

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, May 6, 2003

A Regular Meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 6, 2003, with Mayor Lee P. Brown presiding and with Council Members Bruce Tatro, Carol M. Galloway, Mark Goldberg, Ada Edwards, Mark Ellis, Bert Keller, Gabriel Vasquez, Carol Alvarado, Annise Parker, Gordon Quan, Michael Berry, Carroll Robinson; Mr. Paul Bibler, Senior Assistant City Attorney; Mr. Don Cheatham, Division chief Legal Department; Mr. Richard Cantu, Director, Mayor's Citizens Assistance Office; Ms. Martha Stein, Agenda Director present. Council Members Addie Wiseman and Shelly Sekula-Gibbs M.D. out of the city on city business

At 1:57 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Quan stated that Council would begin with the presentations. Mayor Brown, Council Members Tatro, Edwards, Keller, Vasquez, Alvarado, Parker, Berry and Robinson absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mayor Pro Tem Quan invited Fire Chief Connealy to the podium and stated that he was recognizing Arson Awareness Week; that arson was a serious crime which affected everyone with financial losses reaching billions of dollars; that in 2002 in Houston children made up 66% of those persons found responsible for starting fires and fire was the leading cause of death in the home for children under the age of five; encouraged all to work together in implementing preventive measures; and presented a Proclamation proclaiming the week of May 5th through 11th, 2003, as "Arson Awareness Week" in Houston, Texas. Chief Connealy thanked all for the Proclamation and commended the Juvenile Fire Setters Group for doing an excellent job on helping children. Council Members Tatro, Galloway, Keller, Vasquez, Alvarado, Parker, Berry and Robinson absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Goldberg invited Mr. Michael Battle and Mr. Mike Peona to the podium and stated that Saturday, May 10th the Houston Chapter of the National Association of Letter Carriers would be conducting their residence food drive; that last year they collected 530,000 pounds of food and it was critical this time of year with it being summer and children not having access to school lunches; and presented them with a Proclamation for collection of food to benefit the Food Bank and help families in need; wishing them a successful and rewarding food drive; and proclaimed May 10, 2003, as "Houston Food Bank National Association of Letter Carriers Annual Food Drive Day" in Houston, Texas. Mr. Battle with the Letter Carriers thanked the citizens and leadership of the City of Houston and stated that last year they moved to number 18 nationally in the amount of food picked up and this year they were looking forward to moving on up the ladder and being in the top 10. Mr. Peona, with the Food Bank thanked the letter carriers for doing such a wonderful job and the citizens for giving. Council Members Tatro, Galloway, Keller, Alvarado, Berry and Robinson absent.

Council Member Vasquez invited Mr. Steve Patterson, executive vice president of the Texans, the Consul General of Mexico Mr. Eduardo Ibarrola, and Landon Donovan and Earnie Stewart from the U. S. Soccer Team to the podium. Council Member Vasquez stated that he was proud to present a Proclamation recognizing the World Cup Rematch between the United States and Mexico and presented them a Proclamation expected to draw the largest crowd ever to watch a soccer match in Houston; welcoming the U. S. National Soccer Team and its officials and the friends and fans from Mexico; and proclaiming Thursday, May 8, 2003, as "Soccer Day" in Houston, Texas. The Counsel General stated that football soccer was the greatest sport in Mexico and would be another close tie between Houston and Mexico and thanked all for the Proclamation. Mr. Patterson stated that on behalf of the Texans and all at Reliant Park they thanked all for their efforts on Reliant Park, which was allowing such great events to come to Houston. Mr. Donovan and Mr. Stewart presented the Mayor with an autographed jersey and a crystal ball. Council Members Galloway and Alvarado absent.

At 2:15 p.m. Mayor Brown called the meeting to order and Council Member Ellis led everyone in prayer and in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Council Member Vasquez absent.

At 2:16 p.m. the City Secretary called the roll. Council Members Vasquez absent. Council

Members Wiseman and Sekula-Gibbs out of the city on city business.

Council Members Keller and Robinson moved that the minutes of the preceding meeting be adopted. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Vasquez absent. Council Members Wiseman and Sekula-Gibbs out of the city on city business. MOTION ADOPTED.

Mayor Brown requested the City Secretary to call the list of speakers.

Council Member Edwards stated that she wanted to recognize a group of students with Willowridge High School and asked them to stand to be recognized. Council Member Vasquez absent.

Council Member Edwards moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of adding Mr. Adrian Murphy to the list of speakers and then hearing Mr. Ray Chatary, Mr. Ken Jones and Ms. Alice Aanstoots, seconded by Council Member Robinson. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Vasquez absent. Council Members Wiseman and Sekula-Gibbs out of the city on city business. MOTION 2003-0433 ADOPTED.

Mr. Adrian Murphy, 16110 Lazy Ridge, Houston, Texas 77053 (281-433-4151) appeared and stated that he was representing his class; that they had a problem concerning tardiness but they had a problem with traffic in front of the school, there was no break; that they had accidents and people were being punished for being tardy; that they requested stop signs at the corner of Court Road and Chimney Rock and nothing was done and now he was requesting it today to the Mayor and Council and hoping for assistance. Council Members Galloway and Vasquez absent.

Mayor Brown stated that he would assign someone to work with him and Mr. Robert DeYoung was present and would speak with him and follow-up until the problem was resolved. Council Members Galloway and Vasquez absent.

Council Member Edwards stated that she would like Mr. Murphy to contact her office and see how they could help eliminate issues out there. Council Members Galloway and Vasquez absent.

Mayor Brown welcomed all to the Council Meeting and stated they should consider public service as a career. Council Members Galloway and Vasquez absent.

Mr. Ken Jones, 6001 Stonington #196, Houston, Texas 77040 appeared and stated that he spoke in February protesting VOIP because the process was flawed and research was not properly done before developing an RFP; that Council Member Robinson asked that he review Southwestern Bell information which he had done for three sites and the trunking in those three sites was over trunked by roughly 47%, \$35,000.00 a month which was \$400,000.00 a year; that the IT Department reviewed 26 sites and only found \$200,000.00 a year; that he had 23 years in the business and he did not know where their numbers came from; and he was asking Council to start over on the process and have an audit done. Council Members Galloway and Alvarado absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Tatro, Mr. Jones stated that he was with HTIS and he did not bid on the city's project and had no interest in it, but hated to see money thrown away; that he surveyed 611 Walker, Reisner and Bagby; that before you bid you needed to know your base line and of the current lines 541 trunks never saw a phone call. Council Members Galloway and Alvarado absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Quan, Mr. Jones stated that he was talking about a traffic study on rightsizing the system and what that impacted was the formulas used to generate return on investment for VOIP; that there were probably locations that would benefit

from VOIP but to arrive at those locations you needed to start with the right data and if the formula being used was already 50% out of whack then the whole formula was bad; that he was not against VOIP but thought the RFP was premature because work should have been done first to right size the system. Council Member Galloway absent.

Council Member Robinson stated that he thought the savings should be taken off the table if for no other reason than they were \$60,000,000.00 in the hole; that everyone was talking about turning off the lines they knew they could turn off and then applying VOIP to the new base line he called a footprint and that seemed to make sense because not all locations would be under VOIP so there were many locations needing to be downsized through a traffic analysis and that should be done as quickly as possible. Council Member Galloway absent.

Council Member Edwards stated that if they knew the lines were not being used how were they being evaluated; and Mr. Jones stated that on the data he had Southwestern Bell actually monitored the lines and had a record and that was what he asked for and was given. Council Member Galloway absent.

Council Member Edwards moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing from Mr. Richard Lewis, seconded by Council Member Keller. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Wiseman and Sekula-Gibbs out of the city on city business. Council Member Galloway absent. MOTION 2003-0434 ADOPTED.

Upon questions by Council Member Edwards, Mr. Lewis stated that he started this in June and in the fall began asking about the traffic analysis being performed which he had sent Council Members the traffic analysis on a monthly basis; that in February he brought Council the finalists and then SBC came forward and made suggestions in areas that his people had not picked up from the traffic analysis so they began pursuing those areas in late February and on March 4 his staff issued disconnect orders for about 18% of the lines at 26 locations and they asked Southwestern Bell to verify the savings estimate and advise of disconnect penalty charges and SBC did not respond until April 15; that with regard to the overall savings SBC announced a savings to the committee on April 10th of \$1,000,008.00 and about \$1,000,002.00 of that was a savings due to excess capacity they could eliminate; \$600,000 involved moving lines to a contract for a better rate but that had a longtime obligation and the bottom line was that the 26 locations, Mr. Jones looked at two of those but he looked at Bagby and they did not have information on Bagby, but at the 26 locations they had an 18% excess capacity and Bell's information was a 31% excess capacity; that they did not receive the rest of their data until April 18th and they were aggressively working on it; that he suggested moving forward with the assessment phase and being able to potentially negotiate a new agreement with Southwestern Bell; and the majority of the savings SBC was bringing forth was in the category of excess capacity. Council Member Galloway absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Ellis, Mr. Jones stated that he received his traffic volume data from Council Member Robinson's office and Southwestern Bell and 47% of the lines could be cut based on his study. Council Member Galloway absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Ellis, Mr. Lewis stated that the RFP was structured in three phases to ascertain exactly the questions being debated today and produce it in an assessment report which was nothing Mr. Jones was not suggesting they do, they just bundled it together and got a good price because of it; that the disconnect penalties in the current contract with SBC were limited by the amount of funds appropriated in the annual budget and there was a way of managing it and limiting the city's penalties for disconnects. Council Member Ellis stated that he planned on tagging the item tomorrow for more information, he wanted to see true numbers as they moved forward. Council Members Galloway and Edwards absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Parker, Mr. Lewis stated that the contract complimented the effort, they would know what their long-term phone requirement would be and

therefore it would make sense to enter into a long-term agreement with SBC. Council Member Galloway absent.

Council Member Tatro stated that he thought it might be beneficial for Mr. Jones to work with Mr. Lewis; that obviously there was a significant difference between what the in-house people found and what he had found with the base line. Mayor Brown, Council Members Galloway and Vasquez absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding.

Council Member Robinson stated that his concern was VOIP was not being applied to the entire system and there was nothing the VOIP system would relate to the rest of the system so he wanted to know why they were not taking advantage of the rest of the system immediately and Mr. Lewis was saying SBC was not responding fast enough; that he thought they should lock in on the VOIP portion with those savings Southwestern Bell was ready to deal with and then move on down the road. Mayor Brown, Council Members Galloway, Edwards and Vasquez absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding.

Council Member Robinson yielded to Council Member Parker who stated that a lot of the \$1.2 million savings was a long-term commitment with SBC and technology changed every day and it may not be the best course of action, they may need to reduce their cost with SBC to an extent but not be with them for the rest of their lives; and Council Member Robinson stated that the deal on the table was not technology they were saying they could reduce line cost. Mayor Brown, Council Members Galloway, Edwards and Vasquez absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding.

Ms. Alice Aanstoos, 6500 W. Loop, Bellaire, Texas 77401 appeared and stated that SBC was disappointed that Council was considering appropriating almost \$1,000,000 to study a phone system at a time when they were contemplating reducing basic city services to meet budget, in light of budget issues and the fact VOIP was still an emerging product this was not the right year to attempt to fix something that essentially was not broken an urged consideration of a VOIP system sometime in the future when cash flow was not a problem; and to address the current budget issue SBC had offered ways to eliminate nearly \$1.8 million and encouraged them to move forward; that SBC, Southwestern bell, had been the city's primary telephone provider since the creation of the company almost 100 years ago; that she said in all TTI committee hearings they had proactively worked with the city to find ways to improve service and save money and tried repeatedly over the last year to meet with the new CIO to discuss the telephone account and was denied until recently and going forward they stood ready to help and were proud of their track record. Mayor Brown, Council Members Galloway and Edwards absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding.

Upon questions by Mayor Pro Tem Quan, Ms. Aanstoos stated that they tried to save the city money before the VOIP; that they tried to talk with the CIO and was denied access; that there was a number of ways the city could immediately save with no adverse affect to the city; that the bulk of the \$1.8 million they talked about had to do with transferring lines to the government term pricing contract which did require extending the contract, but in terms of excess trunk capacity there was no reason the city could not go forward and identify and immediately address it. Mayor Brown, Council Members Galloway and Edwards absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding.

Upon questions by Council Member Tatro, Ms. Aanstoos stated that they first tried to address the CIO in June when he came back to the city; that she believed they had 31% in excess capacity but it was up to the city to decide what the right size was. Mayor Brown, Council Members Edwards and Berry absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding

Upon questions by Council Member Goldberg, Ms. Aanstoos stated that only a customer could get their traffic data; that Council Member Robinson was the one who initially asked for it; and the traffic studies SBC was able to do was only incoming traffic where they had the PBXs

the city owned them and it was up to them to do their own independent study to traffic coming out. Mayor Brown and Council Member Edwards absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding

Upon questions by Council Member Goldberg, Mr. Lewis stated that the climate he walked into in June was such he did not think it served the city's interest to meet with potential vendors; that he took an extra safe route and posted a notice on the internet and sent letters, but had limited contact; that the 31% was the lowest estimate of line reduction of any proposers which competed and it was not until SBC was no longer under consideration that he met with them and they were aggressively pursuing savings. Mayor Brown absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding.

Upon questions by Council Member Keller, Mr. Lewis stated they set up a formal project team which met weekly and he offered to enter negotiations with SBC to extend and amend the contract from October 2005 to April 2008 and if Council approved going forward with VOIP technology they should wait until they had the line projections needed to lock into the long-term contract and in the meantime they were aggressively working on it; that the \$911,000 could not be used for recurring obligations it was a short-term debt financing; that if Southwestern Bell had a \$1.8 million savings about 65% could accrue to the general fund and 35% would go to other operating funds. Mayor Brown, Council Members Edwards and Alvarado absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding.

Council Member Robinson stated that all agreed they were not doing VOIP on the whole city system and they knew Southwestern Bell had a lower charge; and upon questions, Mr. Lewis stated that until the assessment and design phases were done he really did not know which portion of the lines, if any, were non VOIP lines; that sites not being evaluated for VOIP could possibly be transferred to a different tariff except he believed the 141 sites encompassed the overwhelming majority of lines, but he would have a memorandum for him hopefully this afternoon on that question. Mayor Brown, Council Member Berry absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding.

Upon questions by Council Member Parker, Mr. Lewis stated that SBC was not the only phone company they received phone service from but they were the largest. Mayor Brown, Council Member Berry absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding.

Council Member Tatro stated that to hear the IT Director say it was his view the overwhelming majority of telephone lines was in the 137 sites at this point and time; that the lack of detail astounded him. Mayor Brown, Council Members Parker and Berry absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding.

Ms. Ruby Jensen, 2639 Monticello Dr., Houston, Texas 77045 (713-433-1909) appeared and stated that she was vice president of Communication Workers of America and represented 5,500 plus employees of SBC; that they had always been proud of their relationship with the city and now with certain Administration members trying to disregard their track record and expertise and knowledge they felt their credibility had been questioned; that they needed regulatory relief in the legislature but she would say if they adopted the proposal by Mr. Lewis it would cost them jobs and they would be bringing outsiders into this area to put the system in place and when there was a major failure what would happen, how quick would anyone react; that there was no guarantee the other company would save \$2,500,000. and SBC could guarantee \$1.8 million immediately. Mayor Brown, Council Members Parker and Berry absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding.

Upon questions by Council Member Galloway, Ms. Jensen stated that they were regulated and no one else was that was why she stated they needed regulatory relief at the legislature; that she would have information sent to her regarding loss of jobs. Mayor Brown, Council Members Ellis, Keller, Parker and Berry absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding.

Mr. Walter H. Criner, Sr., 6420 Richmond #645, Houston, Texas 77057 (713-787-0900) appeared and stated that he was president and CEO of Criner-Daniels and present to support Council's decision to use the VOIP system; that technology always required change and that made people uncomfortable; and thanked Council for taking them in a new direction allowing themselves to use more technology purchased from their company and other vendors more effectively. Mayor Brown, Council Members Tatro, Ellis, Keller, Parker and Berry absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Upon questions by Mayor Pro Tem Quan, Mr. Criner stated that when moving forward they needed to consider the lifecycle approach and do analysis and design and that was before them now; that advise was advise and you got what you paid for, but what was before them today was the first step, the official footprint, and they could ask what the savings and advantages were. Mayor Brown, Council Members Ellis, Parker and Berry absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding.

Upon questions by Council Member Robinson, Mr. Criner stated that if he had a savings and could build on it he always wanted to do that, his concern would be if he took the savings now how confused would he be in the future when he started making hard decisions. Mayor Brown, Council Members Parker and Berry absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding.

Mr. Ramiro Orta, 55 Lyerly #110, Houston, Texas 77022 (713-695-9393) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Brown, Council Members Parker and Berry absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding.

Ms. Carmen Orta, 55 Lyerly #110, Houston, Texas 77022 (713-695-9393) appeared and stated that she was present to speak on behalf of the project and she and her family also owned a telecommunications company and had done business with the city before; that when they saw what the process would be they felt comfortable and felt it was a great opportunity; that Getronics approached them and Mr. Lewis's staff made sure they were aware of any changes so they could be a part of the whole process; that they created jobs and she looked forward to Council's support in giving them the same opportunity as anyone else. Mayor Brown, Council Members Galloway and Berry absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding.

Mr. Ray Chatary, 9009 W. Loop South, Houston, Texas 77096 (713-852-5600) appeared and stated that he was vice president with Getronics and thanked Mayor Brown for placing his faith and confidence in them; that regarding the VOIP initiative there was minimal to no risk to the city, first cost savings were contractual guaranteed and they as the recommended vendor were required to provide post implementation warranty that the system was functional and operational and if there was any issue to take remedial action at no additional charge to the city; that the city's telephony system was made up of several systems which dated back to the 1980s and while it worked it was costly to maintain and support and did not offer features of modern technology; that this initiative was good for the City of Houston and would be a showcase for governments nation wide, it provided the necessary contractual guarantees, reduced the cost of support on the current system and would be done in a phased approach. Mayor Brown, Council Members Galloway, Alvarado and Berry absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding.

Upon questions by Mayor Pro Tem Quan, Mr. Chatary stated that based on the spaced approach and going forward with an assessment and their experience as an ITT service provider they came up with a recommended value of what they thought could be saved which was 51% of the present phone bill primarily based on line reduction. Mayor Brown, Council Members Galloway, Vasquez and Berry absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding.

Upon questions by Mayor Pro Tem Quan, Mr. Lewis stated that 50% was the estimate today, but that number would not be locked into until the design phase was complete; that the range was 31% to 59% and the three proposers in the final averaged 55%, but he was using 50%; that the maximum established for pricing purposes was 22,000 phones. Mayor Brown, Council Members Galloway, Vasquez and Berry absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding.

Council Member Parker stated that Council was making decisions today and largely with nothing to do with his company, but she had concerns of the viability of Getronics and upon questions, Mr. Chatary stated that in terms of viability they would be around in years following; that they had cash in hand to pay their 2004 bonds today and were taking action toward paying down debt in 2005; that they did put up a \$5,000,000 letter of credit for the city's peace of mind. Mayor Brown, Council Members Galloway and Berry absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding.

Upon questions by Council Member Robinson, Mr. Lewis stated that the 50% reduction of lines was an estimate and it would not be locked into until after the evaluation; that the project was in phases so they could assess the network and be sure they knew the number of circuits, traffic volume and condition on data and voice for all 600 square miles of city facilities; that the scope of work, the \$527,000.00, was predicated on the largest 141 facilities; that part of the problem today was there was no assessment of the data and voice network and that was costing \$527,000.00; that the strategic technology plan published in 2001 suggested that they do just that and the estimate of the plan was \$675,000.00, they needed an independent assessment and if they did no more than that it was money well spent because they knew they were going to have to make investments in both the voice and data networks. Mayor Brown, Council Members Galloway and Berry absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding.

Upon questions by Council Member Tatro, Mr. Chatary stated that after the assessment he would deliver the ITT Director an assessment report which would identify reductions and then agree on reductions and that was what they would sign onto and be held to; that Mr. Lewis was projecting based on what they had now, but the assessment had not actually been determined. Mayor Brown, Council Members Galloway, Parker and Berry absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding.

Mr. Jeremiah Alexander, 2610 Elgin, Houston, Texas 77004 (713-742-1946) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Brown, Council Members Galloway, Parker, Berry and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding.

Ms. Shelia Tolbert, 5410 Northridge, Houston, Texas 77033 (713-440-5411) appeared and stated that she was present regarding new guidelines for manufactured home hardship cases; that the new guidelines were asking for a plan of action to have the mobile home removed within a year or it would not be approved; that she was informed due to Allison mobile homes were allowed in the city but just temporarily and since then the director was reviewing all applications which were subject to new guidelines and not just those for Allison; that she received her hardship permit in 1998 because she cared for her mother; that she spent thousands of dollars buying the mobile home and then all the permits and plumbing, etc., she was asking that Council remember those who did not fit into the Allison water disaster category or the conventional contingency plan of removal after one year. Mayor Brown, Council Members Tatro, Galloway, Ellis, Parker, Berry and Robinson absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Upon questions by Mayor Pro Tem Quan, Ms. Tolbert stated that her permit was expiring and when she went to renew it she was told the guidelines had changed and in order to be approved she had to give them a plan of one year to remove it. Mayor Pro Tem Quan stated that he was getting conflicting information that his information was the department was willing to work with her but needed more documentation and they would extend the permit; and upon questions, Ms. Tolbert stated that she did not understand it that way. Mayor Pro Tem Quan stated that Ms. Hargrove with the Planning Department would meet with her and go over it. Mayor Brown, Council Members Tatro, Galloway, Ellis, Parker, Berry and Robinson absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Ms. Joanna Duncan, 1042 West Gardner, Houston, Texas 77009 (713-861-7022) appeared, presented information and stated that she was present regarding a problem in the Neighborhood Protection Department with a senior inspector, Jesse DelValle, she wrote to the

Mayor in November and received a reply from Mr. Litke in April 2003 nearly five months later and did not deal with the problem, but referred to it as a misunderstanding; that in October Mr. DelValle went to her door saying her flower beds were blocking the view and they would be bulldozed down; that she explained the stop sign issue was handled years ago when the city came out and found there was no obstruction; that later the same neighbor complained and again the city found no obstruction and labeled it as harassment; that she called the city wanting to speak with whoever was responsible for the visibility at a stop sign and was connected with Traffic and Transportation and Ms. Mares was surprised that Neighborhood Protection had gone out as it was not their jurisdiction; that from October 26th through October 31st Mr. DelValle called and came out on the 31st and told her worker to tell her there was nothing wrong with the flowers and not to worry about anything, but when a city employee obviously abused his power and authority in a corrupt manner she was worried and the letter she received from Mr. Litke 145 days later was allusive and insulting; that if it were not for intervention by Council Member Gabriel Vasquez's office she wondered if she would have received a letter at all. Mayor Brown, Council Members Tatro, Galloway, Ellis, Parker, Berry and Robinson absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Upon questions by Mayor Pro Tem Quan, Ms. Duncan stated that it was a blatant abuse of power by a city employee who should have had their job dismissed; that she specifically asked for a report on the full investigation and had a right to it, but still had not received it. Mayor Pro Tem Quan stated that Mr. Robert DeYoung was present and would speak with her Mayor Brown, Council Members Tatro, Galloway, Ellis, Parker, Berry and Robinson absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Vasquez stated that there were really two issues, one being the flower beds and they were okay and second was the personnel issue she had concerns of and report she wanted to see and the Mayor Pro Tem Quan stated that Mr. DeYoung would speak with her at this time and he was in the Mayor's Office so she did have the attention of the Mayor's Office to look into it and would get her additional information. Mayor Brown, Council Members Tatro, Galloway, Ellis, Parker, Berry and Robinson absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Ricky Malbro, 225 West Gray, Houston, Texas 77019 (832-578-1209) appeared and stated that he was a businessman and owned a convenience store at the corner of West Gray and Gillette and had been in business for 16 years with no problem; that there was a school zone sign at the corner and under it it said "No Parking from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m." but now all of a sudden new condos were built next door and yesterday a gentleman from traffic was wanting to move the sign directly in front of his door, a man was claiming he could not see, he talked to the man with Traffic and was told he would try and compromise and move it maybe 25 feet which would still give him one parking space; that he was the only convenience store in the neighborhood open after dark; that it was lit and kept clean and he allowed no panhandling or loitering and he felt it was wrong to take the only parking spot he had because someone just moved in and did not like the idea of the parking; that along West Gray there was parking and you had to pull out a little to be able to see and before the sign was moved he wanted to come and put up a fight and say it should not be moved, there was no problems, no wrecks and Council was welcome to come anytime. Mayor Brown, Council Members Tatro, Galloway, Ellis, Parker, Berry and Robinson absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mayor Pro Tem Quan stated that he understood what he was saying and Mr. Fiederlein with the Public Works and Engineering Department was present; and Mr. Malbro stated that he spoke with him yesterday and he was very polite; that he called him this morning, but he ran a nice clean business and even when kids came in if he was not busy he walked them back across the street; that the only problem in the area was in front of Victory Street and someone needed to place "No Parking" signs along one side of the street because anytime you went after 6:00 p.m. you had to weave because of the bar and all the parking. Mayor Brown, Council Members Tatro, Galloway, Ellis, Parker, Berry and Robinson absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Upon questions by Council Member Edwards, Mr. Malbro stated that the gentleman from Traffic had complained several times and talked to his Council Member and if he wanted to do something he should also talk with his Council Member, but his point was for the last 20 years there was no problem and now someone just moving in wanted to change things. Council Member Edwards stated that she would like Mr. Fiederlein to keep her office informed and wanted to know why the change and what was trying to be accomplished because the business was there quite awhile, was it just something being done because it was requested or was a traffic problem being mitigated. Mayor Brown, Council Members Tatro, Galloway, Ellis, Keller and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Vasquez stated that he would also ask Mr. Fiederlein to keep his office informed with the outcome, but if he was unhappy with the outcome he encouraged him to come back to Council and hopefully something could be worked out and wished him the best of luck. Mayor Brown, Council Members Tatro, Galloway, Ellis, Keller and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. David Livings, 7202 Hoffman, Houston, Texas 77028 (713-767-3526) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Brown, Council Members Tatro, Galloway, Ellis, Keller and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr./Coach R. J. Bobby Taylor, 3107 Sumpter, Houston, Texas 77026 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Brown, Council Members Tatro, Galloway, Ellis, Keller and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. James Partsch Galvan, 1611 Holman, Houston, Texas 77004 (713-528-2607) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Brown, Council Members Tatro, Galloway, Ellis, Keller and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. William Beal, 4748 Boicewood, Houston, Texas 77016 (713-633-0126) appeared and stated that he never did anything to anyone who did not deserve it and continued with his personal opinions until his time expired. Mayor Brown, Council Members Tatro, Galloway, Keller, Berry and Robinson absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Robert Horton, 3714 Bain, Houston, Texas 77026 (713-260-6144) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Brown, Council Members Tatro, Galloway, Keller, Berry and Robinson absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

President Joseph Charles, P. O. Box 524373, Houston, Texas 77052-4373 (713-203-7738) appeared and stated that he was the official U. S. President seeking reelection and continued with his personal opinions until his time expired. Mayor Brown, Council Members Tatro, Galloway, Keller, Vasquez, Berry and Robinson absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Ms. Mary Davis, no address, no phone had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Brown, Council Members Tatro, Galloway, Edwards, Keller, Vasquez, Berry and Robinson absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

At 4:23 p.m. City Council recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 7, 2003. Council Members Wiseman and Sekula-Gibbs out of the city on city business. Mayor Brown, Council Members Tatro, Galloway, Edwards, Keller, Vasquez, Berry and Robinson absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Wednesday, May 7, 2003

A Regular Meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 7, 2003, with Mayor Lee P. Brown presiding and with Council Members Bruce Tatro,

Carol M. Galloway, Mark Goldberg, Ada Edwards, Mark Ellis, Bert Keller, Gabriel Vasquez, 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; and Ms. Martha Stein, Agenda Director present. Council Member Addie Wiseman out of the city on city business.

At 8:26 a.m. the City Secretary read the descriptions or captions of items on the Agenda.

At 9:05 Mayor Brown reconvened the meeting of the City Council. Council Members Galloway, Goldberg, Edwards and Alvarado absent.

MAYOR'S REPORT

CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 1 through 36

DAMAGES - NUMBER 2

2. RECOMMENDATION from City Attorney for settlement of claim of **KEMPER INSURANCE COMPANY as subrogee of MEMORIAL DRIVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** - \$24,847.09 Property and Casualty Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Quan, seconded by Council Member Vasquez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Wiseman out of the city on city business. Council Members Galloway, Goldberg, Edwards and Alvarado absent. MOTION 2003-0435 ADOPTED.

ACCEPT WORK - NUMBERS 3 through 5

3. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$674,284.60 and acceptance of work on contract with **JALCO, INC** for Dairy Ashford No. 1 Lift Station Rehabilitation, GFS R-0267-53-3 (4276-15) - 00.94% over the original contract amount - **DISTRICT G - KELLER** - was presented, moved by Council Member Quan, seconded by Council Member Vasquez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Wiseman out of the city on city business. Council Members Goldberg, Edwards and Alvarado absent. MOTION 2003-0436 ADOPTED.

PROPERTY - NUMBERS 6 and 7

6. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering, reviewed and approved by the Joint Referral Committee, on request from Richard Estrada, for encroachment agreement for a ±2.1 foot building encroachment into East 25th Street, located at 1120 East 25th Street, adjacent to Lot 9, Block 62, Sunset Heights Addition, John Austin Two League Grant, Parcel ENY3-01 - **DISTRICT H - VASQUEZ** - was presented, moved by Council Member Quan, seconded by Council Member Vasquez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Wiseman out of the city on city business. Council Members Goldberg, Edwards and Alvarado absent. MOTION 2003-0437 ADOPTED.
7. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering, reviewed and approved by the Joint Referral Committee, on request from Jack P. Miller of R. G. Miller Engineers, Inc on behalf of Brentwood Way Developers, Inc (Harry Reed, president), for abandonment and sale of Glenwyck Drive, from the south to the north boundary of Brentwood Place Apartment Subdivision, and a 10- by 20-foot fire hydrant easement in exchange for the conveyance to the City of right of way to realign Glenwyck Drive, all located within Brentwood Place Apartment Subdivision, Parcels SY3-054A, SY3-054B and AY3-626 - **DISTRICT D - EDWARDS** - was presented, moved by Council Member Quan, seconded by Council Member Vasquez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Wiseman out of the city on city business. Council Members Goldberg, Edwards and

Alvarado absent. MOTION 2003-0438 ADOPTED.

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS - NUMBERS 9 through 14

9. **AMEND MOTION #2000-689, 5/31/00, TO EXTEND** expiration date from June 15, 2003 to June 14, 2004, for Valves, Bronze Gate and Swing Contract for Department of Public Works & Engineering, awarded to **CITY SUPPLY, CO, INC** - was presented, moved by Council Member Quan, seconded by Council Member Vasquez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Wiseman out of the city on city business. Council Members Goldberg, Edwards and Alvarado absent. MOTION 2003-0439 ADOPTED.
10. **HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL** for Traffic Signal Preemption Replacement Parts through the Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Purchasing for the Department of Public Works & Engineering - \$145,353.76 - General Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Quan, seconded by Council Member Vasquez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Wiseman out of the city on city business. Council Members Goldberg, Edwards and Alvarado absent. MOTION 2003-0440 ADOPTED.
12. **THE ADDRESS-WALSH CO. (Bid No. 3)** - \$60,053.00, **GODWIN PUMPS OF AMERICA, INC** - \$140,887.00 and **INTEGRAL LOGISTICS CORP.** - \$64,500.00 for Various Types of Pumps for Department of Public Works & Engineering - Enterprise Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Quan, seconded by Council Member Vasquez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Wiseman out of the city on city business. Council Members Goldberg, Edwards and Alvarado absent. MOTION 2003-0441 ADOPTED.
14. Omitted

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES - NUMBERS 17 through 28

17. ORDINANCE finding and determining that public convenience and necessity no longer require the continued use of two portions of a 12-foot-wide alley containing 2,931 square feet of land, more or less, and 528 square feet of land, more or less, Parcels SY1-055 and SY1-069, being out of Block 3, Settegast and Dodge Addition, John Reinermann Survey, A-642, Harris County, Texas, vacating and abandoning (i) Parcel SY1-055 to Venetian Blind & Floor Covering Shop, LTD., abutting owner, and (ii) Parcel SY1-069 to Howard F. West and Weldon Byrne, abutting owners, in consideration of the owners' dedication of an easement for alley purposes containing 1,200 square feet of land, more or less, and payment of \$41,718.00 and other consideration to the City; containing various findings and other provisions related to the subject - **DISTRICT G - KELLER** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Wiseman out of the city on city business. Council Members Goldberg, Edwards and Alvarado absent. ORDINANCE 2003-0441 ADOPTED.
23. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing the submission of an application for grant assistance to the **TEXAS AUTOMOBILE THEFT PREVENTION AUTHORITY ("ATPA")** for the Major Accessory Shop Enforcement/12 Grant Program; declaring the City's eligibility for such grant; authorizing the Mayor to act as the City's representative in the application process; authorizing the Chief of the Houston Police Department to accept such grant funds, if awarded, and to apply for and accept all subsequent awards, if any, pertaining to the program - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Wiseman out of the city on city business. Council Members Goldberg, Edwards and Alvarado absent. ORDINANCE 2003-0442 ADOPTED.
- 25a. ORDINANCE appropriating \$2,135,000.00 out of Public Library Consolidated Construction Fund, appropriating \$200,000.00 out of General Improvement Consolidated Construction Fund, appropriating \$300,000.00 out of Harris County Construction Fund, appropriating

\$600,000.00 out of Stella Link Redevelopment Fund, awarding construction contract to **THE TREVINO GROUP, INC** for Construction of the Stella Link Branch Library (GFS E-0022-01-3); providing funding for engineering testing services; for additional related architectural services; Civic Art Program and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Public Library Consolidated Construction Fund, the General Improvement Consolidated Construction Fund, Harris County Construction Fund, and the Stella Link Redevelopment Fund - \$440,000.00 Grant Fund - **DISTRICT C – GOLDBERG** – had not been received, and the City Secretary announced it would be considered at the end of the Agenda if received during the meeting. Council Members Goldberg, Edwards and Alvarado absent.

27. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing first amendment to contract between the City of Houston and **SOUTH COAST HYDRAULICS** for Hydraulic Vehicle Lift services for Various Departments (as approved by Ordinance No. 98-424) - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Wiseman out of the city on city business. Council Members Goldberg, Edwards and Alvarado absent. ORDINANCE 2003-0443 ADOPTED.
28. ORDINANCE awarding contract to **COMMERCIAL CHEMICAL** for Swimming Pool Maintenance Services for Parks & Recreation Department; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$2,115,911.66 - General Fund - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Wiseman out of the city on city business. Council Members Goldberg, Edwards and Alvarado absent. ORDINANCE 2003-0444 ADOPTED.

MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA WERE CONSIDERED AS FOLLOWS:

MISCELLANEOUS

1. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of appointment or reappointment of the following to **HOUSTON AREA WATER CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for terms to expire August 1, 2004:
 - Position One - **MR. JAMES “GRADY” PRESTAGE**, appointment
 - Position Three - **MR. CHARLES M. PENLAND**, reappointment
 - Position Four - **MR. ARNOLD DE ANDA**, reappointment,
 - Position Five - **MR. DAVID BERG**, reappointment, and to serve as Chair

- was presented, moved by Council Member Quan, seconded by Council Member Vasquez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Wiseman out of the city on city business. Council Members Edwards and Alvarado absent. MOTION 2003-0442 ADOPTED.

ACCEPT WORK

4. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$1,603,607.09 and acceptance of work on contract with **INTRA CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION** for Construction of Water Main Replacement in Bruner Subdivision, GFS S-0035-46-3 (10546) - 08.61% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICTS G - KELLER and H - VASQUEZ** - was presented, moved by Council Member Quan, seconded by Council Member Vasquez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Wiseman out of the city on city business. Council Members Edwards and Alvarado absent. MOTION 2003-0443 ADOPTED.
5. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for

approval of final contract amount of \$1,034,209.29 and acceptance of work on contract with **BLASTCO INCORPORATED** for Rehabilitation of Two Five (5) Million Gallon Water Storage Tanks at the Spring Branch Pumping Station, GFS S0600-24-3 (10596-24) - 02.10% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICT A – TATRO** – was presented, moved by Council Member Quan, seconded by Council Member Vasquez, and tagged by Council Member Ellis. Council Members Edwards and Alvarado absent.

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS

8. **AMEND MOTION #2000-559, 4/26/00, TO EXTEND** expiration date from May 17, 2003 through May 16, 2004, for Tools, Sewer and Accessories for Department of Public Works & Engineering, awarded to **SRECO-FLEXIBLE** - was presented, moved by Council Member Quan, seconded by Council Member Vasquez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Wiseman out of the city on city business. Council Members Edwards and Alvarado absent. MOTION 2003-0444 ADOPTED.
11. **VARIAN, INC** for Two Gas Chromatography System Upgrades from the State of Texas Building and Procurement Commission's Contract through the State of Texas Cooperative Purchasing Program for Department of Public Works & Engineering - \$112,679.00 - Enterprise Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Quan, seconded by Council Member Vasquez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Wiseman out of the city on city business. Council Members Edwards and Alvarado absent. MOTION 2003-0445 ADOPTED.
13. **MOTION INDUSTRIES** - \$162,600.78, **J.G.B. ENTERPRISES, INC** - \$58,244.61, **UNDERGROUND, INC** - \$285,330.89, **INDEPENDENT HOSE & EXPANSION JOINTS, INC** \$200,676.72 for Hose and Fittings Contract for Various Departments - \$706,853.00 - General and Enterprise Funds - was presented, moved by Council Member Quan, seconded by Council Member Vasquez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Wiseman out of the city on city business. Council Members Edwards and Alvarado absent. MOTION 2003-0446 ADOPTED.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

15. RESOLUTION in support of Legislation before the 78th Texas Legislature regarding the Operation of Municipal Crime Labs and DNA Testing Facilities - (Requested by the Legislative Affairs Committee) - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Wiseman out of the city on city business. Council Members Edwards and Alvarado absent. RESOLUTION 2003-0009 ADOPTED.
16. RESOLUTION approving the creation of the Lake Houston Redevelopment Authority; approving the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws thereof; confirming the appointment of the Initial Directors and Chairperson - **DISTRICT E - WISEMAN** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Wiseman out of the city on city business. Council Members Edwards and Alvarado absent. RESOLUTION 2003-0010 ADOPTED.
18. ORDINANCE terminating the levy of assessment on property within the 175 Public Improvement District in the City of Houston, Texas; declaring no need for future assessments on property within the 175 Public Improvement District; discontinuing the Service and Assessment Plan for the 175 Public Improvement District - **DISTRICT G - KELLER** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Wiseman out of the city on city business. Council Members Edwards and Alvarado absent. ORDINANCE 2003-0445 ADOPTED.
19. ORDINANCE terminating the levy of assessment on property within the 223 Public

Improvement District in the City of Houston, Texas; declaring no need for future assessments on property within the 223 Public Improvement District; discontinuing the Service and Assessment Plan for the 223 Public Improvement District - **DISTRICT G - KELLER** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Wiseman out of the city on city business. Council Members Edwards and Alvarado absent. ORDINANCE 2003-0446 ADOPTED.

20. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Amendment No. 2 to amended Interagency Agreement between the City of Houston, **HARRIS COUNTY, HARRIS COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT** and **TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION** related to National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit No. TXS001201; providing a maximum contract amount \$3,414,000.00 - Stormwater Utility Fund - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Wiseman out of the city on city business. Council Members Edwards and Alvarado absent. ORDINANCE 2003-0447 ADOPTED.
21. ORDINANCE accepting \$2,600,000.00 from Harris County and depositing such funds into the Harris County Construction Fund; approving and authorizing interlocal agreement between the City of Houston and **HARRIS COUNTY** for Richmond/West Alabama Corridor Traffic Mobility Improvements - **DISTRICTS C - GOLDBERG; D - EDWARDS; G - KELLER and I - ALVARADO** - was presented, and tagged by Council Members Vasquez and Berry. Council Members Edwards and Alvarado absent.
22. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing an application to the **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE (BJA)**, to fund the 2002 Local Law Enforcement Block Grants Program; declaring the City's eligibility for such grant; authorizing the Mayor to act as the City's representative in the application process; authorizing the Chief of the Police Department, or any designated Assistant Chief of the Police Department, to accept such funds and to apply for and accept all subsequent awards, if any, pertaining to the application - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Wiseman out of the city on city business. Council Members Edwards and Alvarado absent. ORDINANCE 2003-0448 ADOPTED.
24. ORDINANCE appropriating \$911,000.00 out of Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund and approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **GETRONICSWANG CO. L.L.C.** for an IP Telephony System - was presented, and tagged by Council Members Tatro, Vasquez, Keller, Robinson, Sekula-Gibbs and Ellis. Council Members Edwards and Alvarado absent.

Council Member Sekula-Gibbs stated that on the backup that was available on the item she would like to point out that there was a section on page 2 of 3, under the Business Case, that required some explanation and wanted to ask Mr. Lewis to explain that a little for them and moved to suspend the rules to hear from Mr. Richard Lewis, Director, IT Department, seconded by Council Member Vasquez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Wiseman out of the city on city business. Council Members Edwards and Alvarado absent. MOTION 2003-0447 ADOPTED.

Upon questions by Council Member Sekula-Gibbs, Mr. Lewis stated that the scope of work, which was Exhibit A of the contract, under the assessment phase the contractor had an obligation to document the environmental conditions of the IPT components, that among other things survey existing power, UPS and redundant power supply, rack space, conditioned air and physical security, that would basically be part of the assessment work and be part of the assessment report that would be provided subsequent to that, that he did not know how much it was going to cost until the assessment was performed, and Council Member Sekula-Gibbs stated that there was a budget item in the current Fiscal 2003 Budget that said \$6 million for data upgrades and asked if that was included and should Council expect that he would be able to

cover the costs of the electrical configuration in the data upgrades and Mr. Lewis stated that it was conceivable that it could do that, but the assessment phase would also provide them precise information on the amount of data upgrades necessary, and Council Member Sekula-Gibbs stated that her biggest concern was that they would be coming back to Council again and say they needed more electrical service and it would not be part of the telecommunications package that they had on the table today, and Mr. Lewis stated that was why he disclosed it in the RCA, that it would be a deliverable in the assessment phase and the cost would be associated in the design phase of the work, that it was like the estimate on the data upgrade, until they had the assessment and the design they could not quantify the cost associated with the implementation, and Council Member Sekula-Gibbs asked if the \$6 million that they put in the budget was also something that was unclear, and Mr. Lewis stated that she was referring to the 2003 Budget which was prepared before he took the position, and Council Member Sekula-Gibbs stated that was a lot of money for data upgrades and now he was saying that it may not be part of it, so they really did not know what the upgrades were for and really did not know what the electrical upgrade may be for, but it was just estimates, and Mr. Lewis stated that he had given them the best estimate that they could and the \$22.5 million project cost, that estimate was subject to going down or up as part of the assessment and design phases of the work, and Council Member Sekula-Gibbs stated that it seemed he was asking them to approve something that had a lot of nebulous parts to it and that was what worried her, and Mr. Lewis stated that was why he recommended that Council only appropriate funds for the assessment and design phases of the work so that their comfort level would improve, and Council Member Sekula-Gibbs stated that her comfort level would improve if the assessment was being done by somebody who did not have a dog in the hunt, an independent appraiser, an independent assessor, not somebody who stood to gain a contract for \$22 million if the assessment came out correctly, and Mr. Lewis stated that for decades the City had relied on SBC for information on circuits, trunks and telephone lines, and the assessment basically had two primary focuses, it involved a complete inventory of their voice network, in its entirety, they had not had that ever done to his knowledge, the second focus of the assessment was to focus on the data network and determine if it was ready for that technology, that was the purpose of the assessment, that it was absolutely essential that the assessment be done if they were to manage their voice network effectively as well as manage their relationship with SBC effectively, the range in assessment fees, the fee they had before them from Detronics was \$527,000, that in November, when they had six proposers competing for the work the range in fees for the assessment was anywhere from \$150,000 to \$1.7 million, that he believed it was a reasonable fee for the assessment, and Council Member Sekula-Gibbs stated that she was not questioning the fee, that the question she really had was should the person who stood to gain the contract be doing the assessment, and Mr. Lewis stated that as he had discussed with her, the contractor had financial risk in the project, that they had asked the contractor to guarantee the Telco line savings, the maximum guaranteed price in the schedule, there were penalties and incentives, that the analogy that he had given the members was that the guarantee was like an insurance policy, that when they got an insurance policy the insurance company required them to submit themselves to a physical exam so that they could assure that they understood the risk associated with the insurance and that was the best analogy that he had, and Mayor Brown asked that Mr. Lewis meet with Council Member Sekula-Gibbs and go over the concerns that she had.

Council Member Robinson asked Mr. Lewis what was the financial risk of the contractor, and Mr. Lewis stated that as he saw the risk it was the \$911,000 that was being asked for was at risk if they did not go forward with the implementation, but the assessment piece of that, which was \$527,000, was a very useful document to manage both the voice and data network going forward, determine where they needed to make improvements to the data network and the return on that \$911,000 was in the \$40 million range over the 20 year period, so they had a slight risk there, that other than that he did not think the project had any risk only because of the guarantees that they had been provided that had been collateralized by a \$5 million letter of credit, and Council Member Robinson asked what was the contract cancellation provision, and Mr. Lewis stated that the City could cancel at the end of the assessment phase, at the end of the design phase, that the City could cancel at its convenience during the course of any of the phases and

pay the time and material that had been incurred up to that point and time, that as he understood the statutory limitation, it would be limited to 25% statutorily, the financial liability to the City would be to the amount that they appropriate to the contract and the appropriation that was being recommended was \$911,000.

Council Member Tatro stated that when they talked about savings he believed they were confusing the issue, the guaranteed savings that Getronics would be held to was simply the reduction in the lines, it would not be a return on investment and did the investment recoup cost over a defined period of time and that was what really was the gist of it was, would the investment actually pay for itself, that he thought that was what the mandate on Council should be, that they were being asked to look at a \$22 million project, which there was no question it would reduce line costs, but would it come close to paying for itself in a reasonable time, that he had prepared a return on investment which showed that in 11 years there was a net loss to the City of \$14 million under the proposal that was on the table, that he thought that was extremely important that Council realize that the risk that Getronics had was not on the \$22 million they were spending, it was only after the assessment, reducing the City's phone bill by a certain amount, and that amount would be agreed on by both the City and Getronics and that was their risk, but there was no guarantee about the return on investment, there was no guarantee to suggest that the investment would pay for itself in any expanded amount of time, that Mr. Lewis had said that he could not do an ROI unless he had a signed contract, that they had a signed contract which was not approved and the ROI that he saw from the detail that the administration had provided, after 11 years, was a loss of \$14 million, that he thought they had another issue that he thought had to be resolved because they talked about excess trunk capacity, that Council Member Robinson and Sekula-Gibbs, with the help of Mr. Ken Jones, did a traffic study on three buildings, two which the IT Department did a traffic study on, and if they looked at one building, 611 Walker, a 20 year IT professional did a traffic study on 611 Walker and found that he could reduce the lines currently by 295 and keep the same level of service that was specified in the RFP submitted by the City, that the City of Houston IT Department did a traffic study of 611 Walker and found that they could only reduce the trunks by 24, so they had a 20 year IT professional, who had gotten all the detail to do a traffic study, found 295 lines in one building, 611 Walker, that could be reduced, as requested by Council Members Sekula-Gibbs and Robinson and they had their IT Department who only found 24 lines in that same building, that he thought had to be reconciled and hoped that the IT Director and Mr. Jones would simply come to a reconciliation of why one had 24 and one had 295, that he thought it was paramount and extremely important to the process of calculating their return on investment for it and hoped they would do it before approving the contract. Council Members Vasquez and Robinson.

Council Member Goldberg stated that he wanted to respond to Council Member Sekula-Gibbs argument and instead of using a medical theory, something different that he thought they could all analyze with and that was the Alameda sink hole, who was at fault there, that they had an assessor who did the soil testing and they had an engineer who did the design, the assessor could say of the soil testing that they did not know what kind of pipe they were going to design, and the design team could say they did not know the soil samples were coming back the way they were, that if one company had done it, if an engineering company had done the soil testing then they would not be paying the \$11 million, the engineering company would be paying the \$11 million, they would have saved \$11 million, that was what they were attempting to do with Item No. 24, that was what they were attempting, they were having the company that was doing the assessment do the design and the contracting and if there was no savings and if something went at fault they were totally 100% responsible, they could not pass the buck off to anyone else, that not only should they do it on this project he thought they should start looking at engineering projects and say if they were going to do an assessment of the conditions and were going to do the design, then they needed to do the assessment and he thought that was what Item No. 24 attempted to accomplish. Council Members Vasquez and Robinson absent.

Council Member Edwards stated that she had a lot of discomfort with a lot of issues, and asked Mr. Lewis if he could give her a real number of how many employees from SBC, if they

went forward with the contract, would lose their jobs, that she knew he could not give her a hard number but a projected or anticipated number based on whatever, she would appreciate it.

Mayor Brown stated that Item No. 24 had been tagged. Council Members Vasquez and Robinson absent.

25. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City and **HARRIS COUNTY** for acceptance of monies to be used towards the construction of the John P. McGovern-Stella Link Branch Library - \$300,000.00 - **DISTRICT C - GOLDBERG** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Wiseman out of the city on city business. Council Members Edwards and Alvarado absent. ORDINANCE 2003-0449 ADOPTED.

Mayor Brown stated that Item No. 25a was in at this time.

Council Member Goldberg moved to suspend the rules to consider Item No. 25a at this time, seconded by Council Member Ellis. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Wiseman out of the city on city business. Council Members Edwards and Alvarado absent. MOTION 2003-0448 ADOPTED.

- 25a. ORDINANCE appropriating \$2,135,000.00 out of Public Library Consolidated Construction Fund, appropriating \$200,000.00 out of General Improvement Consolidated Construction Fund, appropriating \$300,000.00 out of Harris County Construction Fund, appropriating \$600,000.00 out of Stella Link Redevelopment Fund, awarding construction contract to **THE TREVINO GROUP, INC** for Construction of the Stella Link Branch Library (GFS E-0022-01-3); providing funding for engineering testing services; for additional related architectural services; Civic Art Program and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Public Library Consolidated Construction Fund, the General Improvement Consolidated Construction Fund, Harris County Construction Fund, and the Stella Link Redevelopment Fund - \$440,000.00 Grant Fund - **DISTRICT C - GOLDBERG** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Wiseman out of the city on city business. Council Member Vasquez absent. ORDINANCE 2003-0450 ADOPTED.

Council Member Goldberg stated that he wanted to thank the Council for passing Item 25a, that it would add a library to District C and increase it from 2 to 3 libraries, that he was really excited about how it happened because they actually had the ground breaking ceremony last week and he finally figured out after a couple of years if they wanted to have something on the agenda to have the ground breaking ceremony and then it had to be on the agenda, but wanted to thank the Mayor for being at the ceremony, that they had some schools out there and had the design team and contractor come out and it would be a great addition to City of Houston libraries.

26. ORDINANCE appropriating \$3,500,000.00 out of Airport System Consolidated 2000 AMT Construction Fund, and approving and authorizing professional services contract between the City of Houston and **CARTER & BURGESS, INC** for Geographic Information System Implementation Services with the Houston Airport System; Project No. 584, CIP A-0391 and A-0417 - **DISTRICTS B - GALLOWAY; E - WISEMAN and I - ALVARADO** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Wiseman out of the city on city business. Council Member Berry absent. ORDINANCE 2003-0451 ADOPTED.
29. ORDINANCE awarding contract to **J.T.B. SERVICES, INC** for Demolition Services for Planning & Development Department; providing a maximum contract amount - 1 Year with three one-year options - \$1,988,950.00 - Dangerous Building Consolidated Fund – was presented, and tagged by Council Members Goldberg, Galloway and Berry. Council Member Berry absent.

30. ORDINANCE awarding contract to **JOHN WARNER HORSESHOEING** for Farrier Services for Houston Police Department; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$606,750.00 - General Fund – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Keller. Council Member Berry absent.
31. ORDINANCE deappropriating \$300,000.00 from Contract No. 52119 (as passed by Ordinance No. 2000-955); appropriating \$300,000.00 out of Fire Consolidated Construction Fund and \$770,000.00 out of Public Library Consolidated Construction Fund; approving and authorizing professional services contract between the City of Houston and **GREYHAWK NORTH AMERICA, LLC** for Project Management Support and Construction Management Services for facilities financed by the above funds, GFS C-0148-01-5 and E-0143-01-5 - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Wiseman out of the city on city business. Council Member Berry absent. ORDINANCE 2003-0452 ADOPTED.
32. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **PROFESSIONAL SERVICES INDUSTRIES, INC** for Testing Laboratory Services for Street Maintenance Projects; providing a maximum contract amount - \$150,000.00 - General Fund - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Wiseman out of the city on city business. Council Member Berry absent. ORDINANCE 2003-0453 ADOPTED.
33. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,153,000.00 out of Public Library Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding construction contract to **R. H. TONETTI CONSTRUCTION COMPANY** for Park Place Regional Branch Library Repair, GFS E-0127-01-3; providing funding for engineering testing services, funding for Civic Art Program and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Public Library Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT I - ALVARADO** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Wiseman out of the city on city business. Council Member Berry absent. ORDINANCE 2003-0454 ADOPTED.
34. ORDINANCE appropriating \$2,518,245.77 out of Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund, and \$496,854.23 from Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **ACM CONTRACTORS, INC** for Neighborhood Street Reconstruction Project No. 432B; GFS N-0364-04-3 (SB9133); providing funding for engineering testing and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund, and the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT D - EDWARDS** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Wiseman out of the city on city business. Council Member Berry absent. ORDINANCE 2003-0455 ADOPTED.
35. ORDINANCE making an appropriation of \$15,000,000.00 from the Public Works & Engineering Accumulated Unexpended Fund (Fund No. 754); authorizing its transfer to the Stormwater Utility Fund (Fund No. 227) – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Tatro. Council Member Berry absent.
36. ORDINANCE No. 2003-422, passed first reading 4/30/03
ORDINANCE granting to **PHONOSCOPE, LTD.**, a Texas Limited Partnership, the right, privilege, and franchise to erect, maintain and operate a Cable Television System in the City of Houston, Texas - **SECOND READING** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Wiseman out of the city on city business. Council Member Berry absent. ORDINANCE 2003-0422 PASSED SECOND READING IN FULL.

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37. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering, reviewed and approved by the Joint Referral Committee, on request from Ronnie Self, on behalf of himself and Catherine Cash, for abandonment and sale of Stuart Street, from the U. S. Highway 59 service road to St. Emmanuel Street, located in Fairmont Addition, a subdivision of Block 36, J. S. Holman Survey, Parcels SY3-055 and SY3-056 - **APPRAISERS - DISTRICT I – ALVARADO** – was presented.

Council Member Alvarado named Ms. Vanessa Hendrickson and Ms. Jasmine Quinnerly as appraisers and moved approval of the recommendation, seconded by Council Member Galloway. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Wiseman out of the city on city business. Council Member Berry absent. MOTION 2003-0449 ADOPTED.

MATTERS HELD - NUMBERS 38 and 39

38. ORDINANCE amending Exhibit “A” of City of Houston Ordinance No. 2003-106 by deleting one (1) Assistant Arson Investigator Position; substituting the amended exhibit as part of the current Fire Department Classified Personnel Ordinance; providing for severability – **(This was Item 35 on Agenda of February 5, 2003, POSTPONED BY MOTION #2003-104)** – was presented.

Council Member Galloway moved to refer Item No. 38 back to the administration, seconded by Council Member Robinson. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Wiseman out of the city on city business. Council Member Berry absent. MOTION 2003-0450 ADOPTED.

39. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract parking agreement between the City and **HCPA SERVICES COMPANY** for certain City Employee parking in the Hobby Center Garage; providing a maximum contract amount - 2 Years - \$684,090.00 - General, Enterprise and Other Funds **DISTRICT I - ALVARADO** – **(This was Item 15 on Agenda of April 30, 2003, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GOLDBERG)** – was presented.

Council Member Goldberg stated that he had passed out an amendment to the contract for the Hobby Center Garage and thought it would make some changes that were beneficial for the Convention and Entertainment Department, who were the ones that were going to have to eat the cost and offered the following written motion to amend Item No. 39:

“I move to amend the proposed parking agreement between the City of Houston and HCPA Services Company as follows:

1. Delete the ninety (90) day termination for convenience during the first two years of the Agreement so that neither party may terminate the Agreement for convenience during the first two years.
2. Amend the term of the Agreement so that it begins on May 19, 2003 and continues until midnight April 30, 2008. Also add a provision that during the last three (3) years of the Agreement either party may terminate the Agreement for convenience by providing the other party ninety (90) days’ prior written notice of such termination.
3. Add a new provision establishing the Parking Fee for years three through five of the Agreement at \$45.00, \$47.50 and \$50.00 respectively.
4. Add a new provision requiring the Licensor to provide security for the Premises that is at least comparable to the security provided by the Licenses in its Theater District Garage.

5. Add a new provision that if the Premises becomes unusable due to Force Majeure or otherwise, then for each day that the City cannot use the Premises, then Licensor shall adjust the Parking Fee for such month to reflect the period of disuse.
6. Add a new provision that Licensor shall permit the City Employee Shuttle Van to utilize the Hobby Center driveway located on Bagby Street for passenger pick-up and delivery.”

Council Member Ellis tagged Council Member Goldberg’s written motion to amend Item No. 39.

Council Member Goldberg moved to postpone Item No. 39 for one week so that his amendments could be considered next week, seconded by Council Member Quan. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Wiseman out of the city on city business. MOTION 2003-0451 ADOPTED.

Council Member Tatro asked Council Member Goldberg on the amendment were they crafted with the assistance of the Legal Department, and Council Member Goldberg stated that he had met with Mr. Stephen Lewis from Convention and Entertainment, who was also an attorney and he had discussed it with the Legal Department, that the language was consented to and approved by the Legal Department, and Council Member Tatro stated he just wanted to know if they complied and Mr. Hall stated that Ms. Lisa Hartgrove of the Legal Department wrote it, and Mayor Brown stated that the answer to his question was yes.

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Sekula-Gibbs stated that the Clear Lake Rail decision would be issued on May 9, 2003 and the City of Houston would have to make a response to that official declaration from the Service Transportation Board and would like to encourage everyone who was listening and had an interest, all of the people who lived in the East End, South Houston and Clear Lake to recognize that final EIS statement and the decision of the Service Transportation Board would be forthcoming and they had only 30 days in which to make their comments and she would like to ask Mr. Hall and the Legal Department if they had made any questions or inquiries amongst themselves about how they were going to proceed now that it looked like the Service Transportation Board would approve all of the proposed routes, which included the one that would go by Sylvan Rodriguez Park, very close to Clear Lake City Boulevard, south and north of Ellington, which would cut right through the water purification facility and Mr. Hall stated that they were in the process of preparing a very short analysis and briefing to Council Members, confidentially, that they got the full and formal report on Friday and the formal one in his office yesterday, that they were considering asking the Council for some expert help in negotiating the appeals process, that there appeared to be a 30 day window for an administrative appeal and then subsequent to that maybe an opportunity for a judicial appeal, that in effect their view was that they may ultimately be talking about trying to resolve a question of what was the least damaging route for them, because as she had suggested having approved all of them it would seem unlikely that they would get them to reverse their decision on all of them, that there was at least some feeling that the one that they had indicated as their preference to be designated the preferred route was the most objectionable to the City, those were issues that they needed to visit with her about and intended to and spent some time yesterday analyzing that and hoped to have by probably Friday a recommendation of how they would proceed, and Council Member Sekula-Gibbs asked how were they coming with the protest of the condemnation, and Mr. Hall stated that was a separate issue and process and as they knew they had retained outside counsel to represent them in that issue but ultimately that was a process that could involve resources in the end by the railroad because essentially it would be a question of compensating them for their loss if they could not absolutely demonstrate that there was some irrevocable harm that would be new to them by the route and thus stop it, which would be at best chancy, that he would think that any party or interest, which in his judgment would be a citizen who would be impacted by the decision, should, that he operated on a theory that it was not over until it

was over and so they fight for their views, positions and concerns until the time was over, that on the other hand he thought that wise people would try to analyze it in such a way to recognize how they would get the best result from the process, which was why he earlier he suggested at least they ought to be fighting to get the least objectionable route for the railroad if the Service Transportation Board found no objections to any of them. Council Member Tatro absent.

Council Member Alvarado stated that she would like to have either someone from Parks or the Library Department brief her about the transition for the Park Place Library, that she understood there would be a temporary library set up at Charlton Park and she had been waiting to get a response back and would like for someone to visit with her on the progress. Council Member Tatro absent.

Council Member Alvarado stated that she wanted to thank her colleagues who pledged support for the MS150, that it was now time to collect, that their checks could be made payable to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Council Member Tatro absent.

Council Member Alvarado stated that she wanted to echo the comments by Council Member Sekula-Gibbs, that she was disappointed to see the decision last week and hoped that they would continue to find a way to resolve it, that she knew it was a long hard battle but did appreciate the Legal Department and administration working with her and the other Council Members that had a vested interest in it. Council Member Tatro absent.

Council Member Berry stated that he wanted to congratulate the Grand Marshall of the Cinco de Mayo Parade, Council Member Alvarado, that it was a lot of fun and a great turnout. Council Member Tatro absent.

Council Member Berry stated that he wanted to update everyone on Officer Michael Yanchak, that on March 23, 2003, early Sunday morning, he was driving at about 5:00 a.m. in a squad car and was involved in a terrible crash, he was comatose for almost a month but was up and regaining movement by the day and responding to all signs, that his father, Sergeant Yanchak was a 36 year veteran of the Houston Police Department, that Michael Yanchak had just finished his first year, to please keep him in their prayers. Council Member Tatro absent.

Council Member Berry stated that he wanted to thank and commend the Mayor, as was announced yesterday by the Mayor's office the City of Houston was going to be hosting the Stellar Wards and wanted to thank the Mayor and his team, including Ms. Jackie Pope for securing the venue and everything that had been done and would be done, that he wanted to thank some other great Houstonians who stepped up and helped them on that, Ms. Elyse Lanier, who hosted the sight selection team, Ms. Yolanda Adams, Mr. Mathew Knowles, Reverend Gregg Patrick, Dr. Ed Montgomery, Ms. Kim Burrell, who was present in the audience, Mr. V. Michael McKay and Reverend Joe Ratliff of Brentwood Church, who hosted a dinner for them, Mr. Tim Crawford, Mr. Alvin Williams, Ms. Susan Christian, Parks Department, who was very helpful, Mr. Ernest Walker, Dr. John Brittain and Ms. Jackie Pope who would coordinating from here on out with the Stellars. Council Member Tatro absent.

Council Member Berry stated that he wanted to commend and invited Ms. Kim Burrell to the podium and stated that there was a play touring the Country called "If These Hips Could Talk" and starred Houston's very own Kim Burrell and was at the Verizon Theater between Tuesday and Sunday and Ms. Burrell was actually a Stellar Award winner, a great gospel artist, a preacher and somebody he respected.

Council Member Berry moved to suspend the rules to hear from Ms. Kim Burrell, seconded by Council Member Goldberg. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Wiseman out of the city on city business. Council Members Tatro and Edwards absent. MOTION 2003-0452 ADOPTED.

Ms. Burrell stated that she wanted to thank Mayor Brown and the Council Members, that it was a pleasure to be present, that there were some cast members present with her, that they would be at the Verizon Theatre all week doing the play, that they had been touring the Country, that they were honored to be present and thanked them for honoring her and for the opportunity. Council Members Tatro and Edwards absent.

Council Member Robinson stated that he wanted to thank the folks at the Municipal Channel, Carol Herrera and her staff, for helping on a number of projects, one of them a taping of an open dialog on Regional Transportation Authority that would run on the Municipal Channel. Council Member Tatro absent.

Council Member Robinson stated that also working with him, Council Members Edwards, Galloway and Keller on a May 16 through 18, 2003, Hip Hop Summit on HIV/AIDS that would be held at the George R. Brown Convention Center, and also wanted to thank the Convention and Entertainment Department for their help on securing the site for the event. Council Member Tatro absent.

Council Member Robinson stated that he would like for someone to visit with him to get an update, that he understood that they did not have a maintenance agreement currently on the 311 software and wanted to find out what was going on with that. Council Member Tatro absent.

Council Member Robinson stated that his wife was thoughtful enough to go and buy a couple of the little stickers to stick on the garbage bags and he dragged them all the way outside to the front lawn, turned so the bag labels would be very visible for the garbage man, that on his way home his constituent called her Council Member to try to find out why the bags were still out there, that she had paid the money for the bag tag, that they finally did get out there, but he knew it was not in the normal course and scope of picking up the garbage, that they picked up the can and left the bags with the tags, that he did not know why they had people paying for the tags, that he was hoping that in the budget, when it was rolled, that they eliminate the second garbage can fee and stop telling folks that they had to pay for a tag to put on a bag that nobody picks up. Council Members Tatro and Alvarado absent.

Council Member Edwards stated that since she had been on Council she had been working very hard on the HIV issue and they had some successes and they tried to bring into like a subcommittee the Hepatitis C crisis and she would like to officially ask that the Hepatitis C crisis be held by a task force that was independent and chaired by people from the advocacy group that had been working very hard on it, that there was going to be a major meeting in Washington D.C. in May and they would have people from the Houston area going to that meeting regarding Hepatitis C and it would be great if they could go and announce that they did have a task force in Houston, Texas, that she had some conversations with Dr. Kendrick's and she seemed amenable to it, that she thought it would be a great boost for the people who were going to the conference, and Mayor Brown asked if she wanted one in addition to the HIV/AIDS task force and Council Member Edwards stated that she thought it merited standing on its own because it had a lot of different issues and challenges. Council Members Tatro and Alvarado absent.

Council Member Edwards stated that they had a church that had been in the Sunnyside area for at least 20 years and three weeks ago they went to church and had tow away signs that had been erected in front of their church, that they called her office and her office called the appropriate people to deal with it, that she thought it was kind of insensitive to put a tow away sign in front of a church, especially one that had been there for quite a number of years, that the signs were still there, they had not gotten any movement so if the Mayor could give her some help, and Mayor Brown stated that they would have Mr. DeYoung follow up on it. Council Members Tatro and Alvarado absent.

Council Member Edwards stated that they had a very important townhall meeting in the

Sunnyside area with the super neighborhoods, precinct judges and ministers and it was very good, that she would like to thank the members of the City that came down, Planning, PWE, Neighborhood Protection, Police Department and most importantly she would like to thank the members of the community for coming out and being involved with their community. Council Members Tatro and Alvarado absent.

Mayor Brown stated that he wanted to recognize a young man, Mr. Tyler Hagar, a student at Quest High School in Kingwood and was his shadow for the day, that his high school had a program called Career Investigation and Shadowing Experience and was designed to educate and inspire young people to recognize that there was an ongoing relationship between work and learning, that he would be attending Southern Methodist University in the fall studying Business Management. Council Member Tatro absent.

Mayor Brown stated that present in the audience were students on a field trip from Garden Villas Elementary and asked that they stand and be recognized. Council Members Tatro and Ellis absent.

There being no further business before Council, the City Council adjourned at 9:53 a.m. upon MOTION by Council Member Galloway, seconded by Council Member Vasquez. Council Member Wiseman out of the city on city business. Council Members Tatro and Ellis absent. INFORMATION ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY.

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

Anna Russell, City Secretary