of Houston**; in the 400th Judicial District Court of Fort Bend County, Texas, Cause No. 108,783 - \$165,000.00 - Property and Casualty Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Boney, seconded by Council Member Sanchez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Bell and Robinson absent. MOTION 2001-1008 ADOPTED.

ACCEPT WORK - NUMBER 3

3. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$14,358,569.74 and acceptance of work on contract with **REDDY ENGINEERS AND CONTRACTORS, INC** for Expansion of Southwest Water Plant, GFS S-1003-00-3 (10402) - 01.55% over the original contract amount - **DISTRICT C - GOLDBERG** - was presented, moved by Council Member Boney, seconded by Council Member Sanchez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Bell and Robinson absent. MOTION 2001-1009 ADOPTED.

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS

5. **ROQUEMORE'S DIRT AND TRUCKING CO.** - \$26,400.00, **TXI OPERATIONS, LP (Bid #2)** \$334,500.00 and **DDS AGGREGATES, INC** - \$58,500.00 for Red Clay/Sand Mixture and Top Dressing Sand Mixtures for Parks & Recreation Department - \$419,400.00 - General and Park Special Revenue Funds - was presented, moved by Council Member Boney, seconded by Council Member Sanchez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Bell and Robinson absent. MOTION 2001-1010 ADOPTED.
6. REJECT bid of **FORD CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC** as being non-responsive on bid for Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Cured-In-Place Pipe (CIPP) Method for Department of Public Works & Engineering - was presented, moved by Council Member Boney, seconded by Council Member Sanchez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Bell and Robinson absent. MOTION 2001-1011 ADOPTED.
- 6a. ORDINANCE appropriating \$3,861,990.59 out of Water and Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding construction contract to **GARVER CONSTRUCTION, LTD, BRH-GARVER, INC** and approving and authorizing professional services contract for engineering testing services with **HTS, INC, CONSULTANTS** for Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation by Cured-In-Place Pipe (CIPP) Method, GFS R-0266-17-3 (4258-9); providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water and Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Bell and Robinson absent. ORDINANCE 2001-0837 ADOPTED.
7. REJECT bid of **SHE-CO, INC OF HOUSTON** as being non-responsive on bid for Sanitary Sewer Inspection and Rehabilitation by Point Repair Method for Department of Public Works & Engineering - was presented, moved by Council Member Boney, seconded by

Council Member Sanchez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Bell and Robinson absent. MOTION 2001-1012 ADOPTED.

- 7a. ORDINANCE appropriating \$778,698.20 out of Water and Sewer Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding construction contract to **PHOCO, INC d/b/a TELEPHONE COMPANY OF HOUSTON** and approving and authorizing professional services contract for engineering testing services with **HVJ ASSOCIATES, INC** for Sanitary Sewer Inspection and Rehabilitation by Point Repair Method, GFS R-0266-21-3 (4277-7); providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water and Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Bell and Robinson absent. ORDINANCE 2001-0838 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES

8. ORDINANCE ordering a Special Election to be held jointly on November 6, 2001, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the City of Houston, Texas, a proposition for the amendment of the City Charter relating to future METRO Rail Projects; making findings and containing other provisions related to the subject; containing a severability clause - was presented, and tagged by Council Members Ellis, Sanchez and Tatro. Council Members Bell and Robinson absent.
9. ORDINANCE providing a maximum contract amount for contract between the City of Houston and **JOHN HANCOCK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY** (as approved by Ordinance No. 98-866) for Basic and Voluntary Life Insurance for City Employees, Retirees, and eligible dependents \$3,358,379.00 - Health Benefits Fund - was presented.

Upon questions by Council Member Keller, Mr. Haines stated that this was a maximum number based on the number of enrollees and the premium associated was the maximum amount, but was over the course of a period of time, that it was budgeted per annum, not escalated from 2002 to 2004. Council Members Bell and Robinson absent.

A vote was called on Item No. 9. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Bell and Robinson absent. ORDINANCE 2001-0839 ADOPTED.

10. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance Number 98-333 to increase the maximum contract amount of contract between the City and **WATSON WYATT AND COMPANY** for Benefits Consulting Services - \$546,000.00 - Health Benefits and Workers' Compensation Funds - was presented, and tagged by Council Member Keller. Council Members Bell and Robinson absent.
12. ORDINANCE authorizing the City of Houston to impose covenants providing for passive use restrictions on a 177 acre tract of land (Parcel No. B89-9C), being a portion of Cullinan Park at Oyster Creek, situated in the M. M. Battle League, Abstract 9 and the Alexander Hodge League, Abstract 32, Fort Bend County, Texas - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Bell and Robinson absent. ORDINANCE 2001-0840 ADOPTED.
13. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **WE CARE ABOUT KIDS KID-CARE** to provide a grant of \$300,000.00 of Federal Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") Funds in connection with the Renovation of a Neighborhood Facility located at 205 W. Crosstimbers, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT H - VASQUEZ** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Quan, Bell and

Robinson absent. ORDINANCE 2001-0841 ADOPTED.

14. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **STEVEN'S HOUSE, INC** to provide a grant of up to \$298,000.00 of Federal "HOPWA" Funds, which amount includes a limitation on additional funding in the amount of \$149,000.00, for supportive services and the operation of a Community Residence at 1635 Dunlavy, Houston, Texas, to serve low-income individuals with HIV/AIDS - **DISTRICT D - BONEY** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Quan, Bell and Robinson absent. ORDINANCE 2001-0842 ADOPTED.
18. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing a Groundwater Reduction Plan Participation Agreement between the City of Houston and **P & B WATER CORPORATION** - Revenue - was presented, and tagged by Council Members Tatro and Keller. Council Members Quan, Bell and Robinson absent.

Council Member Tatro stated that on the previous GRP plans they did not have the basis for it and would like for Ms. Phillipi to send him the basis for how the rate was set, and Council Member Keller stated he would like the information also, and Mayor Brown stated they would get that for them. Council Members Quan, Bell and Robinson absent.

23. ORDINANCE appropriating \$500,000.00 out of Airports Improvement Fund and approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **ATC ASSOCIATES, INC** for Professional Environmental Consulting Services for the Houston Airport System, Project No. 580, CIP A-0131 **DISTRICTS B - GALLOWAY and E - TODD** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Quan, Bell and Robinson absent. ORDINANCE 2001-0843 ADOPTED.
24. ORDINANCE appropriating \$14,233,375.00 out of Airport System Subordinate Lien Revenue Bonds, Series 2000B (NON-AMT) Construction Fund, CIP A-0008 and \$226,625.00 out of Airport System Subordinate Lien Revenue Bonds, Series 2000B (NON-AMT) Construction Fund, CIP A-0422; awarding construction contract to **STEWART-MATL, LTD.** and approving and authorizing professional services contract for engineering testing services with **HBC ENGINEERING COMPANY, INC** for Replacement of CFR 54 with two new ARFF Stations at George Bush Intercontinental Airport/Houston, Project 521B; providing funding for the Civic Art financed by Airport System Bonds 2000B NON-AMT Construction Fund - **DISTRICT B- GALLOWAY** - was presented, and tagged by Council Members Keller and Boney. Council Members Quan, Bell and Robinson absent.
25. ORDINANCE appropriating \$28,891,361.00 out of Airport System Consolidated 2000 AMT Construction Fund CIP A-0116 and \$21,375,786.00 out Airport System Bonds 2000B NONAMT Construction Fund, awarding construction contract to **CHAMPAGNE-WEBBER INC, TEXAS** and approving and authorizing professional services contract for engineering testing services with **PARADIGM CONSULTANTS, INC** for New Cargo Infrastructure at George Bush Intercontinental Airport/Houston, (Project No. 560) - **DISTRICT B - GALLOWAY** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Quan, Bell and Robinson absent. ORDINANCE 2001-0844 ADOPTED.
26. ORDINANCE appropriating \$2,397,000.53 out of Parks Consolidated Construction Fund and \$173,400.00 out of Park Special Fund, awarding construction contract to **JERDON ENTERPRISES, L.P.**, and approving and authorizing professional services contract for engineering testing services with **TERRA-MAR, INC** for Hermann Park Reflection Pool, F-0364-07-3; providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed

by the Parks Consolidated Construction Fund and the Park Special Fund - **DISTRICT D - BONEY** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Quan, Bell and Robinson absent. ORDINANCE 2001-0845 ADOPTED.

MATTERS HELD - NUMBERS 27 through 34A

28. MOTION by Council Member Boney/Seconded by Council Member Sanchez to adopt recommendation from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$1,331,207.99 and acceptance of work on contract with **T & C CONSTRUCTION, INC** for Westpark No. 1 Lift Station Expansion, GFS R-1224-16-3 (4459-3) 04.49% over the original contract amount - Enterprise Fund - **DISTRICT C - GOLDBERG** - (**This was Item 6 on Agenda of September 5, 2001, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GOLDBERG**) - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Quan, Bell and Robinson absent. MOTION 2001-1013 ADOPTED.
29. MOTION by Council Member Boney/Seconded by Council Member Sanchez to adopt recommendation from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for condemnation of Parcel VY0-33, located in the 8700 block of Stella Link, owned by Woodshire Building Company, Inc., a Texas corporation, for the **WILLOW MEADOW RELIEF SEWER PROJECT**, CIP R-2011-2-1 - **DISTRICT C - GOLDBERG** - (**This was Item 14 on Agenda of September 5, 2001, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GOLDBERG**) - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Quan, Bell and Robinson absent. MOTION 2001-1014 ADOPTED.
30. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance Number 2000-891 to change the name of the permittee and approving the transfer of all rights and obligations under the permit therein issued to **CRESCENT 5 HOUSTON CENTER, L.P.**, successor in interest to Crescent Real Estate Equities Limited Partnership - **DISTRICT I - CASTILLO** - (**This was Item 22 on Agenda of September 5, 2001, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GOLDBERG**) - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Quan, Bell and Robinson absent. ORDINANCE 2001-0846 ADOPTED.
31. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing amendment to the contract between the City of Houston and the **WESTERN REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION COUNCIL, d/b/a COUNCIL FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION, INC** for a Collaborative Water Education Program \$110,000.00 - Enterprise and Street & Drainage Maintenance Funds - (**This was Item 26 on Agenda of September 5, 2001, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GOLDBERG**) - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Quan, Bell and Robinson absent. ORDINANCE 2001-0847 ADOPTED.
32. ORDINANCE awarding the contract to **JLH COASTAL FUMIGATORS, INC, dba END-O-PEST** for Pest Control Services for Various Departments; providing a maximum contract amount \$688,262.50 - General, Enterprise, Building Inspection and Street & Drainage Maintenance Funds - (**This was Item 29 on Agenda of September 5, 2001, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS PARKER and QUAN**) - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Quan, Bell and Robinson absent. ORDINANCE 2001-0848 ADOPTED.

At 9:31 a.m. Mayor Brown stated they would move to the public session and requested the City Secretary to call the list of speakers. Council Members Quan, Bell and Robinson absent.

Mr. Lee Mercer, 4928 Winnetka, Houston, Texas 77021 (713-741-9656) appeared and

voiced his request for \$5 million of compensation to finish his academic product, criminology study of crime and criminal academic products, until his time expired. Council Members Goldberg, Boney and Bell absent.

Mr. Pamela Perez, 222 S. 6th, No. 6105, Houston, Texas 77011 (713-369-7701) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Quan, Bell and Robinson absent.

Mr. Andrew Perez, 222 S. 6th, No. 6105, Houston, Texas 77011 (713-369-7701) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Quan, Bell and Robinson absent.

Ms. Jessica Hulseley, 4809 Brady, Houston, Texas 77011 (713-928-3269) appeared and stated that she was present as a concerned parent and concerned citizen, that they as the community of the Second Ward area had a great concern regarding the Victory Outreach Ministry that was about to be established at 205 N. Delmar, that it was their understanding that this was a program that consisted of counseling people with drug and alcohol problems, that their neighborhood had too many residents turning into facilities that house these recovering people, who in the past had been part of the penal system or were alcohol and substance abusers, that they did know that there were no zoning laws or deed restrictions in some of their eastside neighborhoods, however their community was a place where they wanted their children to feel safe and free to walk home or play outside, that they were pleased that there were people out in the community that wanted to help the people with problems, however not another one in their neighborhood and not on top of Burnett Elementary School, that it was a Pre-K through 6th grade, that they were very much concerned, that parents from Burnett Elementary School were ready yesterday to address City Council, but today they were not able to be here because they had to work, but these concerned parents had collected more than 300 signatures, that they were very serious about the group and were present to get Mayor Brown's and City Council's support, that she brought it to the attention also to their district HISD School Board Member, Ms. Esther Campos, and she was with them and supporting them, that now they wanted to hear from the Mayor and Council Members. Council Members Goldberg, Todd, Bell and Robinson absent.

Mayor Brown asked Mr. Bibler to speak on whatever legal authority they had on this as a City, and Mr. Bibler stated that they had been trying to find out more about this, but because of yesterday's events he had not been able to get a report from the Planning Department, that they did have an ordinance that addresses places where people live if they were there as an alternative to incarceration, and that was why he had been trying to find out if it was a residential property or just a place where people went for day counseling and if it was a residential property whether they were sent there under the orders of criminal courts, that they were trying to assemble that information to find out what options the City had. Council Members Goldberg, Todd, Bell and Robinson absent.

Ms. Hulseley stated that no matter what they were right on top of the elementary school, twenty feet, they were adjacent to the playground, that the parents suggested that the City purchase the property in question, 205 Delmar, that it used to be an old Head Start facility, that the could City purchase the property in conjunction with HISD and give it back to the children. Council Members Goldberg, Todd, Bell and Robinson absent.

Council Member Castillo stated that it was important to know just what kind of legal authority the City had to restrict those land uses and if they did not their permanent solution was to go to the Legislature and provide some kind of risk free zone around schools to prohibit those kind of land uses that pose a danger to children, that he and Council Member Vasquez would be

working to try to find an immediate solution to this situation. Council Members Goldberg, Bell and Robinson absent.

Council Member Vasquez stated that it was a difficult situation in terms of balancing the needs of the children and the needs of those individuals trying to rehabilitate themselves, but he thought that in this instance the needs of the children were more overwhelming. Council Members Goldberg, Boney, Todd, Castillo, Bell and Robinson absent.

Council Member Quan asked who was Victory Outreach International, and Ms. Hulseley stated that she had a flyer regarding the organization, and Council Member Quan stated that he agreed with Council Member Vasquez that if their motive was positive they should be reaching out to them to see what they could do together with both groups to find an adequate location an approximate distance from the school and would be glad to work with her to reach the individuals and see what they could do. Council Members Goldberg, Boney, Todd, Castillo, Bell and Robinson absent.

Mayor Brown stated that Mr. Richard Cantu, Citizens Assistance would work with her as well. Council Members Goldberg, Boney, Todd, Castillo, Bell and Robinson absent.

Council Member Vasquez stated that given the situation he would encourage her to have a joint meeting of HISD officials and representatives and Council as well so they could all be on the same page in terms of how they discussed and addressed this. Council Members Goldberg, Boney, Todd, Keller, Castillo, Bell and Robinson absent.

Mr. Gregory Foster, 865 Ruthy, Houston, Texas 77061 (713-540-0710) appeared and stated that he was running for City Council At Large, that the problem that he was facing was that he had not been able to find anyone who would help him get the \$500 filing fee, that he had asked a number of people but no one was willing to donate, that he had not been able to get any funds and asked if there was a format of some kind or another method of getting on the ballot, that he would like to be able to make history because of his visual impairment, that he was probably the first person to run for City Council who was legally blind. Council Members Tatro, Goldberg, Keller, Castillo and Bell absent.

Mayor Brown asked Mr. Bibler what was the other means of getting on the ballot without paying a fee, and Mr. Bibler stated that there was a petition process that was available under State law and Mr. Foster might want to contact the Secretary of State's office, that he was sure they could assist him in doing that, and Mayor Brown stated that he was told it required 1,034 signatures to waive the fee and it was State law, that the City Secretary had a copy and would get one of her staff to get that to him. Council Members Tatro, Keller, Vasquez and Bell absent.

Council Member Boney stated that it was very likely that it would have to be 1,034 registered voters, so in addition to getting the form he thought it was also important that he contact the Secretary of State to understand what the guidelines and rules were. Council Member Bell absent.

Ms. Cherrie Butler, 1351 Green Parkway, Houston, Texas 77076 (281-734-4164) appeared and stated that she had sent a letter concerning some health issues that she had, that she did not know how it was connected but she was given a letter of termination because of an evaluation by a psychologist, that the evaluation could not be substantiated, that she had to go back have some restrictions removed, that she did not want to blame anybody but she did not know if the health issues had anything to do with the stress that was put on her, and Mayor Brown asked if she was talking about Metro, and Ms. Butler stated yes, and Mayor Brown stated that Mr. Russ Frank was present from Metro and would meet with her and see if he could help

her. Council Member Bell absent.

Mr. William Beal, 4718 Boicewood, Houston, Texas 77016 (713-633-0126) appeared and voiced his personal experiences and opinions until his time expired. Council Members Castillo and Bell absent.

Ms. Gladys Bosley, 1010 Rosehaven Dr., Houston, Texas 77051 (713-295-5607) appeared and stated that she was present regarding her 93 year old mother, that she had written a letter to Mayor Brown which stated that her mother was a 93 year old disabled invalid, that she was a CBA, Community Based Alternate patient and received the same care at home that she would in a nursing home, that in 1997 her mother had some emergency repair work done on her house, that back in January 2001 she called the same agent that she went through which was the National Association of Minority Contractors and called to Ms. Stokes at that time and Ms. Stokes stated that her mother was eligible and as a matter of fact she was eligible for a \$10,000, that she called to see if there was a guarantee on the roof because it was leaking and the ceiling was unpeeling and she could not describe how the sheet rock looked, that Ms. Good at Houston National Minority Contractors told her that her mother was eligible, but when she called back three weeks later her mother was denied, that she was denied due to the fact that she lived with her mother, that she was her mother's only care giver, that when she chose to keep her mother at home they told her that by living in her own home it would not affect the help that she needed or the help she could get, that she was receiving help from the State and she had legal documents that showed her mother needed 24 hour supervision, that she was told to contact Michael Halpin, which she did, and Mr. Halpin denied her mother, that was what the agent said, and she was present not only on behalf of her mother but on behalf of all senior citizens that wished to stay in their homes instead of going to a nursing home, that why was the care giver salary included, that her mother only got \$550 per month, SSI and Social Security combined, but why would her salary take effect for the City due to the emergency home repair that she needed now because she lived there. Council Members Boney, Castillo and Bell absent.

Mayor Brown stated that there was some questions about the federal guidelines, but Ms. Flora Garcia was present to meet with her and see what could be done, that it was not a question whether anyone wanted to help or not, but there were guidelines that had to be followed. Council Members Boney, Castillo and Bell absent.

Ms. Martina Salazar, 223 Bryan, Houston, Texas 77011 (713-928-6028) appeared and read from a statement in Spanish that stated that she was the mother of a child that attended Burnett Elementary School at 5403 Canal St., that she was also a resident of the Second Ward, that she was present to advise them of a very serious situation, that a center for the Victory Outreach was being established at 205 Delmar, just 30 feet distance from Burnet Elementary School, that this property used to be a Head Start and closed its doors approximately two years ago, that she looked up information on Victory Outreach through the internet and found that it was one of the largest rehabilitation centers for drug abuse and worked with people who had problems with drug abuse, alcohol and prostitution, that the organization maintains homes for drug and alcohol addicts, that the center is operated or administered by a group of members of the clergy for professionals and ex drug addicts, that their community has a lot of places that house addicts, alcoholics and sexual offenders, that they had the Open Door Mission at 5803 Harrisburg, that there are four similar centers located on Delmar Street with registered sex offenders, that is why, when they discovered that there was to be another rehabilitation center for drug addicts and alcoholics was being established across the street from the elementary school, it had them very preoccupied, that at Burnett Elementary School there are over 800 students between the ages of 3 years old and 12 years old and they are the most vulnerable to any situation which may occur, that she wanted to express to them in the names of the parents of the children at the school and her child also that they are very disturbed by this because Victory Outreach chose this site on

Delmar Street without any consideration to establish its center, that she was a very dedicated mother who desired, just like all of the other parents, the very best for their children, a good education in secure surroundings, that they think and feel that if this rehabilitation center proceeds with its ministry to the addicts the school would cease to have a safe surrounding for their children, that recently in the last two years their community had been the victim of child kidnappings, that if they will recall the children have been kidnapped on the way home from school or near the school, that they cannot stop worrying about this complex situation; how was it possible that this rehabilitation center for drug addicts was being established across the street from the school, that she respects the good intentions of Pastor Armando Rios who tries to rehabilitate individuals who have experienced with drugs, but they will not tolerate having disturbed and conflicting people around such young children, that they knew that Mayor Brown knows their community by the many times he has visited there and they invite him to go to the school and visit them once more, that they confided completely in the Mayor and Council and thanked them for their support and hoped they would help them maintain a zone safe from drugs in their community and schools. Council Members Boney and Bell absent.

Mayor Brown asked Mr. Cantu if she was saying the same thing that Ms. Hulseley stated and asked him to briefly tell the Council Members what she said, and Mr. Cantu stated that she basically spoke about the same location and facility that was opening across from Burnett Elementary School, Victory Outreach, that it was known that this organization worked with recovering drug addicts and ex offenders, that they were concerned because it was only 30 feet away from Burnett Elementary and wanted the Mayor and Council to help prevent this from happening. Council Members Boney and Bell absent.

Council Member Castillo stated that in addition that area of town had been the focus of a series of kidnappings of school children on their way home from school, that secondly she pointed out that the east end was the site for many of these types of facilities, including facilities for recovering alcoholics and counseling for drug addicts, and asked if it was necessary to place another one across the playground from the school. Council Members Boney and Bell absent.

Mayor Brown stated that just as he mentioned to Ms. Hulseley they would have Mr. Cantu work with her as well. Council Members Boney and Bell absent.

Mr. Christopher Cato, 7710 Boggess Rd., Houston, Texas 77016 (713-633-3200) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Boney and Bell absent.

Mr. Bernard Maristany, 2819 Amber Dale Ct., Houston, Texas 77059 (281-486-4014) appeared and stated that he was present that the Council consider issuing an ordinance that could be called truth in taxing ordinance, that frequently they were told to support whatever and the tax rate would not increase, that they thought in this case they would make them believe that the taxes they paid would not increase although the tax rate was only one factor in the determination of how much tax they paid, that frequently they were asked to support bond issues without explaining how taxes must increase to service the bond issue, that obviously without the bond issue the taxes they pay would be less, that frequently they were told to support the bond issue for so much money, but they were not told in reality the amount of the bond issue they would be paying on interest rates at the time of the issue, if at that time the interests were higher than forecasted at the time of the approval, fewer bonds would be issued, if the interests were lower, more bonds might be issued, that it seemed that what was approved was a certain amount for interest amortization to service debt and the actual bond issue might be a variable, if so it should be said explicitly, that at times they were told to support the continuation of a tax about to expire alleging that it would not be a tax increase, that it was a tax increase because if

the tax expired they would be paying less tax than if the taxes continued, that the information given to citizens needed to be reliable and understandable by everyone, that the truth in taxing ordinance could increase measurably the confidence citizens had on their elected officials. Council Members Ellis and Bell absent.

Mr./Coach Bobby Taylor, 3107 Sumpter, Houston, Texas 77026 (202-FA3-4511) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Ellis and Bell absent.

Mr. Trent Winters, 7967 W. Airport Blvd., Houston, Texas 77071 (713-781-2260) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Ellis and Bell absent.

Mr. James Partsch-Galvan, 1611 Holman, Houston, Texas 77004 (713-528-2607) appeared and stated that he wanted to point out that this Friday was also the deadline to submit the answers and photographs to the League of Women Voters Guide, that two things yesterday when the crash happened, that number one it happened while the sun was in Virgo, the same way that the hurricane in 1900 happened in Galveston, the worst natural disaster, that this happened when the sun was in Virgo, that Virgo was a sign of perfection, that number two, it was the policies of the United States Government, President Bush and the current United States government, that by number one, being too pro Israel and being anti Palestinian, and two by walking out on the United Nations conference on racism, that it was because of the United States government present situation that this happened and the only way it was going to be solved was when they got a Palestinian stated with East Jerusalem being its capital, that the United States was being too pro Israel. Council Members Ellis and Bell absent.

Mr. Robert Horton appeared and voiced his personal opinion of the tragedy of September 11, 2001. Council Members Ellis and Bell absent.

Items received during meeting

15. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City and **ZINA GARRISON ALL COURT TENNIS ACADEMY** for a Tennis Program for Youth; providing a maximum contract amount - \$780,000.00 - General Fund - was presented, and tagged by Council Members Tatro and Parker.

Council Member Tatro stated that he would like to get a breakdown of the amounts they were spending on the other sports.

16. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and the **STATE OF TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION RESOURCES ("DIR")** for Long Distance Telephone Services and other Communication Services for Various Departments; providing a maximum contract amount - \$420,000.00 - Central Service Revolving Fund - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2001-0849 ADOPTED.
20. ORDINANCE appropriating \$6,500,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing second contract amendment between the City of Houston and **MWH AMERICAS, INC** for Neighborhood Sewer System Improvements, CIP R-0544-01-02 (R-0544-03), Project No. 4751 - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2001-0850 ADOPTED.

Council Member Boney presented a proclamation to representatives of the Lighthouse of

Houston which proclaimed that Lee P. Brown, Mayor of the City of Houston, hereby proclaimed Thursday, September 13, 2001 as National Vision Rehabilitation Day in Houston, Texas.

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Parker stated that in light of yesterday's events she could not imagine any issues or items that could not keep for a week and would pass. Council Member Sanchez absent.

Council Member Castillo stated that he would likewise bring up items of administrative character next week, that he was impressed by the reaction of the people in West University Place who proceeded to display the array of flags they normally bring out during the Fourth of July celebrations and would encourage all Houstonians to bring their flags out and fly them in a show of unity and solidarity with the people in New York, that like the comments of Prime Minister Shimon Peres, who said yesterday, "that today we were all Americans". Council Member Sanchez absent.

Council Member Bell stated that he wanted to commend Mayor Brown and the media for bringing attention to the need to donate blood, that yesterday the turnout at the George R. Brown was absolutely phenomenal and that was why he was late to the Council meeting, that he got there at 7:30 a.m. and the line was already beginning to go around the block, that it was now well around the building and packed indoors as well and it was taking a couple of hours but no one was walking away because he thought everybody saw the need and saw it as a way to show their support for those in other cities, that there was a lot of talk and several people visited with him at the convention center about their kids and what to tell them, that there was an article written in the Chronicle about it this morning and he tried to talk to his five year old son about it yesterday to explain to him why mommy and daddy might be acting a little differently than he was used to and tried to explain the difference between what he saw on television and the horrible reality that they all witnessed yesterday, that the only thing that seemed to be clear after yesterday was that our world was forever going to be changed and as public officials he thought that they were going to have to be willing to engage in this debate and discussion going forward as to how the changed world was going to affect us and what the limits were going to be, that obviously there was going to be a need for tightened security at public buildings and at the airport, that at what point would those precautions start infringing on the freedom that they all cherished, that he thought there would be some very difficult decisions to be made but they were going to have to be made and the discussion was going to have to go forward, that meanwhile his heart and prayers went out to the people in New York and Washington. Council Member Sanchez absent.

Mayor Brown stated that he would encourage all Members of Council to donate blood, just as he had encouraged all Houstonians, that was something that each one of them could do individually, that he did it yesterday. Council Member Sanchez absent.

Council Member Goldberg stated that he wanted to commend Police Chief Bradford and Fire Chief Connealy, that he was at the TranStar building and after the press conference he and some of the Council Members had a chance to talk to both chiefs and they told them basically what precautions were being taken and he wanted to commend them for really doing an excellent job in the light of the emergency circumstances that they did not know the extent of at that time, that he would like for them to keep in their thoughts and prayers today for the 200 to 300 firefighters in New York that lost their lives and the scores of police officers, that both of these occupations ask and require of their members to run into the face of danger and risk their lives and that was exactly what they did and they paid the ultimate price. Council Member Sanchez absent.

Council Member Todd stated that he wanted to echo the same things that had been heard around the table, that he did not think there was a person in Houston who had not had the thought of what the families in New York and Washington were going through right now, that he would like to know as soon as they had a chance to look at what the fallout was going to be on a security level, that he was sure there were probably going to be some changes made in the FFA security, that it was a common sight seeing flights coming into Hobby being routed close to downtown and would like to know as soon as possible who it was at the Aviation Department who would be the go between in those sorts of talks. Council Member Sanchez absent.

Council Member Todd stated that Mr. Roland Chavez's father passed away this week, and in addition Captain Gott, from the Clear Lake Substation, his father passed away too and requested a moment of silence on their behalf. Council Member Sanchez absent.

Council Member Galloway stated that she wanted to echo her sentiments as well on the tragedy yesterday, that she wanted to commend Mayor Brown for coming to the forefront right away to be sensitive to the employees and let them know they could leave and go be with their families and check on any relatives they may have in New York or Washington, that was what it was all about, citizens coming together for the same common cause and that was in support of each other, that she could truly say that the citizens of Houston had really come to the forefront and they must continue to have prayers for all of those affected by the tragedy. Council Member Galloway absent.

Council Member Robinson stated that he wanted to echo all the comments that had been made and not only commend the Mayor and the professionals at the City, but the folks at the County and the State and Federal level for being so responsive, that he also wanted to thank the public for being calm as they made their way back home across the City and the region, that his prayers and those of his family continued to go out to all those affected and impacted and to the Houstonians who tried to find family members any place in the Country.

Council Member Quan stated that he would like to thank Members of Council for their support of the grant to Kid Care, that many people did not know that Houston had the second highest number of children who went hungry daily, that Kid Care did a tremendous amount of work providing 20,000 meals a month to these children and he knew that the money would go for a very worthy cause.

Council Member Quan stated that he knew they were all appalled and outraged about the events of yesterday, but he again asked that people not rush to judgment until all of the facts were known, that he knew that the Muslim community was very concerned about any hatred directed at them, that he knew they were a fine community in the City that cared a lot about the Country as well, so he asked for patience and understanding as they seek to find out who the perpetrators of these acts were and that they treat these matters as their legal system demanded, in a fair and just manner. Council Member Castillo absent.

Council Member Tatro stated that he asked Houstonians to keep the people in New York in their prayers, that the far reaching affects of this were felt on the local level, that Ms. Barbara Olson was on one of the airplanes and a candidate for City Council, Tony Lawrence, was her sister so he asked Houstonians to keep not only the victims but the local families of all those victims in their prayers.

Council Member Vasquez stated that he wanted to echo all the comments around the table as well, that he wanted to point out that while they were commenting about the events of yesterday that there would be some difficult days ahead, not only for the military but for other

citizens around the world, that he did hope they would find the individuals that staged this event and hoped they would go after them in a just manner, as Council Member Quan said, but he did hope they would take action. Council Member Castillo absent.

Council Member Vasquez stated that he spoken with the Honorable Enrique B. Flores yesterday, the Consular General from Mexico, and basically the nation of Mexico had cancelled all of the government events all over Mexico and the world for Fiestas Patrias this weekend out of respect for the United States people, that just the amount of grief and sorrow they felt for their neighbors would not allow them to celebrate in a festive mood, that upon orders from President Fox they cancelled the events all over the world, that the Consular General asked him to express is condolences to the American people, that their hearts were deeply pained and that they stood with their neighbors. Council Member Castillo absent.

Council Member Keller stated that he would also like to send out his heartfelt prayers to the families of the passengers and the innocent people who were killed and the hundreds that were affected by each death and the heroes not just in New York but their brother police officers and firefighters in Houston, that they were nationally connected in a family way, that he hoped they would always remember how brave they gave their own lives knowing how dangerous it was when they ran in to save somebody else's life, that he also hoped that they would be calm, that he had a large Muslim population in his district and he would like to echo Council Member Quan's concerns about that and he did hope that they would take swift and immediate action and protect those in the City. Council Member Castillo absent.

Council Member Boney stated that in listening to the comments of his colleagues he certainly agreed to everything that had been said, that he would also like to acknowledge, as they remember the people in New York and Washington, that there was also a plane crash in Pennsylvania, that was an equal disaster of innocent people who were lost yesterday, that a psychologist said that the trauma that human beings felt was probably greatest a day or so after the event itself so a lot of people were going to be affected but perhaps even more so now that they had witnessed the event, that he would urge them to continue to manifest the kind of qualities they had so far and make sure they had the facts and be patient to get the facts so that no more innocent people, like the children who were in the daycare center below the trade center in New York, who knew nothing about public policy and had nothing to do with any of the issues, that too many innocent people were often hurt by something that they had no knowledge of or had nothing to do with, that it was an equal fault to stereotype people because they were from a constituency or a religious faith, that in essence they were all human beings, that he would urge that they all support the prayer vigils. Council Member Castillo absent.

Council Member Sanchez stated that he wanted to give thanks to the men and women of his former Air Force Unit, the 147th Fighter Interceptor Group, located at Ellington Field, that as they knew these were civilian soldiers, that he happened to spend a number of years out there as one of them, who were called at a moments notice to fill the supply, logistic, weather and air traffic control needs, the military police, medical unity, maintenance and even judge advocate's office on the base in a moments notice, that they were called away from banks, local hospitals, airline pilots, that these were the individuals who gave support yesterday, not only to Air Force One leaving Florida, but also the 147th Fighter Interceptor Group was responsible for the security of the air space from the Florida Panhandle to the coast of Texas. Council Member Castillo absent.

There being no further business before Council, the City Council adjourned at 10:29 a.m. upon MOTION by Council Member Robinson, seconded by Council Member Vasquez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Castillo absent.

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

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

Anna Russell, City Secretary