

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, April 16, 2002.

A Regular Meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 16, 2002, with Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bert Keller presiding and with Council Members Bruce Tatro, Carol M. Galloway, Mark Goldberg, Ada Edwards, Addie Wiseman, Mark Ellis, Gabriel Vasquez, Carol Alvarado, Annise Parker, Shelly Sekula-Rodriguez, M.D., Michael Berry and Carroll Robinson; Mr. Paul Bibler, Senior Counsel, City Attorney's Office; Mr. Richard Cantu, Director, Mayor's Citizens Assistance Office; Ms. Martha Stein, Agenda Director present. Mayor Lee P. Brown and Mayor Pro Tem Gordon Quan out of the city on city business.

At 2:02 p.m. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Keller stated that they had a Council presentation by Council Member Robinson. Council Members Galloway, Goldberg, Vasquez, Alvarado and Berry absent.

Council Member Robinson stated that in their community they were fortunate to have a Chapter of the Women's Veterans of America in Houston and were joined today by the Commander, Ms. Gloria Morris and stated that Mayor Brown had sent a resolution proclaiming, Tuesday, April 16, 2002, as Women's Veterans of America Day in Houston, Texas and invited Ms. Morris to the podium and stated that they were pleased to have her present representing all the women who had served the Nation. Council Members Galloway, Goldberg, Vasquez, Alvarado and Berry absent.

Ms. Morris stated that she was the Commander of the Women's Veterans of America Chapter 8 in Houston, that they were founded in 1999 by four women from Vietnam, World War II and Korean War, that the purpose of their organization was to service the women veterans for needs such as support, that was their main goal support, that they serviced the women at the VA hospital, which was where she worked, that they went to the rooms and addressed the issues they had, that they also worked with the women's coordinator's in the women's clinic and worked for their health care and also were now doing a fund raiser because they were a non-profit organization, that they also had organizations who donated toiletries and stuff which they passed out to their patients and they appreciated, that they were forgotten and that was why she was present, recognition, that there was a lot more men then women, but right now there was a lot of women and they had them overseas fighting, that two years ago when they had the parade it was supposed to be in honor of the women's veterans also but they were not recognized, that they would like to have recognition for the women veterans to let the people know that they were present and their motto was still "Serving Proudly" and that was what she was, that they had national officers who would be present November 13, 2002 to speak at the Women's Recognition Day at the VA hospital, that there were four officers and she wanted to invite the Council Members to come and meet with their national officers. Council Member Galloway, Goldberg and Alvarado absent.

Council Member Parker asked if Ms. Morris could tell them how to contact the organization and Ms. Morris stated that they could reach her at the VA hospital, Volunteer Office, 713-794-7135, that she was present Monday, Wednesday and Friday or they could leave a message for her. Council Member Galloway, Goldberg and Alvarado absent.

Council Member Sekula-Rodriguez stated that they were honored to have her present and were grateful for all the things that the women in the military did for them and if there was anything that her office could do to help her delivering the services to those fine women they would be happy to do so. Council Members Galloway and Alvarado absent.

Council Member Edwards stated that she had an aunt in the Army Nursing Corp. and had been looking for that recognition that Ms. Morris was talking about for a long time, that she

honored and respected the work she had done over the years and would be happy to work with her however they could. Council Members Galloway, Goldberg, Alvarado and Parker absent.

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Keller recognized Council Member Edwards for a moment of personal privilege. Council Members Galloway, Alvarado and Robinson absent.

Council Member Edwards stated that she wanted to recognize a group of students present from members of her church and stated that Alke-Bu-Laen Schools had been a part of the Pan African Orthodox Christian Church for over 50 years and one of their most prestigious was Mr. Kilpatrick who was just elected Mayor of Detroit and these young people would follow in his footsteps and asked that the students stand and be recognized, that they were accompanied by their teachers Bishop Aminata and Sister Media.

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Keller stated that if the Mayor was present he would say they were very proud of them and hoped that they would chose public service as a way to serve their community at some time.

At 2:11 p.m. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Keller called to order the meeting of the City Council and Council Member Edwards led everyone in prayer and the pledge of allegiance. Council Members Galloway and Alvarado absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Quan requested the City Secretary to call the roll. Mayor Brown and Mayor Pro Tem Quan out of the city on city business. Council Member Galloway absent.

Council Members Sekula-Rodriguez and Robinson moved that the minutes of the previous meeting be adopted. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Brown and Mayor Pro Tem Quan out of the city on city business. Council Member Galloway absent.

Council Member Sekula-Rodriguez moved to suspend the rules to hear Ms. Lucy Reyna, Mrs. Geraldine Interiano-Wise and Ms. Rosemary Acosta out of order, seconded by Council Member Vasquez. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Brown and Mayor Pro Tem Quan out of the city on city business. Council Member Galloway absent. MOTION 2002-0450 ADOPTED.

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Keller requested the City Secretary to call the list of speakers.

Ms. Lucy Reyna, 45 Neyland, Houston, Texas 77022 (713-691-5433) appeared and stated that she was the Director of the Life Center and also the Chair of the HIV Awareness Campaign that they were conducting in Houston, that she wanted to thank the Office of the Mayor for all of their support, particularly the Office of Houston Crackdown and Ms. Carolyn Alves for opening the doors and allowing them to continue with the awareness campaign, that the campaign was going so well she was present to tell them how the community had become united and what they were going to do in Houston, that together they had formed a great committee of business partners and community providers, some of whom were present to meet them today, that she wanted to tell them that they let the African American Community down and let the disease run rampant in their community and they could not let that happen in the Latino Community, that they were going to keep fighting. Council Member Galloway absent.

Mrs. Geraldine Interiano-Wise, 3405 Amherst, Houston, Texas 77005 (713-660-6640) appeared and stated that she was an architectural designer and was present as a member of the Committee for Strategic Planning for the Houston model of the Flor de Vida Campaign, that this was a campaign that very likely could go on to Washington if they were able to get all of the community support to set the model to be able to take it to other big cities where Latinos were and could be more aware of the AIDS Campaign, that she was also present as a mother of two

children who were lucky enough to be aware of the AIDS virus and how they could possibly get it, and because of such she would like for all the Latino children in Houston and the Nation to have an opportunity like her children would have, that was the reason she was involved, and introduced some of the partners present from the Latino Community, that they were going to be one very united Houston. Council Member Galloway absent.

Ms. Rosemary Acosta-Clark, 14927 James River Ln., Houston, Texas 77084 (713) appeared and stated that she was also in the committee and would like to let them know that they had formed affiliations with local and national groups, such as the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, that the LULAC was having their national convention in Houston and they had their full support, that they also had the Hispanic Forum, and HEROS, Hispanic entrepreneurs who were going to support them and it was through those groups that they were going to spread out the word and be able to get to the community and into the school systems because all of those organizations had mentoring programs, that she was also the owner of Latin Media Group, a PR agency that focuses and specialized in the Hispanic Community, that it was imperative that they had the proper representation and the understanding of the community, as well as her media group they had national entertainers who wanted to become their spokespersons for the campaign, that she applauded the efforts that the City Council had would like to ask for their continued support, that Council Member Sekula-Rodriguez had been incredibly good in spearheading the campaign, that they wanted to thank Ms. Alves and the Mayor's office for also being such a great leader in the community.

Council Member Sekula-Rodriguez stated that she wanted to encourage every member of the Hispanic HIV Awareness Campaign to work closely with Council Member Edwards who was the Chairperson for the Mayor's HIV task force.

Ms. Reyna stated that she thought Council Member Edwards would be very pleased at the work they had done and what they would bring to the table on how they had united the Latino population and would be very proud to offer that commitment, and Ms. Acosta stated that anything that Council Member Edwards had that could be translated into a bilingual message they would be more than happy to offer their services in that.

Council Member Vasquez stated that the HIV and AIDS epidemic was so prevalent that no one community could address it and they must work together in a strategic collaboration across ethnic groups to make it work, that he knew the Mayor's task force on AIDS/HIV awareness was under new leadership and guidance and there was a new spirit of inclusion and working together and collaboration so he encouraged them to visit with Council Members Edwards, Sekula-Rodriguez, Alvarado and himself and any other Council Members who were interested in it, that it was something that they all had to work together on.

Council Member Edwards stated that she wanted to commend the community, that she would encourage them to attend the meeting, that they had been working with El Dorado Communications and Ana Nunez and whatever they were doing maybe they could bring it all together, that one of the things they had found in working with the effort for the last 10 years was that HIV did not respect ethnic lines and one of the things they wanted to get started was how would they address that whole question and how would they bring communities together, that they had some national backing and models they were working with and invited them to a meeting on Thursday, 12:00 p.m. at the Shrine Bookstore, at 5309 Martin Luther King Boulevard.

Council Member Alvarado stated that she wanted to congratulate them for all they were doing and was pleased to know they were working with Council Member Edwards and would like to know more about what they were doing and the direction they were going and maybe visit with them and Council Member Sekula-Rodriguez.

Ms. Angela Huges, 5411 Danfield Dr., Houston, Texas 77053 (413-433-5452) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called.

Mr. Trent Winters, 7967 Airport Blvd., Houston, Texas 77071 (713-729-1153) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called.

Minister Joe Angel Lopez, 2220 South Piney Point Rd., Houston, Texas 77063 appeared and stated that he wanted to commend Ms. Anna Russell on her 50th year anniversary with the City of Houston and thanked her for all her years of service to the City. Council Members Vasquez, Alvarado and Parker absent.

Reverend Oscar Hughes, 3710 Sparrow, Houston, Texas 77051 (713-733-7838) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Vasquez, Alvarado and Parker absent.

Mr. Evan Williams, 1418 Preston, Houston, Texas 77002 (713-256-0884) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Vasquez, Alvarado and Parker absent.

Mrs. Bobbie Wolfe, 16477 FM 149, Montgomery, Texas 77536 (936-449-6473) appeared and stated that she was present to tell them that there had been a great deal of retaliation and discrimination brought against her since her last visit to City Council, that she had been rehabilitated, yet she was unemployed because of her presence at City Council, that in talking with personnel in the Human Resources Department she was informed that her had been blackballed and no one at this time wanted to hire her, that she understood that there was an ordinance against retaliation and discrimination, that Mayor Brown requested that she meet with Mr. Lonnie Vara and she found him to be very rude and very disrespectful towards her, that she became upset at the reports that were filed by his staff because there were a bunch of lies, that they did an investigation on behalf of her husband, who had nothing to do with the meeting, that she did attend a hearing with the Texas Workforce Commission and was told that the insurance carrier did what they wanted to do, as Mr. Lara had stated to her previously, and for whatever reason they felt they needed to deny her, that because of the retaliation she had suffered a nervous breakdown and had to be hospitalized and even today they were still refusing her a job and supplemental income benefits, past travel reimbursements, medical treatments or medications that she needed, that she was hurting bad and needed someone to care enough to look into the case for her, that she had medical documentation of the medications she was on, and also her effort to seek employment as well as her enrollment with the Texas Rehabilitation Commission, Texas Workforce, that she hoped through this visit they could all come to some resolution to help her regain her employment with the City of Houston. Council Members Tatro, Goldberg, Wiseman, Vasquez, Parker and Robinson absent.

Mr. L. D. Pitts, P. O. Box 52592, Houston, Texas 77052 had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Tatro, Goldberg, Wiseman, Vasquez, Parker and Robinson absent.

Ms. Betty Joe Hector-Brown, 9521 Richland, Houston, Texas 77078 (713-631-0749) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Tatro, Goldberg, Wiseman, Vasquez, Parker and Robinson absent.

Mr. Gregory Foster, P. O. Box 266128, Houston, Texas 77207 (713-540-0710) appeared and stated that he had filed to run for Mayor during the next election and was present because they were in need of a letter of endorsement and support from the entire City Council for the

Challenge Living Center for the HUD Section 8-11 Supportive Housing, that the housing for the disabled, Section 8-11, was a program which there was a real shortage for the disabled. Council Members Tatro, Galloway, Goldberg, Wiseman, Vasquez, Parker and Robinson absent.

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Keller stated that Mr. Doug McKenna with Housing and Community Development who would like to work with him on behalf of Mayor Brown. Council Members Tatro, Galloway, Goldberg, Wiseman, Vasquez, Parker and Robinson absent.

Council Member Sekula-Rodriguez stated that she believed Mr. Foster was very sincere in his desire to develop affordable and appropriate housing for the disabled in the City and asked that Mr. McKenna would keep her abreast of what was going on with Mr. Foster's Challenge Center. Council Members Goldberg, Wiseman, Parker and Robinson absent.

Dr. Motapa, 6425 Woodard, Houston, Texas 77021 (713-645-9598) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Goldberg, Wiseman, Parker and Robinson absent.

Mr. Darrell Scott, 8601 Broadway, Houston, Texas 77061 (713-649-5294) Dr. Motapa, 6425 Woodard, Houston, Texas 77021 (713-645-9598) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Goldberg, Wiseman, Parker and Robinson absent.

Mr. William Beal, 4748 Boicewood, Houston, Texas 77016 (713-633-0126) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Goldberg, Wiseman, Parker and Robinson absent.

Mr. Joseph Charles, 8034 Antoine, No. 107, Houston, Texas 77088 (713-878-2355) appeared and voiced his personal opinions until his time expired. Council Members Goldberg, Parker and Robinson absent.

Mr. Robert Horton, P. O. Box 21635, Houston, Texas 77226 (713-697-0958) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Goldberg, Parker and Robinson absent.

At 2:41 p.m. upon motion by Council Member Wiseman and seconded by Council Member Vasquez, City Council recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 17, 2002. Mayor Brown and Mayor Pro Tem Quan out of the city on city business. Council Members Goldberg, Parker and Robinson absent.

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Wednesday, April 17, 2002

City Council reconvened in the City Council Chamber at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, April 17, 2002, with Vice Mayor Pro Tem Bert Keller presiding and with Council Members Bruce Tatro, Carol M. Galloway, Mark Goldberg, Ada Edwards, Addie Wiseman, Mark Ellis, Gabriel Vasquez, Carol Alvarado, Annise Parker, Shelly Sekula-Rodriguez, M.D., Michael Berry and Carroll Robinson; Mr. Al Haines, Chief Administrative Officer, Mayor's Office; Mr. Anthony Hall, City Attorney; Ms. Martha Stein, Agenda Director present. Mayor Lee P. Brown and Mayor Pro Tem Gordon Quan out of the city on city business.

At 8:24 a.m. the City Secretary read the descriptions or captions of items on the Agenda.

At 9:15 Vice Mayor Pro Tem Keller reconvened the meeting of the City Council. Council Members Wiseman, Berry and Robinson absent.

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Keller recognized Council Member Vasquez for a moment of personal privilege.

Council Member Vasquez stated that this past week four U.S. soldiers were killed in Kandahar and one of those individuals was U. S. Army Staff Sergeant Brian Thomas Craig who was a 1993 graduate of Klein Forest High School and his parents Barbara and Arthur Craig were still residents of Spring and asked for moment of silence to honor and recognize Staff Sergeant Craig for his valor, bravery and contribution to the Country.

Council Member Sekula-Rodriguez moved to suspend the rules to consider Item No. 50 out of order, seconded by Council Member Vasquez. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Brown and Mayor Pro Tem Quan out of the city on city business. Council Members Wiseman, Berry and Robinson absent. MOTION 2002-0451 ADOPTED.

50. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing compromise and settlement agreement between the City of Houston and **VISIONS OF HOPE, INC - DISTRICT H – VASQUEZ – (This was Item 34 on Agenda of April 10, 2002, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SEKULA-RODRIGUEZ)** - was presented.

Council Member Sekula-Rodriguez stated that item requested permission from the City to sell a piece of property that Visions of Hope had purchased in hopes of establishing a drug and rehabilitation treatment center on 23rd Street and the City had offered \$333,000 of support in a loan, but unfortunately they were not able to pay the loan back and even more unfortunate the building could not be refurbished, that they underestimated the amount of money required for the building to come up to standards, that the loan amount was \$800,000 total and the debt was actually \$765,000 and that was due to delinquent interest and default charges, that the City only stood to recover \$100,000 out of the \$333,000 that they loaned and stated that she wanted a one week delay so they could gather more information about the disposal of the property, that the City had an arrangement with the Dominion CDC which was the secondary arm of Visions of Hope and they were pending paying another loan back to the City for an apartment complex and also had borrowed money for a strip center, that they had a lot of deals with this particular group and wanted to make sure that they did not enter into other deals with the group before they had proof that they were financially able to repay in the future; that the other part of it was that the Housing Department had been requested by the City Council to provide an audit regarding the grant monies they issued for affordable housing and their performance and financial status and this was another example of their entering into deals that turned out not to be appropriate for the City and they did not want it to continue, that they needed the Housing Department to be responsible and she would like to see the audit proceed to begin as they had requested and would like to say they could not continue to proceed on the particular ordinance until they saw action from that department regarding an audit. Council Member Wiseman absent.

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Keller stated that he supported Council Member Sekula-Rodriguez and her concern but was not sure that the administration would feel that a one week delay would be the best way to solve it, and Mr. Hall stated that he had spoken with Stephen Lewis, Legal Department, and they did not think a one week delay would be fatal to the arrangement and would remind Council, without speaking to the issues that Council Member Sekula-Rodriguez had raised, because they were policy issues, that in this instance they stood in the second lien position, if the first lien holder foreclosed on the lien the City would get nothing and that was why it was important to them, that their job was to try to salvage as much out of it as they could for the City, that none of that would be addressed by the one weeks delay. Council Members Wiseman and Berry absent.

Council Member Goldberg stated that he was in support of the one week delay and stated that he wanted to know who the seller of the original property was and who was buying it, and since the principals in the item were also the principals in another project the City was working on, was it possible to take the deficiency the City was going to experience as part of a lien on the other projects they had, and Mr. Hall stated that Mr. Lewis would visit with him, but the policy issues the Housing people would have to visit with him on that. Council Members Wiseman and Berry absent.

Council Member Galloway stated that she did not understand that Council Member Sekula-Rodriguez was delaying the item because they had not received an audit from Ms. Bingham's department, that it had no bearing at all on the issue, that they should not tie the previous project with the one that was going on now because they were two separate entities and had two separate boards and there was nothing even similar and did not think they should penalize people because they were involved in other projects and for something that was beyond their control on this project. Council Members Wiseman and Berry absent.

Council Member Parker stated that she was concerned by Mr. Hall's remarks that they might lose their opportunity to settle it if they waited but had to agree with Council Member Sekula-Rodriguez that it would be nice to have more information on it while the item was before them, that she would like to see in writing that they were separate entities and to have the opportunity for a more complete analysis of related projects, whether that was in the form of an audit or not and asked the administration if they had a commitment to get that information and would it be possible to get that information by next Wednesday or if it would take more time to dispose of the item and keep pressing for that, and Mr. Hall stated that part of the difficulty was that the Housing Department would have to answer that, the Legal Department was not doing it, that he wanted to make it clear, this was a deal that they had in fact approved and participated in to salvage, that it was not in any peril, he thought, for a weeks delay, it was just that the issues they raised did not impact the item in one way or the other. Council Member Berry absent.

Council Member Robinson stated that he thought that Council Members ought to get their questions answered, he was just surprised that they got the delay last week and they still had so many questions that had not been answered and thought that was an issue that had to be dealt with, that he had the same concern as Council Member Galloway, the concerns that Council Members had did not impact what they were trying to get done in terms of preserving their place in line, for a lack of a better description, and third the bigger issue was that he thought a number of them agreed that the entire Housing Department needed to be looked at and what he would hope was if they were going to do something to exercise should not just be one person or one cluster of enterprise but it ought to be a look at what the policy was that they made determinations around investing in a project, that he would hope they would focus as using this as a jumping off point to look at some bigger policy issues about how they wanted to invest in projects as they moved forward, that he would prefer to dispose of the item, but if that was not the sentiment of the Council he did not have a problem.

Council Member Edwards stated that with the advent of the federal mandates that brought more faith based organizations into giving service and client service to constituents that the City no longer did, she thought that it was imperative and prudent for them as a body to put together a policy that addressed those issues, that she would suggest that the City Council look at how they were going to work in the future with organizations who were not historically working in managing projects, and how they were going to do that policy and procedurally wise and not always wait up until something went wrong, if they were going to allow faith based organizations do the work that city municipalities had in the past then they were going to have to develop policies to look at the strengths and weaknesses of those organizations.

A vote was called on Council Member Sekula-Rodriguez's motion to postpone Item No. 50 for one week. Council Members Galloway, Robinson and Edwards voting no, balance voting aye. Mayor Brown and Mayor Pro Tem Quan out of the city on city business. MOTION 2002-0452 ADOPTED.

HEARINGS - 9:00 A.M.

The City Secretary stated that they had eleven hearings scheduled and no one had reserved time to appear on any of the hearings and Mr. Wood, Planning and Development, would make comments. Council Member Robinson absent.

1. **PUBLIC HEARING** on a proposal for the City of Houston and **FRY ROAD MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT** to enter into a Strategic Partnership Agreement and on a proposal for the City of Houston to annex for limited purposes a certain area located within Fry Road Municipal Utility District, in Harris County, Texas – was presented.

Mr. Wood stated that the first hearing was the Fry Road Municipal Utility District, Strategic Partnership Agreement, that under the agreement the City of Houston would annex for limited purposes the commercial areas of the district located along Fry Road and Interstate I-10, that under the agreement the City would split the sales taxes collected in the area, that the City would provide health services within the district. Council Member Robinson absent.

Council Member Ellis moved to close the hearing, seconded by Council Member Vasquez. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Brown and Mayor Pro Tem Quan out of the city on city business. Council Member Robinson absent. MOTION 2002-0453 ADOPTED.

2. **PUBLIC HEARING** on a proposal for the City of Houston and **GREENS PARKWAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT** to enter into a Strategic Partnership Agreement and on a proposal for the City of Houston to annex for limited purposes all of the area in Greens Parkway Municipal Utility District and certain areas located in the vicinity of Greens Parkway Municipal Utility District, in Harris County, Texas – was presented.

Mr. Wood stated that the second hearing was the Greens Parkway Municipal Utility District, Strategic Partnership Agreement and under the agreement the City would annex for limited purpose the entirety of the utility district, that within the utility district was located only industrial warehouse properties and there was no residential population in the area to be annexed and in addition they would be annexing for limited purposes a section of the Hardy Toll Road which ran through the utility district, that the sales taxes collected with the utility district would be split between the City and the utility district. Council Member Robinson absent.

Council Member Vasquez moved to close the hearing, seconded by Council Member Tatro. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Brown and Mayor Pro Tem Quan out of the city on city business. Council Member Robinson absent. MOTION 2002-0454 ADOPTED.

3. **PUBLIC HEARING** on a proposal for the City of Houston and **HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 191** to enter into a Strategic Partnership Agreement and on a proposal for the City of Houston to annex for limited purposes a certain area located within Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 191 and a certain area located in the vicinity of Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 191, in Harris County, Texas – was presented.

Mr. Wood stated that under the proposed Strategic Partnership Agreement with Harris County Municipal District No. 191 the City would annex for limited purposes commercial areas

within the district along FM 1960 between Willowbrook Mall and Cutten Road, that the City would split the sales taxes collected within the commercial areas to be annexed for limited purposes and would provide health and police services within the areas to be annexed, that there was no residential population within the area to be annexed. Council Member Robinson absent.

Council Member Vasquez moved to close the hearing, seconded by Council Member Tatro. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Brown and Mayor Pro Tem Quan out of the city on city business. Council Member Robinson absent. MOTION 2002-0455 ADOPTED.

4. **PUBLIC HEARING** on a proposal for the City of Houston and **HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 216 AND HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 346** to enter into a Strategic Partnership Agreement and on a proposal for the City of Houston to annex for limited purposes a certain area located within Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 216, all of the area in Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 346, and a certain area located in the vicinity of the intersection of Fry Road and Interstate Highway 10, in Harris County, Texas – was presented.

Mr. Wood stated that the proposed agreement between the City and Harris County Municipal Utility District 216 and Harris County Municipal Utility District 346 would allow the City to annex for limited purposes the entirety Harris County Municipal Utility District 346 and the portion of 216 which was located adjacent to the Katy Freeway, that the City would split the sales taxes collected in the areas annexed for limited purposes on a 50 by 50 basis with the two utility districts separately, that the City would provide health services in 346 and health and police services in the portion of 216 to be annexed for limited purposes, that there was no population within the area to be annexed for limited purposes. Council Member Robinson absent.

Council Member Vasquez moved to close the hearing, seconded by Council Member Tatro. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Brown and Mayor Pro Tem Quan out of the city on city business. Council Member Robinson absent. MOTION 2002-0456 ADOPTED.

5. **PUBLIC HEARING** on a proposal for the City of Houston and **HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 321** to enter into a Strategic Partnership Agreement and on a proposal for the City of Houston to annex for limited purposes a certain area located within Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 321 and a certain area located in the vicinity of Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 321, in Harris County, Texas

Mr. Wood stated that the proposed agreement with Harris County Municipal Utility District 321 would allow the City to annex for limited purposes the commercial areas located along the North Freeway, I-45, north of West Road in Harris County Municipal District No. 321, that the area in question had no population and the City would split the sales taxes collected within the commercial areas. Council Members Sekula-Rodriguez and Robinson absent.

Council Member Vasquez moved to close the hearing, seconded by Council Member Tatro. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Brown and Mayor Pro Tem Quan out of the city on city business. Council Members Sekula-Rodriguez and Robinson absent. MOTION 2002-0457 ADOPTED.

6. **PUBLIC HEARING** on a proposal for the City of Houston and **INTERSTATE MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT** to enter into a Strategic Partnership Agreement and on a proposal for the City of Houston to annex for limited purposes all of the area in Interstate Municipal Utility District and a certain area located in the vicinity of Interstate Municipal Utility District, in Harris County, Texas – was presented.

Mr. Wood stated that the proposed agreement with Interstate Municipal Utility District would allow the City to annex the entirety of the utility district for limited purposes, that they would split the sales taxes being collected within the utility district between the City and the district on a 50 50 basis and the City would provide health services in the areas. Council Members Edwards and Robinson absent.

Council Member Vasquez moved to close the hearing, seconded by Council Member Tatro. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Brown and Mayor Pro Tem Quan out of the city on city business. Council Member Robinson absent. MOTION 2002-0458 ADOPTED.

7. **PUBLIC HEARING** on a proposal for the City of Houston and **NORTH BELT UTILITY DISTRICT** to enter into a Strategic Partnership Agreement and on a proposal for the City of Houston to annex for limited purposes a certain area located within North Belt Utility District, a certain area located in the vicinity of the intersection of Aldine Westfield Road and Beltway 8, and a certain area located in the vicinity of the intersection of Lee Road and Beltway 8, in Harris County, Texas – was presented.

Mr. Wood stated that the proposed agreement with North Belt Utility District would allow the City to annex for limited purposes the commercial portions of North Belt Utility District along the Northbelt at Aldine Westfield Road, that the City would split the sales taxes collected in the area with the district on a 50 50 basis, that the area being annexed would have no population. Council Member Robinson absent.

Council Member Vasquez moved to close the hearing, seconded by Council Member Tatro. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Brown and Mayor Pro Tem Quan out of the city on city business. Council Member Robinson absent. MOTION 2002-0459 ADOPTED.

8. **PUBLIC HEARING** on a proposal for the City of Houston to disannex a certain area to be located within **CLEAR BROOK CITY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT**, in Harris County, Texas – was presented.

Mr. Wood stated that the public hearing had to do with the disannexation of 180 acres of undeveloped land at the intersection of Beamer Road and Dixie Farm Road within the City limits of the City of Houston, that the 180 acres was undeveloped and the City of Houston was not able to provide utilities for the development of the 180 acres, that the Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District was able to provide utilities and what would happen if Council agreed they would disannex for general purposes and as part of the Strategic Partnership Agreement reannex it for limited purposes it would be part of the Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District, that eventually the district would include a shopping center and the City of Houston would retain all sales taxes collected from the shopping center to be built at the intersection of Beamer and Dixie Farm Road. Council Members Goldberg and Robinson absent.

Council Member Vasquez moved to close the hearing, seconded by Council Member Tatro. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Brown and Mayor Pro Tem Quan out of the city on city business. Council Members Goldberg and Robinson absent. MOTION 2002-0460 ADOPTED.

9. **PUBLIC HEARING** on a proposal for the City of Houston and **CLEAR BROOK CITY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT** to enter into a Strategic Partnership Agreement and on a proposal for the City of Houston to annex for limited purposes a certain area to be located within Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District, in Harris County, Texas – was presented.

Mr. Wood stated that this was the Strategic Partnership Agreement which was connected to the proposed disannexation of 180 acres in the Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District, that

under the Strategic Partnership Agreement the City would reannex the 180 acres being disannexed, that the area would eventually be developed using utilities from Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District, the 180 acres would include some single family residential and as well as a shopping center at the intersection of Beamer Road and Dixie Farm Road, that the City would retain all of the sales taxes collected from the shopping center, that the area currently was undeveloped but would eventually be developed. Council Members Goldberg, Edwards and Robinson absent.

Council Member Wiseman moved to close the hearing, seconded by Council Member Tatro. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Brown and Mayor Pro Tem Quan out of the city on city business. Council Members Goldberg, Edwards and Robinson absent. MOTION 2002-0461 ADOPTED.

10. **PUBLIC HEARING** on a proposal to disannex a certain area to be located within **EMERALD FOREST UTILITY DISTRICT**, in Harris County, Texas – was presented.

Mr. Wood stated that the disannexation regarded 11 acres at the intersection of Mills Road and FM 1960, that the area was currently undeveloped and the proposal that the 11 acres would be added to a larger development which was part of the Emerald Forest Utility District, that the utilities in the 11 acres would be provided by Emerald Forest Utility District, that after the area was added to Emerald Forest it would have a shopping center which would include an additional 10 acres which was to be annexed by the City for limited purposes under the subsequent Strategic Partnership Agreement. Council Members Goldberg, Ellis and Robinson absent.

Council Member Vasquez moved to close the hearing, seconded by Council Member Sekula-Rodriguez. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Brown and Mayor Pro Tem Quan out of the city on city business. Council Members Goldberg, Ellis and Robinson absent. MOTION 2002-0462 ADOPTED.

11. **PUBLIC HEARING** on a proposal for the City of Houston and **EMERALD FOREST UTILITY DISTRICT** to enter into a Strategic Partnership Agreement and on a proposal for the City of Houston to annex for limited purposes certain areas to be located within Emerald Forest Utility District, in Harris County, Texas

Mr. Wood stated that under the proposed with Emerald Forest Utility District the City would annex for limited purposes the 11 acres which were proposed to be disannexed under the previous hearing as well as an additional 10 acres, that the combination of the additional 10 acres with the 11 acres being disannexed 21 acres would be annexed by the City and be the site of a future shopping center, that under the agreement the City and the district would split the sales taxes collected from the shopping center for a period of 15 years after the shopping center was built and after that time the City would retain all of the sales taxes collected from that shopping center. Council Members Goldberg and Ellis absent.

Council Member Vasquez moved to close the hearing, seconded by Council Member Tatro. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Brown and Mayor Pro Tem Quan out of the city on city business. Council Members Goldberg, Ellis and Robinson absent. MOTION 2002-0463 ADOPTED.

MAYORS REPORT

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MISCELLANEOUS - NUMBERS 12 through 15

12. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of appointment and reappointment of the following to **REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER THREE, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS (MARKET SQUARE), BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**
 - Position One - **MR. JAMIE MIZE**, reappointment, for a term to expire 12/31/2003
 - Position Two - **MR. THOMAS V. GRIECO**, reappointment, to complete an unexpired term ending 12/31/2002
 - Position Three - **MS. ZINETTA A. BURNEY**, reappointment, for a term to expire 12/31/2003, and as Chair, for a term to expire 12/31/2002
 - Position Four - **MS. MINNETTE BOESEL**, reappointment, to complete an unexpired term ending 12/31/2002
 - Position Five - **MS. ROSE A. SALAS**, appointment for a term to expire 12/31/2003

- was presented, moved by Council Member Vasquez, seconded by Council Member Tatro. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Brown and Mayor Pro Tem Quan out of the city on city business. Council Members Goldberg and Ellis absent. MOTION 2002-0464 ADOPTED.
13. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the reappointment of the following to the **MAIN STREET/MARKET SQUARE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**
 - MS. ZINETTA A. BURNEY**, as Chair, for a term to expire December 31, 2002
 - Position Seven - **MR. CURTIS LAMPLEY**, representing Harris County, to a term expiring December 31, 2003

- was presented, moved by Council Member Vasquez, seconded by Council Member Tatro. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Brown and Mayor Pro Tem Quan out of the city on city business. Council Members Goldberg and Ellis absent. MOTION 2002-0465 ADOPTED.
14. RECOMMENDATION from Director Building Services Department for approval of Computer Image for Dedication Plaque for Parks to Standard Program - Phase II Clinton Park, GFS F-0363-40-3 - **DISTRICT I - ALVARADO** - was presented, moved by Council Member Vasquez, seconded by Council Member Tatro. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Brown and Mayor Pro Tem Quan out of the city on city business. Council Members Goldberg and Ellis absent. MOTION 2002-0466 ADOPTED.
15. RECOMMENDATION from Chief of Police for Extension of Injured on Duty Status for Police Officer **A. J. VANDORN** - was presented, moved by Council Member Vasquez, seconded by Council Member Tatro. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Brown and Mayor Pro Tem Quan out of the city on city business. Council Members Goldberg and Ellis absent. MOTION 2002-0467 ADOPTED.

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS - NUMBERS 18 through 24

18. **A-TEX EQUIPMENT CO.** for One Backhoe Loader for Parks & Recreation Department \$49,024.00 - Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Vasquez, seconded by Council Member Tatro. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Brown and Mayor Pro Tem Quan out of the city on city business. MOTION 2002-0468 ADOPTED.
19. **J. T. B. SERVICE, INC** for Demolition Services for Department of Public Works & Engineering \$34,145.00 and contingencies for a total amount not to exceed \$35,852.25 -

Dangerous Building Consolidated Fund - **DISTRICTS B - GALLOWAY; D - EDWARDS; H - VASQUEZ and I - ALVARADO** - was presented, moved by Council Member Vasquez, seconded by Council Member Tatro. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Brown and Mayor Pro Tem Quan out of the city on city business. MOTION 2002-0469 ADOPTED.

20. **B. SMITH CONTRACTORS, INC** for Concrete Demolition and Site Cleanup Services for Department of Public Works & Engineering - \$67,846.00 and contingencies for a total amount not to exceed \$71,238.30 - Enterprise Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Vasquez, seconded by Council Member Tatro. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Brown and Mayor Pro Tem Quan out of the city on city business. MOTION 2002-0470 ADOPTED.
21. **GENERAL TRUCK BODY MANUFACTURING COMPANY** for Four Truck Bodies with Cranes for Department of Public Works & Engineering - \$95,880.00 - Enterprise Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Vasquez, seconded by Council Member Tatro. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Brown and Mayor Pro Tem Quan out of the city on city business. MOTION 2002-0471 ADOPTED.
22. **PARKSON CORPORATION** for Two Waste-Activated Sludge Rotary Strainers for Department of Public Works & Engineering - \$63,610.00 - Enterprise Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Vasquez, seconded by Council Member Tatro. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Brown and Mayor Pro Tem Quan out of the city on city business. MOTION 2002-0472 ADOPTED.
24. **BIG Z LUMBER CO.** for Lumber for Various Departments - \$2,105,600.27 - General, Enterprise and Street & Drainage Maintenance Funds - was presented, moved by Council Member Vasquez, seconded by Council Member Tatro. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Brown and Mayor Pro Tem Quan out of the city on city business. MOTION 2002-0473 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES - NUMBERS 25 through 43

28. ORDINANCE consenting to the addition of 318.360 acres of land to **MONTGOMERY COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 89**, for inclusion in its district - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Brown and Mayor Pro Tem Quan out of the city on city business. ORDINANCE 2002-0277 ADOPTED.
29. ORDINANCE changing the name of **SKYWALKER DRIVE** to **CYBERONICS BOULEVARD DISTRICT E - WISEMAN** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Brown and Mayor Pro Tem Quan out of the city on city business. ORDINANCE 2002-0278 ADOPTED.
35. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing a Texas Traffic Safety Program Grant Agreement between the City of Houston and **TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION** for the Click-It or Ticket Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (Click -It or Ticket Step); authorizing the Chief of Police Department, or any designated Assistant Chief to accept such grant funds and to act as the City's representative in all matters pertaining to the program - \$125,000.00 - Grant Fund - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Brown and Mayor Pro Tem Quan out of the city on city business. ORDINANCE 2002-0279 ADOPTED.
37. ORDINANCE appropriating \$5,231,472.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated

Construction Fund (Fund 755) for payment to **FRIENDSWOOD DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, LTD.** for reimbursement of costs associated with Public Improvements in Reinvestment Zone Number Ten, City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Ordinance No. 1999-407, as amended by Ordinance No. 1999-911; appropriating certain funds from the Tax Increment Fund for the Zone (Fund 912) as reimbursement for project costs advanced from Fund 755; authorizing the future transfer of such funds from Fund 912 to Fund 755 had been pulled from the Agenda by the Administration and was not considered.

41. ORDINANCE appropriating \$3,289,700.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **RWL CONSTRUCTION, INC** and approving and authorizing professional services contract for engineering testing services with **COASTAL TESTING LABORATORIES, INC** for Water Line Extensions on McHard, O.S.T. (Ardmore), O.S.T. (Pitzlin), Simsbrook, Spears and LaBranch, GFS S-0700-05-3 (10550); providing funding for construction management and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS B - GALLOWAY; D- EDWARDS and I - ALVARADO** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Brown and Mayor Pro Tem Quan out of the city on city business. ORDINANCE 2002-0280 ADOPTED.
42. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing \$1,231,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund awarding contract to **BLASTCO INCORPORATED, dba BLASTCO COATING CONTRACTORS, INC** and approving and authorizing professional services contract for engineering testing service with **ATSER, L.P.** for Rehabilitation of Four Ground Water Storage Tanks at Four Pumping Stations, GFS S-0600-26-3 (WA10596-26); providing funding for construction management and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS A - TATRO; B - GALLOWAY; C - GOLDBERG and F - ELLIS** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Brown and Mayor Pro Tem Quan out of the city on city business. ORDINANCE 2002-0281 ADOPTED.
43. ORDINANCE making a general appropriation of certain revenues and other financing sources of the City in support of the Annual Budgets for Fiscal Year 2002; authorizing a transfer from the General Fund General Government Budget; making other findings and provisions related to the subject had been pulled from the Agenda by the Administration and was not considered.

MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA WERE CONSIDERED AS FOLLOWS:

ACCEPT WORK

16. RECOMMENDATION from Director Building Services Department for approval of final contract amount of \$44,725.00 and acceptance of work on contract with **CERTIFIED/LVI ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC** for Abatement and demolition of existing building for construction of Fire Station No. 27, GFS C-0072-01-5 - 69.09% under the original contract amount - Fire Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT H - VASQUEZ** - was presented, moved by Council Member Vasquez, seconded by Council Member Tatro. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Brown and Mayor Pro Tem Quan out of the city on city business. MOTION 2002-0474 ADOPTED.

PROPERTY

17. RECOMMENDATION from City Attorney to deposit the amount of the Award of Special Commissioners into the Registry of the Court, pay all costs of Court and not file any objections to the Award in connection with eminent domain proceedings styled City of Houston v. Margarette T. Robinson, Individually and as Independent Executrix of the Estate of Judson W. Robinson, Jr., et al, Cause Number 761,503, for acquisition of Parcel IYO-003; for the **SOUTH CENTRAL POLICE SUBSTATION EXPANSION PROJECT**; GFS/CIP G-0058-02-1 - \$46,800.00 **DISTRICT I - ALVARADO** - was presented, moved by Council Member Vasquez, seconded by Council Member Tatro, and tagged by Council Member Goldberg.

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS

23. **ERGONOMIC SOLUTIONS, INC** - \$74,793.00 and **OFFICE WORKS, INC** - \$51,953.22 for Office Furniture and to Furnish, Deliver and Set-up Furniture for Various Departments - Grant, Enterprise and Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Funds - was presented, moved by Council Member Vasquez, seconded by Council Member Tatro. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Brown and Mayor Pro Tem Quan out of the city on city business. MOTION 2002-0475 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES - NUMBERS 25 through 43

25. ORDINANCE amending a prior ordinance relating to the issuance of City of Houston, Texas, Airport System Inferior Lien Commercial Paper Notes, Series C; approving a Dealer Agreement relating to same; ratifying related Commercial Paper Program Documents; authorizing other actions in connection with the Offering Memorandum; making certain findings, covenants and agreements in connection therewith - was presented, and tagged by Council Member Tatro and Vice Mayor Pro Tem Keller.
26. ORDINANCE amending the **BUILDING CODE OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS**; relating to qualifications for Journeyman Electricians; containing other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; providing for severability - was presented.

Council Member Sekula-Rodriguez stated that she was going to support Item No. 26 and wanted to bring up to the administration and to the people in the Building Code Department to ask them to do something that was very simple and not expensive, that this was the opportunity to make homes more visitable, that it meant that if they were in a wheelchair and went to a friends house that they would be able to access their friends house and if they bought a new home and were in a wheelchair that they would be able to move into new construction without expensive modifications, that the way to do it would be to make new construction visitable and that meant lower light switches, raising plugs, widening hallways and widening doors.

Council Member Parker stated that visitability was something that had come up in committee before and she strongly supported the concept of visitability and the area that would be most directly applied would be City subsidized affordable housing and she would request that Council Member Sekula-Rodriguez bring the item to the attention to Council Member Quan who chaired that committee and ask him to raise the issue in the Housing Committee.

After further discussion a vote was called on Item No. 26. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Brown and Mayor Pro Tem Quan out of the city on city business. ORDINANCE 2002-0282 ADOPTED.

27. ORDINANCE consenting to the creation of **FORT BEND COUNTY EMERGENCY**

SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 2, to include certain territory within the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Houston; providing for severability - was presented, and tagged by Council Member Goldberg.

Council Member Goldberg stated that he realized that the City of Houston was not involved in it other than just giving permission to the entity so if he could have the attorneys who were trying to form the emergency services district come and visit with him he had a number of questions about what they were attempting to do, and Vice Mayor Pro Tem Keller stated they would have somebody visit with him.

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Keller recognized Council Member Wiseman.

Council Member Weisman moved to suspend all necessary rules of City Council for the purpose of considering on next weeks agenda an ordinance to repeal Ordinance 2002-0278 adopted as Item No. 29.

Mr. Hall stated that there had been an administrative mix up in that Council Member Weisman pull sheet did not get into the City Secretary's office and Item No. 29 was to be pulled from the Consent Agenda by Council Member Weisman pull sheet, that the problem was that they could not reconsider an ordinance without an ordinance so they had recommended to Council Member Weisman that she move to suspend all necessary rules and request the administration to put an ordinance on the agenda repealing Item No. 29 next week if that was her desire.

Council Member Vasquez seconded the motion. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Brown and Mayor Pro Tem Quan out of the city on city business. MOTION 2002-0476 ADOPTED.

30. ORDINANCE altering and establishing maximum prima facie speed limits in certain zones in the City of Houston; containing findings and other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; providing a repealer; containing a savings clause; providing for severability; declaring certain conduct to be unlawful and providing a penalty - was presented, and tagged by Council Member Wiseman.
31. ORDINANCE altering maximum prima facie speed limits in certain school zones in the City of Houston; making various findings and containing other provisions relating to the subject; declaring certain conduct to be unlawful and providing a penalty; providing for severability; containing a repealer; containing a savings clause - was presented, and tagged by Council Member Wiseman.
32. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing first amendment to contract between the City and **CYPRESS CREEK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT** for Fire Protection Services - **DISTRICT A - TATRO** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Brown and Mayor Pro Tem Quan out of the city on city business. ORDINANCE 2002-0283 ADOPTED.
33. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing a Food and Beverage Vending Concession Agreement between the City of Houston and **CUSTOM FOOD GROUP, L.P.**, at William P. Hobby Airport and Ellington Field - Revenue - **DISTRICTS E - WISEMAN and I - ALVARADO** - was presented, and tagged by Council Member Goldberg.
34. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing a Food and Beverage Vending Concession Agreement between the City of Houston and **CRB VENDING COMPANY** at George Bush Intercontinental Airport/Houston - Revenue - **DISTRICT B - GALLOWAY** - was presented,

and tagged by Council Member Goldberg.

Council Member Vasquez stated that he wanted to suspend the rules to have Mr. Randy Goodman, Houston Airport Systems, come forward and introduce the vendor for Item No. 34, that this particular contract was the first contract that the airport awarded to a individual who represented persons with disabilities. Council Member Tatro absent.

Council Member Vasquez moved to suspend the rules to hear from Mr. Randy Goodman, Houston Airport System, Chief of Concessions, seconded by Council Member Edwards. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Brown and Mayor Pro Tem Quan out of the city on city business. Council Member Tatro absent. MOTION 2002-0477 ADOPTED.

Mr. Goodman stated that he wanted to introduce Mr. Bruce Best who had been incorporated for 10 years with his business in vending and also for 6 years on the Board for the Commission of the Blind and Visually Impaired of the State of Texas.

Mr. Best stated that he wanted to thank the City Council and the City of Houston Aviation Department and the City of Houston Affirmative Action for this great opportunity.

36. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing compromise and settlement agreement related to the lawsuit styled Virginia Crain v. the City of Houston, Civil Action No. H00-1330 and appropriating \$400,000.00 out of Convention & Entertainment Construction Fund for the purpose of performing the Retrofitting described in the Compromise and Settlement Agreement - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Brown and Mayor Pro Tem Quan out of the city on city business. Council Member Robinson absent. ORDINANCE 2002-0285 ADOPTED.
38. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City and **HAYS INFORMATION MANAGEMENT, INC** for Record Storage, Retrieval and Destruction Services for Various Departments - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$3,212,563.22 - General, Grant, Enterprise and Property and Casualty Funds - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Brown and Mayor Pro Tem Quan out of the city on city business. Council Member Robinson absent. ORDINANCE 2002-0285 ADOPTED.
39. ORDINANCE appropriating \$20,000.00 out of Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing professional construction management and inspection services contract between the City of Houston and **BURK-KLEINPETER, INCORPORATED** for the Street Paving Projects, CIP N-0565-03-3 and N-0368-03-3 - **DISTRICT G - KELLER** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Brown and Mayor Pro Tem Quan out of the city on city business. Council Member Robinson absent. ORDINANCE 2002-0286 ADOPTED.
40. ORDINANCE appropriating \$915,500.00 out of Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing professional services contract between the City of Houston and **OMEGA ENGINEERING, INC** for the Design of Park Row Paving from Eldridge Parkway to SH6, CIP N-0723-01-2 (SB9090); providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT A - TATRO** - was presented, and tagged by Council Member Galloway. Council Member Robinson absent.

MATTERS HELD - NUMBERS 44 through 53

44. ORDINANCE appropriating \$578,600.00 out of Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction

Fund and approving and authorizing professional services contract between the City of Houston and **VAN DE WIELE ENGINEERING, INC** for Design of Buffalo Speedway Paving from Holmes Road to West Bellfort, CIP N-0622-01-2 (SB9085); providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund **DISTRICT C - GOLDBERG** – **(This was Item 52 on Agenda of April 3, 2002, POSTPONED BY MOTION #2002-414)** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Brown and Mayor Pro Tem Quan out of the city on city business. Council Member Robinson absent. ORDINANCE 2002-0287 ADOPTED.

45. MOTION by Council Member Quan/Seconded by Council Member Tatro to adopt recommendation from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$1,705,617.45 and acceptance of work on contract with **RWL CONSTRUCTION, INC** for Construction of Water Main Replacement in Central City Subdivision and Portions of La Salette Place and Southland Place Subdivisions, GFS S-0035-04-3 (10543) - 04.64% over the original contract amount - Enterprise Fund - **DISTRICT D - EDWARDS** – **(This was Item 23 on Agenda of April 10, 2002, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER KELLER)** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Brown and Mayor Pro Tem Quan out of the city on city business. Council Member Robinson absent. MOTION 2002-0478 ADOPTED.
46. ORDINANCE relating to the issuance and sale of City of Houston, Texas, Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2002A; authorizing publication of Notice of Intent to issue such certificates; authorizing the Finance Working Group to proceed with all matters related to the issuance and sale of such certificates – **(This was Item 28 on Agenda of April 10, 2002, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER TATRO)** - was presented.

Council Member Tatro stated that this was a Cotswold Project and unlike the bikeway project it had a long illustrious history of what he believed would be miscalculations, that Cotswold was presented a few years ago to Council as a private venture and that was turned down and Cotswold was presented to Council and sold to Council largely on the part that it would be revenue neutral, that the revenue generated by Cotswold would offset the expenses of Cotswold with the parking meters and citations written and that it would not necessarily affect other CIP projects or other financial issues at the City because the projections were that it would literally pay for itself, that he believed that the projections were grossly in error and though they were starting to see the facts bear that out, that clearly it was not living up to the expectations or projections that were presented to Council, that he received Mr. Haines handout that was presented to Council on March 28, 2002, and thought it was pretty illustrative that the way Cotswold was presented, in this year alone, the revenue projections for just Cotswold were \$3.3 million and that was basically 9% of all Municipal Courts revenue streams, that in Mr. Haines letter dated April 15, 2002, to date from 2000 to 2002 they had received an estimated \$1.3 million in Cotswold revenues, including both coin and citation collections and the budget for that same period of time, as passed out last March 28th was \$7.1 million, that if they looked at the projections for Cotswold for next year alone they were projecting \$5 million in revenue, that the entire Municipal Courts were budgeted and would probably would come in at about \$40 million, that about 12% of all of Municipal Courts budget was projected to come out of Cotswold, yet Cotswold to date had only collected \$1.3 million, he felt certain that those budget numbers were not going to be attained and that meant obviously that Cotswold was not going to fund itself. Council Member Goldberg absent.

Council Member Ellis asked Mr. Haines if at present was the Cotswold project being funded and funded at a higher rate than the debt service and Mr. Haines stated that was correct, and Council Member Ellis stated that the \$5 million in revenues that would be coming in that they were projecting for next year and that was based on the number of parking spaces and Mr.

Haines stated that was correct, and Council Member Ellis stated that if they knew they collected \$1.3 million and they knew they were bringing more of the parking spaces on line and they could actually look at the revenues they were collecting, why would Council Member Tatro not think they would reach the \$5 million, and Council Member Tatro stated that it was simple, that for that \$1.3 million they collected, they budgeted \$7.1 as collections to date, it was the projections that were just not holding true.

Mr. Haines stated that as Council would remember when they made the presentation at the Fiscal Affairs Committee on March 28th they pointed out that at this point under the construction of the Cotswold program itself there was a minimum number of additional parking meters that had been installed and if Council Member Tatro would note at the top of the page on the number of parking meters installed it would show exactly what Council Member Ellis was asking about, that the fact of the matter, for example, Preston was under construction and Preston would not be finished unless they pursued the issuance of the certificates of obligation and continue with the project under Phase II Construction and Phase III Design, that they had been very deliberate and very careful to monitor the progress of the project against their earlier projections, they believed they were holding and believed that with the additional revenue flow to those additional meters that they installed there would be a net add not only to the Cotswold projects sufficient with about \$500,000 to spare but that would also add net revenue to the Municipal Courts revenue because they were simply increasing the number of parking meter revenues by going to a different type of parking configuration, that they only had 75 of those meters installed and next year there would be over 340 and he thought that was the telling message there. Council Member Goldberg absent.

After further questions by Council Members, Mr. Haines stated that they were not through the project to be able to gain the revenue to offset what they had put on the front end, that was why they were asking for certificates of obligation, that they would meet debt service, that he thought that the debt service cost on anything outstanding was minimal because they had done a minimal issuance and was about \$700,000 in annual debt service, that for 2003 total debt service would go to \$1.5 million, that as to the percentage they were collecting of the citations issued he would have to get that answer for them, that the actual parking meter revenues themselves were calibrated and reported by meter with the new parking meters being installed so only the citation revenue they were extrapolating as a percent of the total amount of the citations that were issues, that he would get them what they had as a percentage of the citations collected in reference of the Cotswold project. Council Members Goldberg and Berry absent.

After further discussion a vote was called on Item No. 46. Council Member Tatro voting no, balance voting aye. Mayor Brown and Mayor Pro Tem Quan out of the city on city business. Council Members Goldberg and Berry absent. ORDINANCE 2002-0288 ADOPTED.

47. ORDINANCE authorizing a management services agreement with the City of Houston and the **HOUSTON DOWNTOWN MANAGEMENT DISTRICT** for Design and Construction of Cotswold 2000 Project, GFS I-2000-01-2 (I-2000-01) - **DISTRICT I – ALVARADO** – (**This was Item 29 on Agenda of April 10, 2002, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER TATRO**) - was presented. Council Member Tatro voting no, balance voting aye. Mayor Brown and Mayor Pro Tem Quan out of the city on city business. Council Member Berry absent. ORDINANCE 2002-0289 ADOPTED.
48. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing an agreement for Convention Services between the City of Houston, **SPIRE REALTY GROUP, LP** and **SAM HOUSTON HOTEL, L.P.**, with regard to the Sam Houston Hotel to be located at 1117 Prairie Avenue; including a limitation of funding in the amount of \$132,707.00 annually for (7) years, totaling \$928,949.00 - **DISTRICT I – ALVARADO** – (**This was Item 32 on Agenda of April 10,**

2002, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS KELLER and SEKULA-RODRIGUEZ) - was presented.

Council Member Goldberg stated that he was going to support the item, that he was delighted to see that it was a tax abatement which they put a cap on, that the amount of money they needed to abate the project to make it work had been determined and at that point the abatement or exemption would stop, unlike projects in the past where it was a period of time and easily twice as much money would be abated in property taxes, which was unfair to the City and other property owners. Council Member Berry absent.

Council Member Ellis stated that he wanted to thank Council Member Goldberg for working on the item, that there was no abatement except 50% of the Hot Tax and made the deal work. Council Member Berry absent.

A vote was called on Item No. 48. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Brown and Mayor Pro Tem Quan out of the city on city business. Council Member Berry absent. ORDINANCE 2002-0289 ADOPTED.

49. ORDINANCE consenting to the assignment of the Tax Abatement Agreement between the City of Houston, **OFFICE DEPOT, INC**, and **OPUS SOUTH CORPORATION** to **PLAYA MAR PROPERTIES I, LLC - DISTRICT A – TATRO** – **(This was Item 33 on Agenda of April 10, 2002, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS GOLDBERG, ELLIS and SEKULA-RODRIGUEZ)** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Brown and Mayor Pro Tem Quan out of the city on city business. Council Member Berry absent. ORDINANCE 2002-0291 ADOPTED.

51. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and the **HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE** for Basic Fire Suppression Training, Fast Track Fire Suppression Training, Emergency Medical Services Training (EMS), and Professional Development Training Programs; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one year renewal options - \$7,622,619.00 - General Fund – **(This was Item 36 on Agenda of April 10, 2002, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS ALVARADO, EDWARDS, WISEMAN and KELLER)** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Brown and Mayor Pro Tem Quan out of the city on city business. Council Member Berry absent. ORDINANCE 2002-0292 ADOPTED.

52. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing professional materials engineering laboratory contracts between the City of Houston and **ASSOCIATED LABORATORIES, INC; ATSER, L.P.; AVILES ENGINEERING CORPORATION; BANDY AND ASSOCIATES, INC; COASTAL TESTING LABORATORIES, INC; DAE AND ASSOCIATES, LTD, d/b/a GEOTECH ENGINEERING AND TESTING; EARTH ENGINEERING, INC; FUGRO SOUTH, INC; GEOSCIENCE ENGINEERING AND TESTING, INC; GEOTEST ENGINEERING, INC; GROUND TECHNOLOGY, INC; HBC ENGINEERING, INC; HERCULES ENGINEERING AND TESTING SERVICES, INC; HTS, INC, CONSULTANTS; HVJ ASSOCIATES, INC; LAW ENGINEERING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC; McBRIDE-RATCLIFF AND ASSOCIATES, INC; PARADIGM CONSULTANTS, INC; PROFESSIONAL SERVICES INDUSTRIES, INC; QC LABORATORIES, INC; RABA-KISTNER CONSULTANTS, INC; STORK SOUTHWESTERN LABORATORIES, INC; TERRA-MAR, INC and TOLUNAY-WONG ENGINEERS, INC** for Engineering Materials Testing Services for the Department of Public Works and the Department of Aviation – **(This was Item 38 on Agenda of April 10, 2002, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS KELLER and TATRO)** - was presented. All voting

aye. Nays none. Mayor Brown and Mayor Pro Tem Quan out of the city on city business. Council Member Berry absent. ORDINANCE 2002-0293 ADOPTED.

53. ORDINANCE appropriating \$749,000.00 out of Public Health Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding construction contract to **PYRAMID WATERPROOFING, INC** and approving and authorizing professional services contract for engineering testing services with **LAW ENGINEERING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC** for Construction of the Roof Replacement at the Health & Human Services Bureau of Animal Regulations and Control (BARC), Animal Control Center - North, CIP H0011-04-3; providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Public Health Consolidated Construction Fund **DISTRICT B - GALLOWAY – (This was Item 41 on Agenda of April 10, 2002, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER VASQUEZ)** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Brown and Mayor Pro Tem Quan out of the city on city business. Council Member Berry absent. ORDINANCE 2002-0294 ADOPTED.

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Parker stated that a couple of months ago Carter Films was doing a piece for VH-1 on Tipper Gore and her efforts about obscene music lyrics and they actually used the Council Chamber to fill in for a Senate hearing room, that it was a project of the Houston Film Commission and Rick Ferguson was the Director and the Houston Film Commission was downstairs in the building and they worked with movie makers from around the Country and the world who wanted to film in Houston, that she thought they needed to encourage it and was really glad that the City accommodated their efforts, that the movie would be shown on Sunday at 8:00 p.m. on VH-1 and would encourage folks to look at it. Council Member Wiseman absent.

Council Member Parker stated that a couple of months ago they passed the so called naming rights study by the Bonham Group and while she did not support the item she did listen when the C&E Department said it was a group that was very experienced in doing surveys and had a national reputation and it was going to be a very professional operation, that she received the memo that Council Member Berry sent out and wanted to thank Council Member Berry for sitting down with the Bonham Group, that a lot of what they did around the Council table was the result of individual initiative by Council Members, that the end result was a lot better because of a lot of effort put in by Council Member Berry and his staff. Council Members Goldberg and Wiseman absent.

Council Member Alvarado stated that she was very disappointed to hear that the Bonham Group did not figure into their contract, from the very beginning, allocating funds for Spanish call takers, that she was just informed about it and when they considered they were in a City with 37% Hispanic population and that point was not considered, she thought it was insensitive to the community and she was really disappointed to know that they allowed that to happen, that she did not know if they even considered it and thought that in the future they needed to be sensitive to all of the communities, that if they were going out and seeking opinion from the public they had to make sure they were able to reach every part of their community. Council Members Goldberg, Wiseman and Robinson absent.

Council Member Alvarado stated that in the Chronicle's editorial that they had on Arthur Anderson there was a comment that was made about Council Members not being in the office on Friday afternoons and she did not understand what that had to do with Arthur Anderson but wanted to say that the Houston Chronicle was wrong and did not have all of their facts, that most of the Council Members worked very hard and put in over 40 hours and were paid a part time salary, that many of them were present on Friday afternoons and late into the evening and working on the weekends, so she took issue with that. Council Members Goldberg, Wiseman

and Robinson absent.

Council Member Berry stated that as to the film and that group, he thought that Mr. Howard Griffith was doing some exciting things around the City and knew that Council Member Edwards was coordinating that effort and thought it was good for the City and they were excited and wanted to applaud Rick Ferguson, that some of the film was filmed in the Montrose area and they had several film locations around town and Mr. Griffith happened to film lots of VH-1 movies in Houston and brought \$2 million to \$5 million per film into the local economy. Council Members Goldberg, Wiseman and Robinson absent.

Council Member Berry stated that they did have several meetings with the Bonham Group, that he opposed the contract and did not even want to consider that as revenue stream, that having been done the Bonham contract was approved and they were performing the study, that he wanted to say that they had several meetings with them and hoped that they would like the last product they put out, but he did appreciate the fact that they had been very responsive to the City's concerns, that with regard to Spanish they said that the cost was an additional 40% and was cost prohibited. Council Members Goldberg, Wiseman and Robinson absent.

Council Member Berry stated that the BP MS150 Bike Tour was this Saturday, April 20, beginning at Tulley Stadium and going to La Grange for an overnight stay and finishing in Austin, that more than 10,000 enthusiastic cyclists along with the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Lone Star Chapter, volunteers and family members would be participating as he would. Council Members Goldberg, Wiseman and Robinson absent.

Council Member Wiseman stated that TXDOT completed a project outside her district, NASA Road 1 and I45, that they completed the project in 9 days which was 22 days ahead of schedule, that it was something that was very much needed by the community, so she would like to thank Williams Brothers Construction Company for doing such a great job. Council Member Robinson absent.

Council Member Wiseman stated that she wanted to make a request from the Planning and Development Department, in the future if there was a request for a street name change in her district she would appreciate advance notice, that she was not aware of the name change request, Item No. 29, and was simply something that was put on the agenda.

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Keller stated that it did show that incentive programs did work and Williams Brothers Construction Company got paid \$10,000 per day that they completed the project early.

Council Member Galloway stated that she wanted to talk about the reconstruction of streets, that she wanted to say that they on Council were really supposed to support the entire City, that she had been on Council for almost two and a half years and had done a lot of research to see what was actually going on in the reconstruction of streets in the City because that was all she heard in her district, that streets that had been placed on the CIP 10 to 12 years ago and to this date nothing had been done, that she heard her colleagues say that in order for the bonds they needed to have assessments, that she had heard that other areas bridges and streets had been done in such a short time, but in her district she had been having one particular street that had taken them a year just to have the poles moved over, that she could not understand and saw that there were nice asphalt streets with curbs and sidewalks being torn up and they were going to get concrete, sidewalks and new curbs and just got speed humps two and three years ago, to her this was wasting taxpayer money when she had streets with ditches and never had a curb, that if she could just get curbs and asphalt and stone grades, that they could not even get the ditches cleaned out and that was the reason it flooded in her area, that

she was requesting from Public Works all ditches that had been graded and culverts in District B for the last two years, because it was one of the reasons after they did some writing and checking into what was going on in the area, maybe that was the reason the homes were flooded so bad in her area, that she had ditches that had been sitting with green slime for over a year, that she had monitored it and reported it and if they were all on Council working for the betterment of the citizens of Houston she would like for her colleagues to come and ride with her and see the conditions that had been hampering District B for the last 10 to 15 years, that it was time the City woke up and see what was going on, that her heart was beginning to be sadden by what was going on, that she tagged an item simply because it was in the budget year of 2003, reconstruction of the street and they had not even approved the budget of 2003, but projects were being able to move up and hers had been completely eliminated in many instances and then they were back on because she said something about it, that she was really appalled by what was going on and was going to bring it up and out and continue to harp on it, that there was no justice in it and wanted her colleagues to fully understand.

Council Member Galloway stated that she wanted the citizens of Acres Homes to know that they would be having a town hall meeting on Tuesday, April 23, 2002, and wanted to thank all of the staff and directors who came to the town hall meeting last night at the Kashmere Gardens Multi Purpose Center, that they were most helpful and gracious.

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Keller stated that Mr. George Brevanac would take care of getting the list of ditches.

Council Member Robinson stated that he looked forward to getting the land bank back or whatever it was now so they could see it and hoped it had not turned into something they did not recognize, because part of the ongoing effort was trying to generate more revenue and the more they could take tax delinquent properties and put them back on the tax roll the better off they would be.

Council Member Robinson stated that he would hope there would be some more discussions in committee about the Herman Park concessions and the zoo, that he had some concerns about all of the privatizing outsourcing efforts that was going to end up possibly costing more, that they talked about parking and admission fees and he wanted to go on record to be clear that he was not going to be supportive of anything that talked about access or fees to use the parks, that he was not going to be for outsourcing the zoo which was going to cost them more money, that they were moving in a direction that concerned him, where the average Joe was getting the short end of the stick and he did not want to see that happen.

Council Member Robinson stated that he hoped that Mr. Haines and Dr. Scheps would follow up on the Taxpayer Dividends Program.

Council Member Robinson stated that on Saturday, April 27, 2002 he would be hosting a teen health summit and it would be the fourth youth summit that he had held since being on Council, that he wanted to invite all of the young people and their parents to the George R. Brown Convention Center and wanted to thank the C&E Department for being a co-sponsor of the event.

Council Member Edwards stated that she wanted to thank the Public Works Department for the work they had done on Lotus Street and Chenault Street, that she agreed that they almost had to be like a junk yard dog to make sure that the covenant relationship that was implied between elected officials and constituents was carried out to provide the basic services. Council Member Ellis absent.

Council Member Edwards stated that her heart was torn apart when she saw the young people in Palestine and Israel that had decided through their actions, that she was seeing very little hope that they saw in the world and thought it was tragic as it spoke to the baton released between generations, older and younger people, that she was very concerned in her district as they came back on to summer time again, that she did not want to see the same old stories about MacGregor Park and MLK Drive and young people driving up and down the street with nothing else to do, that her question to the Council was if they were making a conscious effort to involve their youth and to plan and develop programs for their youth. Council Member Ellis absent.

Council Member Edwards stated that she was also concerned about the youth because regarding the Supreme Court ruling about the virtual reality child pornography, that she thought it was an insult and an arrogant, blatant lack of adult responsibility to say that because it was virtually reality that children involved in pornography was okay, that she thought it sent a very strong and serious message to their kids that they as adults did not give a care and that they treated their youth like trinkets, that she was asking the City Council within their own districts and purview to look and see what they were doing for their youth in the City. Council Member Ellis absent.

Council Member Vasquez stated that he wanted to comment about Council Member Galloway's concerns about ditches, drainage and flooding, that he had been talking about the backlog of those areas and street overlays for a number of months and quite frankly the City was never going to catch up on the backlog, that the backlog was so expansive and there were so many projects on there, that they had to begin to look at other alternatives to take care of their drainage problems and to prevent future flooding, that he hoped that they as a Council, and especially District Council Members, would look at any credible proposals that come up as part of the budget process in terms of looking at ways to reduce the flooding, that he thought flooding was something that impacted all of the districts and impacted all aspects of Houston and it was something that, quite frankly, there had been several studies and the studies were \$1 billion or \$2 billion worth of projects, that they were never going to solve their drainage problems by spending \$50 million a year out of the CIP, so he hoped they would take a serious look at it in the budget process and look at credible alternatives to solve the drainage problems, whatever that may entail. Council Member Ellis absent.

Council Member Vasquez stated that he would like some additional information on the zoo process, that he knew there were several briefings at committee and did not know if there had been any progress made on it, that there were many questions brought up in committee that had not been responded to or addressed, to his knowledge, and would like to have some information on that as well. Council Member Ellis absent.

Council Member Vasquez stated that he was very concerned about the historic preservation changes and the process they were going through, that District H had the most historic districts of any districts in the City and yet at the same time he was disturbed with the process because it was not inclusive in terms of involving Council Members or involving many of the entities and parties that had a concern about it, that he would like to strongly suggest to the administration that they basically table any proposed changes until next year or a time that a more inclusive process could be attained. Council Member Ellis absent.

Council Member Sekula-Rodriguez stated that April was National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, that it was a situation that was unrecognized in the United States in terms of the crisis it illicit's and it cuts across all socio economic lines, that she had invited Ellen Cohen to come to Council, in the near future, from the Houston Area Women's Center and talk to them about it because they supported facilities that allowed women and families to escape from

situations such as this and believed they needed to continue to support those areas.

Council Member Sekula-Rodriguez stated that if an assault occurred what would happen to those people when they became patients, that what was happening in the United States and in particular in Houston was that their emergency rooms were full most of the time, that this summer it would probably increase and it meant that if they had an emergency they may not be able to be admitted to the closest hospital and they may be stuck in an ambulance going to the next local hospital until they found an opening, that there was a group in Houston called "Save Our Emergency Rooms" and was initiated by a Neurosurgeon, Guy Clifton and Red Duke, at Herman and Ken Mattox at Ben Taub, that they were on the front lines and knew what was happening out there, and one of the areas that the City could address was transporting non emergency patients to emergency rooms and clogging up the emergency rooms, that another thing that they needed to do besides restudy their transport policy and develop a way to get patients to medical care without going to an emergency room and to also look at where they could go because right now between 20% to 30% of people had no insurance, so the only place they could get emergency care was in an emergency room, that they needed to develop primary care clinics that would help these people.

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Keller stated that this weekend they would be having the opening ceremonies for the International Festival and this year they would be celebrating the Country of France, that it would be going on this weekend and next weekend. Council Member Vasquez absent.

There being no further business before Council, the City Council adjourned at 11:01 a.m. upon MOTION by Council Member Robinson, seconded by Council Member Tatro. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Brown and Mayor Pro Tem Quan out of the city on city business. Council Member Alvarado absent.

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

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

Anna Russell, City Secretary