

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, November 26, 2002

A Regular Meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, November 26, 2002, with Mayor Lee P. Brown presiding and with Council Members Bruce Taro, Carol M. Galloway, Mark Goldberg, Adie Wiseman, Mark Ellis, Bert Keller, Carol Alvarado, Annise Parker, Gordon Quan, Shelly Sekula-Gibbs, M.D., Michael Berry and Carroll Robinson; Mr. Al Haines, Chief Administrative Officer, Mayor's Office; Mr. Anthony Hall, City Attorney; Mr. Paul Bibler, Senior Counsel, City Attorney's Office; Mr. Richard Cantu, Director, Mayor's Citizens Assistance Office; Ms. Martha Stein, Agenda Director present. Council Members Ada Edwards and Gabriel Vasquez absent on personal business.

At 8:00 a.m. the City Secretary read the descriptions or captions of items on the Agenda.

At 9:07 Mayor Brown called to order the meeting of the City Council and Council Member Keller led everyone in prayer and the pledge of allegiance. Council Members Parker and Robinson absent.

Mayor Brown requested the City Secretary to call the roll. Council Members Edwards and Vasquez absent on personal business.

Council Members Keller and Tatro moved that the minutes of the preceding meeting be adopted. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Edwards and Vasquez absent on personal business. MOTION ADOPTED.

MAYOR'S REPORTS

CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 1 through 23

ACCEPTWORK – NUMBER 2

2. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$1,195,645.92 and acceptance of work on contract with RWL CONSTRUCTION, INC for Construction of Water Main Replacement in an area bounded by Westheimer, Fountainview, U.S. 59 and Chimney Rock, GFS S-C035-50-3 (WA10578) - 07.12% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICT C - GOLDBERG** - was presented, moved by Council Member Sekula-Gibbs, seconded by Council Member Alvarado. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Edwards and Vasquez personal business. MOTION 2002-1369 ADOPTED.

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS - NUMBERS 3 through 6

3. **INTELLI-CHECK, INC** for Identification Verification Systems for Aviation Department \$27,789.50 - Enterprise Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Sekula-Gibbs, seconded by Council Member Alvarado. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Edwards and Vasquez absent on personal business. MOTION 2002-1370 ADOPTED.
4. **BAGLEY'S FLOOR SERVICES, LTD** for New Carpet including Installation from the State of Texas Building and Procurement Commission's Contract through the State of Texas Cooperative Purchasing Program for Library Department - \$44,025.00 - General Fund was presented, moved by Council Member Sekula-Gibbs, seconded by Council Member Alvarado. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Edwards and Vasquez absent on personal business. MOTION 2002-1371 ADOPTED.
5. ORDINANCE appropriating \$302,363.25 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, for Valve Replacement Project for Public Works & Engineering Department CIP 5-1000-PS - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council

Members Edwards and Vasquez absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2002-1085 ADOPTED.

- 5a. **J & N INTERNATIONAL COATINGS, INC** for Valve Replacement Project for Department of Public Works & Engineering - \$287,965.00 and contingencies for a total amount not to exceed \$302,363.25 - was presented, moved by Council Member Sekula-Gibbs, seconded by Council Member Alvarado. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Edwards and Vasquez absent on personal business. MOTION 2002-1372 ADOPTED.
6. **AMEND MOTION #99-2044,12/1/999, TO EXTEND** expiration date from December 1, 2002 to February 28, 2003, for Apparel Uniforms Accessories and Supplies for Various Departments, awarded to **EXPOTECH USA, INC** - was presented, moved by Council Member Sekula-Gibbs, seconded by Council Member Alvarado. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Edwards and Vasquez absent on personal business. MOTION 2002-1373 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES - NUMBERS 8 through 23

8. ORDINANCE establishing the north and south sides of the 1000 block of Bayland Avenue within the City of Houston as a special minimum lot size requirement area pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT H - VASQUEZ** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Edwards and Vasquez absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2002-1086 ADOPTED.
9. ORDINANCE establishing the north and south sides of the 1100 block of Bayland and Woodland Avenues within the City of Houston as a special minimum lot size requirement area pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT H - VASQUEZ** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Edwards and Vasquez absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2002-1087 ADOPTED.
10. ORDINANCE establishing the north and south sides of the 700 block of Teetshorn Street within the City of Houston as a special minimum lot size requirement area pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT H - VASQUEZ** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Edwards and Vasquez absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2002-1085 ADOPTED.
11. ORDINANCE establishing the north side of the 400 block of Highland Street within the City of Houston as a special minimum lot size requirement area pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT H - VASQUEZ** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Edwards and Vasquez absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2002-1089 ADOPTED.
13. ORDINANCE establishing the east and west sides of the 800 block of Columbia Street within the City of Houston as a special minimum lot size requirement area pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - DISTRICT H - VASQUEZ - as presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Edwards and Vasquez absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2002-1090 ADOPTED.
14. ORDINANCE establishing the east and west sides of the. 800 block of Columbia Street within the City of Houston as a special building line requirement area pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT H - VASQUEZ** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Edwards and Vasquez absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2002-1091 ADOPTED.
15. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City and the

METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS for purchase of Employee Transit Passes; providing a maximum contract amount - \$745,851.00 - General, Enterprise and Other Funds had not been received, and the City Secretary announced it would be considered at the end of the Agenda if received during the meeting.

16. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City and the **GREATER HOUSTON PARTNERSHIP** for Marketing and Promotional Support; providing a maximum contract amount - 2 Years \$1,400,000.00 - Enterprise 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.
17. ORDINANCE appropriating \$242,050.00 out of Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund and \$435,175.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction fund and approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and the **TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TXDOT)** for acquisition of Rights-of-way and utility adjustments along West Airport Boulevard from Chimney Rock to South Post Oak, CIP N 1314-01-1 (SB9067) **DISTRICTS C - GOLDBERG and D - EDWARDS** had not been received, and the City Secretary announced it would be considered at the end of the Agenda if received during the meeting.
18. ORDINANCE appropriating \$360,500.00 out of Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund and \$725,120.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing advance funding agreement between the City of Houston and the **TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TXDOT)** for acquisition of Rights-of-way and utility adjustments along West Airport Boulevard from South Post Oak to Hiram Clarke, CIP N-1314-02-1 (889068) - **DISTRICT D - EDWARDS** had not been received, and the City Secretary announced it would be considered at the end of the Agenda if received during the meeting.
19. ORDINANCE appropriating \$528,000.00 out of Airports Improvement Fund1 CIP A-0153 and \$7,322,180.10 out of Airports Improvement Fund, CIPA-0388, awarding construction contract to **CHAMPAGNE-WEBBER, INC, TEXAS**, for construction of Airfield Pavement Rehabilitation at Ellington Field, Project 568; providing funding for engineering testing - **DISTRICT E - WISEMAN** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Edwards and Vasquez absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2002-1092 ADOPTED.
20. ORDINANCE appropriating \$30,000.00 out of Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund as an additional appropriation for Design of the West White Oak Bayou Trail Extension under an engineering services contract with **CHARLES D. GOODEN CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC** (approved by Ordinance No.01-1105), CIP N-0420}24-2; providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT A - TATRO and B - GALLOWAY** - was presented. All voting aye.~ Nays none. Council Members Edwards and Vasquez absent en personal business. ORDINANCE 2002-1093 ADOPTED.
21. ORDINANCE appropriating \$80,000.00 out of Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund as an additional appropriation for Design of the Houston Heritage Corridor B you Trails East, Segment 1 from San Jacinto Street to Jensen Drive, under an engineering services contract with **KUO & ASSOCIATES, INC** (approved by Ordinance No.01-1101), CIP N042C-17A-2; providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS S - GALLOWAY and H - VASQUEZ** had not been received, and the City Secretary announced it would be considered at the end of the Agenda if received during the meeting.

23. ORDINANCE No.2002-1083, passed first reading November 20, 2002
ORDINANCE granting to **NORTHLAND CABLE PROPERTIES, INC** a Corporation, the right, privilege and franchise to erect, maintain, and operate a cable television system in the City of Houston; containing other provisions relating to the foregoing subject - **SECOND READING** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Edwards and Vasquez absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2002-1083 PASSED SECOND READING IN FULL.

MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA WERE CONSIDERED AS FOLLOWS:

MISCELLANEOUS

1. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment of **MS. DAISY A. STINER** to the Position of Director of the **DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT** - was presented, moved by Council Member Robinson, seconded by Council Member Galloway, and tagged by Council Member Quan. (Note: Council Member Quan released his tag later in the meeting.)

Council Member Quan stated that while he had regard for Ms. Stiner he had not had a chance to visit with her, that he had just come back from a housing conference in Santa Fe dealing with State housing issues and would like to tag the item for one week to have a chance to meet with her.

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7. ORDINANCE authorizing the issuance of City of Houston, Texas, General Obligation Commercial Paper Notes, Series E, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$75,000,000.00 for the purpose of providing money for certain authorized purposes approving and authorizing certain authorized officers and employees to act on behalf J the City in the selling and delivery of such Notes, within the limitations and procedures specified herein; making certain covenants and agreements in connection there it resolving other matters incident and related to the issuance, sale, delivery and security of the notes, including the approval of an Issuing and Paying Agency Agreement, a Credit Agreement, an Offering Memorandum and a Commercial Paper Dealer Agreement – as presented, and tagged by Council Member Wiseman.
12. ORDINANCE establishing the north and south sides of the 700 block of East 10th Street within the City of Houston as a special minimum lot size requirement area pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT H - VASQUEZ** – as presented, and tagged by Council Member Parker.
22. ORDINANCE appropriating \$493,009.00 out of Public Library Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding construction contract to **G & Z CONTRACTING, INC** and approving and authorizing contract for engineering services with **PROFESSIONAL SERVICES INDUSTRIES, INC** for Scenic Woods Branch Library Renovation, GFS E-0013-01-3 providing funding for Civic Art Program and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Public Library Consolidated Construction Fund - \$281,600.00 CDBG Fund - **DISTRICT B - GALLOWAY** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Edwards and Vasquez absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2002-1094 ADOPTED.

MATTERS HELD - NUMBERS 24 through 33

24. ORDINANCE appropriating \$57,377.89 out of Public Library Consolidated Construction Fund as an additional appropriation for Heights Branch Library Renovation under construction contract with **FROST CONSTRUCTORS, INC** approved by Ordinance No. 02-0139, GFS E-0023-01-3 **DISTRICT H -VASQUEZ- (This was Item 3 on Agenda of November 20. 2002, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER QUAN)** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Edwards and Vasquez absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2002-1095 ADOPTED.

24a. RECOMMENDATION from Director Building Services Department for approval of Change Order No. Sin the amount of \$59,061.11 on contract with **FROST CONSTRUCTORS,INC** for Heights Branch Library Renovation, GFS E-0023-01-3 - **DISTRICT H - VASQUEZ - (This was Item 3A on Agenda of November 20.2002, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER QUAN)** - was presented.

Council Member Quan stated that he was going to support the item because the Heights Library needed the funds to get going, but he was disturbed by the number of Change Orders they had on the project, that it was seemingly the lack of preparation or knowledge that the department had in anticipating how to develop the library, that he knew it took a year and a half before it moved forward, but it was \$12,000 more for doors, for six doors, and bushes that were taken out, that all the work had been done at this time and it was kind of after the fact, but he would just really admonish the department to have more foresight on these items.

Council Member Tatro asked Council Member Quan if it was a Building Services project and Council Member Quan stated that it was, that he had a chance to meet with Mr. Issa Dadouch and they managed the project.

A vote was called on Item No.24 a, moved by Council Member Keller, seconded by Council Member Tatro. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Edwards and Vasquez absent on personal business. MOTION 2002-1374 ADOPTED.

25. ORDINANCE appropriating \$55,377.57 out of Parks Consolidated Construction Fund as an additional appropriation for Parks to Standard Program - Phase II - Bid Package No. 5 - Linkwood and Oak Forest Parks under construction contract with **TIMES CONSTRUCTION, INC** approved by Ordinance No. 00-0606, GFS F-0363-05-3 - **DISTRICTS A - TATRO and C - GOLDBERG - (This was Item 4 on Agenda of November 20.2002, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS GOLDBERG and QUAN)** - was presented.

Council Member Goldberg stated that he wanted to echo the sentiments of Council Member Quan on Item No.25 and No.25 a, that it was the same thing and one of the Change Orders was extra money to come into compliance with the code, that if they were designing and engineering they should know the code, he could not think of a single excuse for not coming in compliance with the code and design and knew that was some of the cost.

Council Member Tatro stated that Council Member Goldberg brought up some good points and obviously he had looked at this and asked if it was a project that was handled by Building Services, and Council Member Goldberg stated that he believed it was.

A vote was called on Item No.25. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Edwards and Vasquez absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2002-1096 ADOPTED.

- 25a. MOTION by Council Member Tatro/Seconded by Council Member Vasquez to adopt recommendation from Director Building Services Department for approval of Change Order No. 7 in the amount of \$55,377.57 on contract with **TIMES CONSTRUCTION, INC** for Parks to Standard Program - Phase II Bid Package No.5 - Linkwood and Oak Forest Parks, GFS F-0363-05-3 - **DISTRICTS A - TATRO and C - GOLDBERG - (This as Item 4A on Agenda of November 20,2002, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER QUAN)** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Edwards and Vasquez absent on personal business. MOTION 2002-1375 ADOPTED.
26. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$552,611.22 and acceptance of work on contract with **INTRA CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION** for Construction of Hibury Relief Storm Sewer Phase II, GFS M0231-02-3 (0231-02) -01.96 % under the original contract amount - **DISTRICT G - KELLER - (This was Item 5 on Agenda of November 20, 2002, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS ELLIS and KELLER)** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Edwards and Vasquez absent on personal business. MOTION 2002-1376 ADOPTED.
27. ORDINANCE amending Exhibit "A" of City of Houston Ordinance No.2002-101 by adding two Chief Inspector Positions; substituting the amended exhibit as part of the current Fire Department Classified Personnel Ordinance; providing for severability - **(This was Item ii on Agenda of November 20,2002, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEM'BER VASQUEZ)** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Edwards and Vasquez absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2002-1097 ADOPTED.
28. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City and **QUESTMARK INFORMATION MANAGEMENT, INC** for Jury Noticing and Tracking Services for Municipal Courts Department; providing a maximum contract amount - \$221,112.40 - General Fund - **(This was Item 20 on Agenda of November 20, 2002. TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS ELLIS and TATRO)** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Edwards and Vasquez absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2002-1098 ADOPTED.
29. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing amendment to sponsorship agreement be pen the City and **BRIARHILLS PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOC.** for Garbage Collection Service for the respective civic association - 8 Months - \$96.00 - **DISTRICT G – KELLER - (This was Item 22 on Agenda of November 20, 2002. TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ELLIS)** - was presented.
- Council Member Ellis moved to postpone Item No.29 for one week, seconded by Council Member Tatro. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Edwards and Vasquez absent: on personal business. MOTION 2002-1377 ADOPTED.
30. ORDINANCE appropriating \$12,148,922.00 out of 49K C.O. Series 2002A Fund; appropriating \$3,317,546.00 from Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; appropriating \$1,849,032.00 from Storm Sewer Consolidated Construction Fund; appropriating \$1,045,137.00 from the Street and Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund; for management services agreement between the City of Houston and **THE HOUSTON DOWNTOWN MANAGEMENT DISTRICT** for the North Downtown Streetscape Project for Phase 2 Construction and Phase 3 Design **DISTRICT I - ALVARADO - (This was Item 26 on Agenda of November 20, 2002, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER TATRO)** – was presented. Council Member Tatro voting no, balance voting aye. Council Members Edwards and Vasquez absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2002-1099 ADOPTED.

31. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing News, Gifts and Specialty Retail Concession Agreement at William P. Hobby Airport between the City of Houston and **HUDSON NEWS COMPANY** Revenue - **DISTRICT I - ALVARADO - (This was Item 33 on Agenda of November 20, 2002, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GOLDBERG)** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Edwards and Vasquez absent on personal business. Council Member Parker absent. ORDINANCE 2002-1100 ADOPTED.
32. ORDINANCE awarding contract to **BFI WASTE SERVICES OF TEXAS, L.P.** for Solid Waste Disposal and Equipment Leasing Services for the Houston Airport System; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$3,824,363.10 - Enterprise Fund **DISTRICTS B - GALLOWAY: E - WISEMAN and I - ALVARADO - (This was Item 35 of Agenda of November 20, 2002, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER QUAN)** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Edwards and Vasquez absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2002-1101 ADOPTED.
33. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing a Public Pay Telephone contract between the City of Houston and **AT&T CORP.** - Revenue - **(This was Item 38 on Agenda of November 20, 2002. POSTPONED BY MOTION #2002-1368)** - was presented.

Council Member Ellis moved to postpone Item No.33 for one week, seconded by Council Member Tatro. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Edwards and Vasquez absent on personal business. MOTION 2002-1378 ADOPTED.

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Berry stated that last week he had mentioned the Tucson, Arizona Terrorist Preparedness Project that was going on, that there had been a lot of media coverage since then and he had not been able to delve into all of the details about it, but knew that was the first he had asked the administration for anything on it and would like to follow it up as soon as possible with some level of update on where they were and understood that may not be a public response, and Mayor Brown stated that they would do that. Council Member Quan absent.

Council Member Robinson stated that now he was semi retired a number of jokes had approached him about organizing a regional rail support coalition and he intended to do that, that no one was sure whether or not they would have a referendum in November 2003, but there were a variety of organizations and individuals scattered across the Metro service area who had expressed support for regional rail, in fact recently the County, he believed, joined a high speed rail coalition and one of the presentations at the transportation summit in Irving a couple of months back was that high speed rail in Texas becomes a much more viable enterprise it in the major urban centers of the State, they had regional rail systems to connect into, especially in the airport areas, so he in ended to begin organizing and coordinating that effort with a number of people across the region and was hopeful that Metro would come forward with a plan that included expanding the Main Street Rail Line for November 2003 referendum vote. Council Member Quan absent.

Council Member Tatro stated that he wanted to wish everybody a Happy Thanksgiving Council Member Quan absent.

Council Member Tatro stated that he knew that Council Member Robinson and himself and was not sure if there was another Council Member, did not support new increase in the T-ash Fee Ordinance that they passed during the budget cycle, but he thought they received a memo from the administration, that was actually from the Solid Waste Department, telling citizens that they could buy the trash bags that they could set out for an extra \$1 and could get them over the internet for a surcharge of \$3, and knew that some Council Member had said that it would be a

good idea for the holiday season, the two week period around Thanksgiving and the two week period around Christmas, to have a waiver on that fee and he thought that was a good idea for the holiday season because of the increased volume that people had around Christmas, obviously, around Thanksgiving, and he thought it would be a good gesture and thought it would be proper, that he would request that the administration draw up a change to the ordinance that alleviated or reduced that fee for that period of time so therefore bags put out during that period of time did not have to have the sticker on the bag. Council Member Quan absent.

Council Member Keller stated that he wanted to congratulate the Stratford High School Girls Volleyball Team for reaching the State 5A Championship for the second year in a row, that they represented the City and District G very well, that congratulations to Coach Becky Palermo, and the entire Spartan Team for another great season. Council Member Quan absent.

Council Member Keller stated that in his district they had another competition going on which was drag racing and a lot of the drag racers realized that it was kind of open season since here was an investigation going on about the Kmart raids, it seemed to a lot of their constituents and a good number of them that they contacted them just over the last weekend, that it must have been unbelievable because they had dozens of phone calls Monday morning of homes that abutted Westheimer all the way from the 5500 block, which was around the Briargrove area all the way to the high 9000, which was almost to Gessner, that he did not know what they do because they were flinching because of the investigation and what might happen, and hoped that they could figure out that they were not one in the same, that breaking the law in drag racing was not the same as sitting in a parking lot and possibly becoming vulnerable to a sweep, so he hoped that they could take effective action now because the way they did the drag racing was not in an amateur way, that they had cars that went out and blocked way in advance and sat through an open light and then the other ones that were drag racing came in behind them and they protect them on the outsides a well, but he had a feeling that if somebody was coming through the intersection the other way it was not going to be nice and he hoped that they would be able to monitor it and get their hands on the people that were drag racing down Westheimer. Council Member Quan absent.

Mayor Brown stated that he wanted to point out that there was no reason the Police Department should not be enforcing the laws on Westheimer, that the Kmart incident had nothing to do with the other violations and he would make sure the Police Department took care of the problem. Council Member Quan absent.

Council Member Sekula-Gibbs stated that it had come to her attention that the draft DIS statement regarding the extension of the Burlington Northern proposed San Jacinto Rail may be forthcoming the next few weeks, that particularly over the holidays it was a very difficult time to convene and get a response from the City so she would like to ask the Mayor to consider and anticipating the release of the draft DIS and helping the Council Members who represent the district involved in that, Council Members Edwards, Wiseman, Alvarado and Council Member Robinson who headed the transportation committee, as well as herself that she was very interested in that issue as they knew, to come together and help them formulate a strategy on what to do because the draft DIS would probably simply be a statement that mitigates consequences of derailment, consequences of explosions, but did not think it was going to say that they would stop the expansion of the Burlington Northern Rail and asked that the Mayor please advise Mr. Haines and F&A and Mr. Hall in Legal to be looking for it and to help them to come up with a strategy because the City was vital in delaying or stopping the expansion and also bringing Union Pacific to the table to negotiate with Burlington Northern for a settlement that did not disrupt or destroy the neighborhoods of Clear Lake, South Houston and the east end, and Mayor Brown stated that they were already monitoring it. Council Member Quan absent.

Council Member Sekula-Gibbs stated that she would like to congratulate Grace Butler and her foundation called Hope through Grace, that she had put together a wonderful symposium at Texas Southern University on the disparities in health care delivery for minorities, Council Member Quan absent.

Council Member Sekula-Gibbs stated to remember that it was the Thanksgiving Holiday and for everyone to be very careful, wear their seatbelts, do not speed and come back after the holidays healthy. Council Member Quan absent.

Council Member Alvarado stated that not to long ago there was an article regarding some additional ozone monitors that were going to be placed in the City and she would like to get from the administration a list of those locations, that she wanted to see how they were being dispersed and what geographic areas were being targeted, that if someone would please brief her on that. Council Members Goldberg, Quan and Robinson absent.

Council Member Alvarado stated that there were several stories regarding the lack of enforcement on the Valet Ordinance and she was pleased to say that her office had been working with the administration and one of the valet companies that had pretty much monopolized the valet service downtown, was working on some solution to correct the valet problem, that she did want to thank the administration for working with their office, that as they knew the Central Business District was the location where the valet ordinance was being enforced or needed to be enforced Council Member Quan absent.

Council Member Alvarado stated that she wanted to congratulate Council Member Quan who was recently honored by the Alliance for Multi Cultural Community Services, that he joined a pretty prestige group of honorees and wanted to ask her colleagues in joining her to congratulate him. Council Members Goldberg, Quan and Robinson absent.

Mayor Brown stated that it was 9:30 a.m. and asked the City Secretary to call the speakers.

Ms. Alice Lucier, 6407 Antoine #107, Houston, Texas 77091 (713-688-5753) appeared and stated that on Item 15 no, there were not enough employees who used the transit; Item 16 no, the city was in disarray and the Partnership would not be able to make booklets; Item 3d no, \$17,000,000 was too much for the downtown area and the project should be re-planned. Council Members Goldberg, Quan and Robinson absent.

Council Member Parker moved to suspend the rules to hear Mr. Ray A. Jones, Jr. next, seconded by Council Member Ellis. All voting aye. Nays none. -Council Member Edwards and Vasquez absent on personal business. Council Members Goldberg, Quan and Robinson absent. MOTION 2002-1379 ADOPTED.

Mr. Ray A. Jones, Jr., 3214 Ferndale, Houston, Texas 77098 (713-529-7887) appeared, presented information and stated that he was with the West Alabama Quality of Life Coalition and their concern was the impending construction on 59 including the Spur 527 as it would have significant impact on the inner-city neighborhoods; that the people living and working on West Alabama were apparently left out of the equation in terms of decisions made by the Downtown Management District and they had the most to lose in the process so they called their own town hall meeting and about 100 citizens showed up including some Council Members and presenters from METRO and they believed this project would seriously damage and upset the life of those in the corridor and they believed the alternate routes needed to be looked at again and they were asking Council to put the neighborhoods first and he was requesting that he be allowed to meet with the Mayor and go over this in detail. Council Members Wiseman, Keller, Alvarado and Quan absent.

Mayor Brown stated that Council Member Edwards had a taskforce with people in the neighborhood who met on a regular basis; that the process was underway with the Council Member who represented the area leading the way.

Council Member Parker stated that she took exception to that; that the Downtown Management District was for the good of downtown; that the plans were jointly made by the City Public Works Department, TXDOT, Midtown Management District and the meetings were all public meetings; that the plans had changed significantly, but the Texas Department of Transportation had worked with the City of Houston and they were talking about keeping the Spur open; that she believed the neighborhoods were not happy with the answers, but there was no other place to put the cars and they would be going through the neighborhood; that the plan was more neighborhood friendly than it was and she would encourage him to meet with Council Member Edwards committee. Council Member Robinson absent.

Council Member Berry moved to suspend the rules to hear from Mr. Philip A. Masquelette at this time, seconded by Council Member Ellis. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Edwards and Vasquez absent on personal business. Council Member Robinson absent. MOTION 2002-1380 ADOPTED.

Mr. Philip A. Masquelette, 3301 Edloe #201, Houston, Texas 77027 appeared and stated that he was an attorney and his office was between Richmond and Alabama and he was concerned about the plans for using West Alabama for increased traffic during the construction period of 59; that city funds would be used in many places for the project and the changes would impact school children at several schools and that raised safety issues for them and for emergency services; that he was asking the Mayor to cooperate with Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee, Congressman elect Chris Bell, State Senator Rodney Ellis and State Representative elect Martha Wong in bringing about a better solution.

Council Member Tatro stated that the maps presented were the best and most detailed the Council had received on any issue. Mr. Masquelette stated that Mr. Jones and his coalition should be thanked for that.

Mrs. Ruth Newton, 5846 Belmark, Houston, Texas 77033(713-734-6805) appeared and stated that she was present regarding Sheltering Arms doing work on her home which they completely messed up and she wanted it done properly; that the work was not complete and it was shoddy with broken tiles, leaks, holes in the sheetrock, etc., and the city inspector Mr. Fred Gardner wanted the work redone; that she had not signed off on their work for payment and yet she heard they were paid \$15,000.00. Council Members Ellis and Parker absent.

Mayor Brown stated that he was assigning Mr. Mike Halpern to meet with her and work out the issues; that the first company was replaced and another group was working with her now, but needed to come out and inspect so the work could begin; that Mr. Halpern would meet with her after questions from Council. Council Members Ellis, Parker and Berry absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Goldberg, Ms. Newton stated that Thomson Contractors was the first group and presumably Sheltering Arms had the work delegate to them. Council Members Ellis, Parker and Berry absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Tatro, Mayor Brown stated that the National Association for Minority Contractors had the property right now and they needed to go out and inspect to get the work done; that Sheltering Arms had a senior services program and they were the first to have the contract, however, they were replaced; that Sheltering Arms was no longer working for the City of Houston; and the only holdup right now was the inspection and asked that Ms. Newton allow them in. Council Members Parker and Berry absent,

Mr./Coach Bobby Taylor, 3107 Sumpter, Houston, Texas 77026 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Parker and Berry absent.

Mr. Steven Williams no address, no phone, had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Parker and Berry absent.

Mr. Juan Houston, 6431 Sherwood Dr., Houston, Texas 77021(713-842-2275) appeared and stated that he resided in District D and was present regarding crime in the neighborhood; that the problem was bad and so was the police response; that Council Member Edwards attacked some problems and improvements were made and they followed her guidelines and had come along way, but the biggest problem was trying to get neighbors to standup to it. Council Members Goldberg, Ellis and Berry absent.

Mayor Brown stated that Chief York was present and would meet with him at this time and design a plan to solve the problem; and Mr. Houston stated that bike patrol had been very effective, but bike patrol had been cut back on and perhaps they should be given whatever tools they needed as they got great results. Council Members Goldberg and Berry absent.

Ms. Carol Porter, 205 W. Crosstimbers, Houston, Texas 77018 (832-567-6350) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Goldberg and Berry absent.

Mr. Timothy Verge, 10750 W. Brae, Houston, Texas 77031(713-270-6850) appeared and stated that he was present with a concern regarding the Police Department; that he wanted to be a police officer and had gone through all phases and requirements but they had sent him a letter on his appeal stating extenuating circumstances and has found out it was because he contacted a past employer when they were doing his background check and that he needed to wait another year and try again, but nothing would change on him in a year and he would be 35 then and too old to become an officer and he was asking for assistance; that academy class was starting December 6 and he passed every requirement and the physical, but he did not agree with the appeal process; that he had good stability and good credit and did all that was necessary. Council Members Goldberg and Berry absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Tatro, Mr. Verge stated that he never had the opportunity to go into the academy but he had done everything necessary to go; that he had been to Council before because he was told he was dishonest on his application but after proving he was not it was overturned; that Chief Wong was greatly helpful and he was the one who showed he had not been dishonest on the application; that this time they gave him another background guy. Council Member Tatro stated that he would like to see his letter stating extenuating circumstances and know the reasons; and upon further questions, Mr. Verge stated that he was told one reason was because he had contacted his former employer. Council Member Tatro stated that ha would request the information. Council Members Goldberg, Berry and Robinson absent.

Mayor Brown questioned was there some discrepancy in what he said on his application and what they found in the background investigation; and Mr. Verge stated no; that he was told it was because he contacted his former employer and he should apply again in a year, but then he would be too old to apply. Council Members Goldberg, Berry and Robinson absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Quan, Mr. Verge stated that 11 years ago he as stopped because of an expired sticker and told he had outstanding tickets and asked if he would like to go pay them and then be taken back to his car so he agreed and was taken to a Beechnut Substation paid them and was taken to his car, but he did not consider that an arrest and he put down he was never arrested and it showed as an arrest, but then Chief Wong stepped in and it was not recognized as an arrest; and he would be 35 in one year and no longer eligible. Council Member

Quan stated that he would work with Council Member Tatro. Council Members Goldberg, Berry and Robinson absent.

Mayor Brown stated that if he had tickets not paid the Judge issued a warrant for his arrest and if a warrant was issued and he was picked up and posted bond that was an arrest and Mr. Verge stated that was 11 years ago and it was minor and even if he would have put it on his application it would not have stopped him from being an officer Mayor Brown stated that he did not put it on his application, but Chief York would meet with him after he finished with the previous person: Council Members Goldberg, Berry and Robinson absent.

Council Member Alvarado moved to suspend the rules to hear Mr. Fred Ellis next, seconded by Council Member Tatro. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Edwards and Vasquez absent on personal business. Council Members Parker, Berry and Robinson absent. MOTION 2002-1381 ADOPTED.

Mr. Fred Ellis, 1118 W. Cottage, Houston, Texas 77009 (713-861-4043) appeared and stated that he was a native Houstonian, a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Houston Area 63; International Association of Electrical Inspectors and elected officer of the international Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 716 and was a city employee for nine years; that he went on a trip for the Aviation Department October 21-26, 2001, and when preparing his expense voucher he found he had lost two receipts so he used the ones he had; that he did have alcohol on the receipts but his intent was to only cover his actual meal expenses; that he was there six days and turned in receipts totaling \$111.37; that Mayor Brown concurred with Mr. Vacar's recommendation for indefinite suspension and the letter referred to the Mayor's Policy 504 and Department Policy Opt 67; that the Mayor's Policy 504 was not followed as it outlined discipline should be taken in a positive and progressive manor and should be based on the severity of the offense and record of the employee; that Aviation's Policy Opt 67 was not followed either as it outlined the supervisors ability to provide a positive and supportive communication; that the city was always looking for qualified people to fill open positions and his position was still open and other positions in the city were still open; that he was offered to resign from Aviation and work for another department prior to the CMI Service Hearing and he thought protocol would prevail and now he was asking that his perfect attendance and good evaluations for over nine years be looked at and to reconsider his indefinite suspension or to at least allow him to work for another department. Council Members Parker, Berry and Robinson absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Alvarado, Mr. Ellis stated that in nine years he as never disciplined. Council Members Parker, Berry and Robinson absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Alvarado, Mayor Brown stated that for some offenses you can be terminated without going through any steps; that if he went through the steps to the Civil Service Commission he had taken the appeal process as far as it could go; that he did not have an appeal for reinstatement at this time. Council Members Parker, Berry and Robinson absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Quan, Mr. Ellis stated that his receipts were for \$111.00 and some alcohol was on the ticket, but when it was brought to his attention the expenses were rejected he was denied the opportunity to repay it and what they were questioning was \$11.00. Council Members Galloway, Parker, Berry and Robinson absent.

Mr. Jesse Anderson, 12803 Mill Valley Dr., Houston, Texas 77048 (713-731-9281) appeared and stated that he was present to address the issue of a home grant he and his life took out in 2001; that all the paperwork was approved and they were told they were waiting on a city inspector to come out; that last night someone called and told them to not come to Council today, but then they were called by a Council Member and told to come and address the issue, but they

would like to know how long it would be. Council Members Tatro, Galloway, Wiseman, Ellis, Keller, Berry and Robinson absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mayor Brown stated that the National Association of Minority Contractors had the assignment to take care of the issue and he was told the only holdup was the lead hazard risk assessment and he would have Mr. Halpin meet with him at this time and see what could be done. Council Members Tatro, Galloway, Wiseman, Ellis, Keller, Berry and Robinson absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mrs. Helen Anderson, 12803 Mill Valley Dr., Houston, Texas 77048 (713-731-9281) as present but chose not to speak. Council Members Tatro, Galloway, Wiseman, Ellis, Keller, Berry and Robinson absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Jack Elliott, 1330 Post Oak Blvd., Houston, Texas 77024 (713-222-6464) appeared and stated that he was a disabled veteran and present regarding handicapped parking; that there was a red and blue hanging permit and a license plate offered; that blue meant a person was very handicapped and needed help getting around like a walker or a wheelchair or something and red meant a person was able to walk; that he saw a program where people parked with handicap permits and they were not handicapped, but to get a permit you need a doctor's slip saying it is needed; that a friend went to get his and he was asked which one he wanted and you should only be given the one you need and not the one you want. Council Members Tatro, Galloway, Ellis, Berry and Robinson absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Parker stated that she saw the program and brought it up at Council but the issue of what color of tag you received was county government; that she got a response back from the head of parking management and she had not had an opportunity to follow up with him; that she would like to know how to check the tags against the license plate and she would call him and set a meeting up with Mr. Albright. Council Members Tatro, Galloway, Ellis, Berry and Robinson absent.

Ms. Marian Rosen, 1330 Post Oak Blvd., Houston, Texas 77024 (713-222-6464) appeared and stated that she was the caregiver for her brother and she and others had worked in trying to solve the problem, but the city needed to look at its own problem; that 601 Sawyer had problems and she believed many places just had signs posted wrong; that she want to implore Council to set a taskforce to look into this; that approximately only one-third of the tickets issued for illegal parking in handicapped spaces were paid and from what she was told probably over the last two years \$1,200,000.00 was lost to the city in fines not collected; that Mr. Albrecht said there was probably somewhere between \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 a year lost to the city on tickets never issued and she would implore the city to have a taskforce and put on it someone from the City Attorney's Office and someone disabled; that Houston was known recently for their pollution and obesity and she would like it known as the city who cared. Council Members Tatro, Galloway, Ellis, Keller and Berry absent.

Council Member Goldberg stated that after the media exposed the situation he drove around the courthouse and everyone around there had the blue tags and he was sure a number of them were illegal and he wondered if when metermaids saw people getting out that did not appear to be handicapped if they were cited; and Mayor Brown stated that it would seem if there was a violation they had the authority to issue a citation. Council Members Tatro Galloway, Ellis, Keller and Berry absent.

Upon questions by Mayor Brown, Mr. Bibler stated that they did have the authority, but he would make the observation that they may want to make some inquiry because though some may look perfectly normal they may have something wrong and be allowed to park in handicapped parking areas. Council Members Tatro, Galloway, Ellis, and Berry absent.

Council Member Goldberg stated maybe they did need a taskforce and have guidelines for enforcement; that Mr. Bibler was correct just because someone walked he did not know if that was enough reason to stop them and investigate. Council Members Tatro, Galloway, Ellis and Berry absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Goldberg, Ms. Rosen stated that there were changes in the state law over the last few years and many were not apprised of that; that she and others took photographs around town and sent them to companies and she was surprised at the response they were receiving; and she and her brother would be willing to be on the taskforce.

Council Member Goldberg stated that he thought a taskforce was a good idea. Council Members Tatro, Galloway, Ellis and Berry absent.

Mayor Brown stated that he thought the taskforce was a good idea and they would call on her services. Council Members Tatro, Galloway, Ellis and Berry absent.

Council Member Parker stated that if Mayor Brown was going to put together a group she would very much like to be a part of it. Council Members Tatro, Galloway, Ellis and Berry absent.

Council Member Sekula-Gibbs stated that she would also offer her assistance to the group; and upon questions, Ms. Rosen stated that she thought it would be a wonderful idea to have the Texas Institute for Research and Rehabilitation be a part of the group and she would also request someone from the medical association; that she thought many needed to be reminded about the tags. Council Members Galloway, Ellis and Berry absent.

Ms. Deborah Elaine Allen, 6000 Telephone #408, Houston, Texas 77087 had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Galloway, Ellis and Berry absent.

Minister Robert Muhammed, 4443 Old Spanish Trail, Houston, Texas 77021 (713-741-2747) appeared and stated that tomorrow in front of KTRK, Channel 13, there would be a protest at noon; that he wondered about a reporter, Wayne Dolcefino, which caused public officials to tremble, business men to bow and so-called Black leaders to act like scared little children; how could one man get state agencies to investigate charities and revoke charters when the people could not even get a return call; that police said off the record they pulled Wayne Dolcefino over all the time suspecting him of driving under the influence but did not arrest him, why was the mainstream media not willing to clean their own house; that being Black did not excuse theft, abuse or mismanagement but on the other hand it did not mean their legitimate cries for relief of racist half-truths could simply be dismissed or ignored; that the issue boiled down to revenue and ratings and not truths; that he was very upset innuendos were made about the Mayor and his Administration regarding a \$5,000 kickback paid by Kid Care to Millennium Daycare because the city granted Kid Care a \$300,000 grant for the building, but no one mentioned there was no check and it was a draw; that he may go to jail tomorrow, and he does not even have a parking ticket, just to make a point. Council Members Ellis and Berry absent.

Council Member Galloway thanked Minister Muhammed for coming and enlightening the community on some things that were going on and stated that there were misleading articles about the African community and Mayor Brown, but she knew more was being done in her community under Mayor Brown than before and she appreciated what Minister Muhammed brought light to. Council Members Ellis and Berry absent.

Mayor Brown stated that he wanted to clarify something, this was his first to hear about allegations on some \$5,000 and it was absolutely not true and as Mr. Muhammed accurately pointed out money the city invested in their building was paid after work was complete and the city was not at risk on that issue. Minister Muhammed stated that Mayor Brown was probably one of

the men with the most integrity ever to hold the office and certainly the most educated that in terms of anyone saying he or anyone in his Administration engineered a kickback for something and then a \$5,000 check was written the next day was a lie and an unchallenged lie resembled the truth; and Mayor Brown stated that whoever made the accusation needed to present the evidence or he would personally make an arrest. Council Members Ellis, Parker and Berry absent.

Ms. Dianna Roberts, 2601 South Braeswood #306, Houston, Texas 77025 (713-792-8840) appeared - and stated there was unjustifiable prosecution of fellow Falun Gong practitioners in China and in other parts of the world; that she and others were requesting recognition of Falun Gong and the practitioners, however, Mayor Brown had not chose to grant a proclamation and as suggested by Council Members Quan and Goldberg they were now requesting that Council join together and vote for a resolution commending the principal of Falun Gong and the practitioners for their dedication and commitment and for their appealing for an end to the persecution by the Chinese regime. Council Members Galloway, Parker, Berry and Robinson absent.

Mn Leon Lemmonds, 777 Walker, Houston, Texas 77002 (713-241-8172) appeared and stated that they were a volunteer organization which collected no fees and they were asking for a proclamation to recognize the work the volunteers did to improve the life, health and attitudes of others; that it had helped him quite a bit; that he did not want Council to be sidetracked with them requesting their statement about the wrong going on in China as they could not do a lot about that, but they did have a voice that could affect a change; that the state and federal government recognized it as a problem and had done things at their level; and he hope for their favorable action on the proclamation. Council Members Galloway, Parker, Berry and Robinson absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Goldberg, Council Member Quan stated that the resolution was presented to him last week and he had not taken any action as yet; and upon questions by Council Member Quan, Council Member Goldberg stated that he had seen it and it looked fine to him. Council Member Quan stated that there was no action at this time. Council Members Galloway, Parker, Berry and Robinson absent.

Ms. Wanda Gills, 5959 Bonhomme Rd., Houston, Texas 77036 (713-784-3054) appeared and stated that she wished she had discovered Falun Gong earlier in her life; that she handled things more calmly and with more compassion; that she was saddened some could not speak out freely on their feelings of truth, compassion and tolerance, but Falun Gong was good and beneficial to all; and she thanked Council for considering a resolution for them. Council Members Galloway, Keller and Berry absent.

Mr. Jack Xiong, 2125 Augusta, Houston, Texas 77057 (713-207-4648) appeared and stated that he was born in China and appreciated his rights to speak today and practice his belief of Falun Gong; that he appreciated Council's support and advise; and thanked the for their consideration. Council Members Galloway, Keller and Berry absent.

Ms. Eddie McLow, 521 B. 32nd, Houston, Texas 77022 (281-546-1362) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Galloway, Keller and Berry absent.

Mn Jason Wang, 4454 S. MacGregor Way #1, Houston, Texas 77021 (713-842-2814) appeared and stated that November 6, 2002, the Chicago City Council unanimously passed a resolution to condemn China's prosecution of Falun Gong and read the resolution. Council Members Galloway, Keller, Alvarado and Berry absent.

Mayor Brown stated that four items on the Agenda had now been received and they would continue after the speakers. Council Members Galloway, Keller, Alvarado and Berry absent

Council Member Quan stated that he would withdraw his tag on Item 1 at this time. Council Members Galloway, Keller, Alvarado and Berry absent.

President Joseph Charles, 8034 Antoine Dr. #107, Houston, Texas 77088 (281-847-5100) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Galloway, Keller, Alvarado and Berry absent.

Mrs. Feng Goins, 5502 Grand Lake, Houston, Texas 77081 (832-567-6350) appeared and played music until her time expired. Council Members Alvarado and Berry absent.

Mr. Robert Horton, P.O. Sox 21635, Houston, Texas 77226 (713-571-8254) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Alvarado and Berry absent.

The City Secretary stated that completed the public session. Mayor Brown stated that they would now consider the items received and Item No.1, which Council Member Quan had released his tag on. Council Member Berry absent.

1. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment of **MS. DAISY A. STINER** to the Position of Director of the **DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT** - was again presented to Council. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Edwards and Vasquez absent on personal business. Council Member Berry absent. MOTION 2002-1382 ADOPTED.

Council Member Robinson moved to suspend the rules to hear Ms. Daisy Stiner, seconded by Council Member Tatro. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Edwards and Vasquez absent on personal business. Council Member Berry absent. MOTION 2002-1353 ADOPTED.

Ms. Stiner thanked the Mayor and Council for giving her the opportunity to serve as Director of the Housing Department and stated that she looked forward to working with them. Council Member Berry absent.

Council Members congratulated Ms. Stiner and wished her well in her new position. Council Member Berry absent.

15. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City and the **METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS** for purchase of Employee Transit Passes; providing a maximum contract amount - \$745,551.00 - General Enterprise and Other Funds - was presented, and was tagged by Council Member Wiseman. Council Members Edwards and Vasquez absent on personal business. Council Member Berry absent.

16. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City and the **GREATER HOUSTON PARTNERSHIP** for Marketing and Promotional Support; providing a maximum contract amount - 2 Years - \$1,400,000.00 - Enterprise Fund - as presented.

Council Member Wiseman stated that she was a strong supporter of economic development and took great interest in the contract, but wanted an opportunity to visit with the partnership and discuss their efforts on behalf of the city; and was tagging the item. Council Member Berry absent.

Council Member Galloway stated that she too wanted to visit with the partnership and see what their plans were for the northeast area; and was tagging the item.

Council Member Robinson-stated that he would like Mr. Haines to visit with him and would like a copy of the contract.

Item 16 was tagged by Council Members Wiseman and Galloway. Council Members Edwards and Vasquez absent on personal business. Council Member Berry absent.

Council Member Wiseman stated that she would remove her tag on Item 15.

15. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City and the **METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS** for purchase of Employee Transit Passes; providing a maximum contract amount - \$745,851.00 - General, Enterprise and Other Funds - was again presented to Council. All voting ye. Nays none. Council Members Edwards and Vasquez absent on personal business. Council Member Berry absent. ORDINANCE 2002-1102 ADOPTED.
17. ORDINANCE appropriating \$242,050.00 out of Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund and \$435,175.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and the **TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT)** for acquisition of Rights-of-way and utility adjustments along West Airport Boulevard from Chimney Rock to South Post Oak, CIP N-1314-01-1 (5E9067) **DISTRICTS C - GOLDBERG and D - EDWARDS** presented, and was tagged by Council Members Tatro, Parker, Goldberg and Wiseman Council Members Edwards and Vasquez absent on personal business. Council Member Berry absent.
18. ORDINANCE appropriating \$360,500.00 out of Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund and \$725,120.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing advance funding agreement between the City of Houston and the **TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT)** for acquisition of Rights-of-way and utility adjustments along West Airport Boulevard from South Post Oak to Hiram Clarke, CIP N-1314-02-1 (5B9068) - **DISTRICT D - EDWARDS** - was presented. and was tagged by Council Members Goldberg; Tatro and Wiseman. Council Members Edwards and Vasquez absent on personal business. Council Member Berry absent.

Council Member Tatro stated that they were tagging the item for Council Member Edwards and anyone from Public Works on follow-up should respond to her. Council Member Berry absent.

There being no further business before Council, the City Council adjourned at 11:18 a.m. upon MOTION by Council Member Wiseman, seconded by Council Member Tatro. All voting ye. Nays none. Council Members Edwards and Vasquez absent on personal business. Council Member Berry absent.

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

Anna Russell, City Secretary