

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, June 10, 2003

A Regular Meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 10, 2003, with Mayor Lee P. Brown presiding and with Council Members Bruce Tatro, Carol M. Galloway, Mark Goldberg, Ada Edwards, Addie Wiseman, Mark Ellis, Bert Keller, Gabriel Vasquez, Carol Alvarado, Annise Parker, Gordon Quan, Shelly Sekula-Gibbs, M.D. and Carroll Robinson; Ms. Susan Taylor, First Assistant City Attorney; Mr. Al Haines, Chief Administrative Officer, Mayor's Office; Mayor's Citizens Assistance Office; Ms. Martha Stein, Agenda Director present. Council Member Michael Berry absent due to being ill.

At 1:41 p.m. Mayor Brown called the meeting to order and Council Member Edwards led everyone in prayer and in pledging allegiance to the flag. Council Member Berry absent due to being ill. Council Members Goldberg, Keller, Alvarado, Parker and Robinson absent.

At 2:43 p.m. the City Secretary called the roll. Council Member Berry absent due to being ill. Council Members Goldberg, Keller, Alvarado and Robinson absent.

Council Members Quan and Vasquez moved that the minutes of the preceding meeting be adopted. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Berry absent due to being ill. Council Members Goldberg, Keller, Alvarado and Robinson absent. MOTION ADOPTED.

HEARINGS

PUBLIC HEARING on the City Budgets for the time period July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004
1:30 P. M.

Council Member Tatro moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing Mr. Steven Williams and Mr. Rich Duffy and Mr. Pierre Goodwill and Ms. Sylvia Brooks after Mr. Justin Jordan, seconded by Council Member Wiseman. Council Member Berry absent due to being ill. Council Members Goldberg, Alvarado and Robinson absent. MOTION 2003-575 ADOPTED.

Mayor Brown stated that Council would proceed with the Budget Hearing and requested the City Secretary to call the list of speakers. Council Members Goldberg, Alvarado and Robinson absent.

Mr. Justin Jordan, 8415 Garden Park, Houston, Texas 77075 (713-991-7989) appeared and stated that he was a member of the Harris County Council of Organizations and present supporting Council Member Galloway; that job cuts was a serious situation and he thought getting rid of unneeded programs and services would be beneficial and cut some hours if needed, but not jobs. Council Members Goldberg, Alvarado and Robinson absent.

Council Member Galloway moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of adding Ms. Sylvia Brooks and Mr. Pierre Goodwill to the speakers list, seconded by Council Member Keller. Council Member Berry absent due to being ill. Council Members Goldberg, Alvarado and Robinson absent. MOTION 2003-575A ADOPTED.

Mr. Steven Williams, 1907 Freeman, Houston, Texas 77009 (713-223-9166) appeared and stated that he would like their expert witness to speak first. Council Members Goldberg, Alvarado and Robinson absent.

Council Member Tatro moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of allowing Mr. Rich Duffy to speak in place of Mr. Steven Williams, seconded by Council Member Edwards. Council Member Berry absent due to being ill. Council Members Goldberg, Alvarado and Robinson absent. MOTION 2003-576 ADOPTED.

Mr. Rich Duffy, 1907 Freeman, Houston, Texas 77009 (713-223-9166) appeared and stated that he was assistant to the general president for the International Association of Firefighters; that Chief Connealy wrote a letter where he had made changes in deployment criteria and said they were consistent with the national recognized standard out of PA1710 and that was not true and he worked on the development of 1710; that the deployment criteria in their standard was based on a response to a single family detached, no basement, room and contents fire of a 2,000 sq. ft. residence and that was what staffing of a minimum of four was based on, it was not based on high area response and did not include schools, hospitals, multi residence occupancy or commercial areas and so forth which the standard was very clear those apparatus be staffed with a minimum of five or six; and such an incomplete memorandum made him question the Chief's motives which was letting this City Council and citizens of Houston think he was attempting to do something compliant with the nationally recognized standard and he once again would say that was not true and Chief Connealy was incorrect, misleading or upright deceiving them; that he investigated a number of fires and every major fire in the country including 9/11; that if the plan went through the Houston Fire Department, with one exception, would be the only fire department in this country that was contemplating task force; that the only exception was Los Angeles ran a task force which included a three piece apparatus, truck staffed with five members, engine staffed with four members, and separate pumper always attached to the truck and ran with one person, it was basically a 10 person task force, but that was no where the proposal was that was being done here in Houston. Council Members Goldberg, Alvarado and Robinson absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Tatro, Mr. Duffy stated that he was addressing Chief Connealy's plan to run task force at 10 separate fire stations and in his opinion, based on his experiences this was clearly a budgetary issue and instead of calling it running short which was what it was they were calling it a task force. Council Members Goldberg, Alvarado and Robinson absent.

Council Member Vasquez stated that he appreciated Mr. Duffy coming and arguing for his union and thought the merits of the policy would stand or fail on its own, however, he wanted to take issue in terms of the derogatory and negative attacks on Chief Connealy which were inappropriate and uncalled for. Council Members Goldberg, Alvarado and Robinson absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Wiseman, Mr. Duffy stated that what was proposed was running a task force with two officers, two drivers and two firefighters and two persons would be stuck with the rig, they would be short manpower and less effective and unsafe. Council Members Goldberg, Alvarado and Robinson absent.

Council Member Vasquez stated that as a point of privilege he wanted to recognize Kids on the Bayou Summer Leadership and Science Convocation 2003 from Crocket Elementary; that they wrote letters stating what they thought should be done with the bayous; and asked them to stand to be recognized. Council Members Goldberg and Robinson absent.

Council Member Galloway moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of allowing Mr. Steven Williams to speak at this time, seconded by Council Member Wiseman. Council Member Berry absent due to being ill. Council Members Goldberg and Robinson absent. MOTION 2003-577 ADOPTED.

Mr. Steven Williams, 1907 Freeman, Houston, Texas 77009 (713-223-9166) appeared and stated that Mr. Duffy described the impact task forces would have on the city, citizens and firefighters; that firefighters were always committed 150% to accomplish the task even when asked to do it in a compromising situation and the task force was fundamentally and objectively unsafe to public and firefighters and the proposal was an immoral concession and an inappropriate course of action; that they were talking about units riding short, about 56% of the heavy apparatus; that Chief Connealy's budget proposal stated that the department's short-term goal was to continue providing high quality emergency service and maintaining four purpose

staffing. Council Members Goldberg and Robinson absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Tatro, Mr. Williams stated that he believed the Fire Chief saw this as a transition to bring Quint and Quint was proven as a single roll apparatus, they may be capable of multi functions, but if they were not adequately staffed...; and Council Member Tatro stated they would not enjoy Quint for at least a year and that was not an issue; and upon questions, Mr. Williams stated it was most definitely a move back to three men on a truck; that this was not a recommendation in the Tri Data Report. Council Members Galloway, Goldberg and Robinson absent.

Council Member Parker stated that she remembered in her first and second terms they regularly ran three firefighters on an apparatus, but multiple apparatus were sent to every fire, no fire truck and crew fought a fire by themselves; and upon questions, Mr. Williams stated that was accurate, they increased the level of response to obtain the minimum numbers needed at the time and with four member staffing it could have been accomplished at that time. Council Member Parker stated that the task force concept sounded a lot like what was told to her years back which was multiple dispatch to the same emergency; and upon questions, Mr. Williams stated that was an accurate assessment and that equated to where other task were dropped from being done when you had more than enough with four member staffing on each apparatus then apparatus had to come from a greater distance off; that in the Fire Chief's explanation Quint was to replace and agreed to be done last year this time and it would be another six months before the replacement arrived and then looking for the timeline for 10 additional Quint it would be one to one and a half years and essentially apparatus would be being sent out riding short but they were being sent out at the same time until such time as they may or may not get the Quint in hand, misuse of equipment. Council Members Galloway and Goldberg absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Alvarado, Mr. Williams stated that he did not have the information as to whether having a task force concept would have changed the response level during the last storm, but understood when the recent storm came through there was an issue of resource management on the suppression side for heavy apparatus and if they went to a task force concept he saw that practice becoming more frequent. Council Members Galloway and Goldberg absent.

Council Member Alvarado stated that she would like to know if they were looking at deployment of the whole area and not just one station; that she was concerned about Fire Station 20 which was in the heart of Magnolia Park and close to the Ship Channel/Port of Houston and heavily populated; that she was not sure if this was driven for budgetary reasons or because it was best and felt it should be slowed down; that Tri Data in the City of Ft. Worth had recommended phasing out Quint and she would like to know if other cities that were comparable to Houston in terms of population and density were using Quint; and Mr. Williams stated that there were no cities comparable to the size of the City of Houston using task force or Quint at this time. Council Member Goldberg absent.

Mayor Brown stated that he would see she got answers to her questions. Council Member Goldberg absent.

Council Member Wiseman stated that the Quint concept was a term being used to identify the policy to be put into place while the city awaits the arrival of the Quint they want to purchase which would be one and a half to two years and in that time the trucks they had now would run short one person per truck and running together on a call and the majority of stations affected were in her district and she was concerned as it took a great deal of time for backup trucks to make their way out there; that the justification for this was call volume, there were fewer calls out of those stations; and upon questions, Mr. Williams agreed the fire was still the same regardless if the station was called on a number of times.

Council Member Keller urged that deliberations and negotiations be made less emotional

and less personal; that they did what was best for the city and Chief Connealy was a friend of his and he knew he was trying to do what was best for the City of Houston, there were just different values on different perimeters which affected their decisions; that he did share concerns on public safety with some measures being considered; and upon questions, Mr. Williams stated that EMS calls was an example, they ran first responders with squads capable of advance care with dual units both ALS in basic transport, on the issue of regular staffing on those you would get an engine company with four people, a squad with two paramedics, an ambulance with two EMTs and an ambulance supervisor; that with a task force you would get an engine and ladder both responding together with only six people, a squad, an ambulance and a supervisor, 11 people on more apparatus than what was needed and the more apparatus the more people in harm.

Council Member Robinson stated that at the end of the day he thought the firefighters wanted to know if Council was changing them from four fighters to three firefighters on a truck; that when this whole discussion started everyone at the table including the Mayor said public safety was priority, but now it seemed they were saying police was funded, fire may get something and fire would get mixed in with everyone else; that Quint was just another truck with a particular type of capability, but it was said every fire apparatus would ride with four and no less and he thought it should be clear they were deciding whether to move away from the adopted policy and he wanted to know if there was a new standard deviating from four on an apparatus; and Mr. Williams stated there was no new standard; that NFPA 1710 was in existence, and if a special fire truck was to be used to accomplish everything it should have eight to ten people. Council Member Robinson stated that he wanted to know how much money the Fire Chief needed to keep four firefighters on a truck, that was the policy he fought for and the one he would stand by.

Upon questions by Council Member Galloway, Mr. Williams stated that the Quint was a special apparatus in the industry for some 20 plus years but not readily used; that Station 64 was to go to a task force concept and would have less apparatus responding off the airport. Council Member Galloway stated that maybe if some of her amendments were taken to increase revenue they could forget purchasing apparatus and go into continued staffing. Mr. Williams stated that Houston was identified under the Office of Preparedness \$23.77 million for first responder needs because they were a high-risk city and no avenues were being exhausted to reach out for that money.

Council Member Edwards stated that she thought they did need to look at Fire and Police cuts and did not think 40% of the budget could be based on the rest of the city, but safety of the community should not be jeopardized; and Mr. Williams stated that they would be glad to sit with Council and the Fire Chief. Council Member Robinson absent.

Council Member Vasquez stated that Mr. Williams had been very articulate about his position and passionate about the issue and would like his closing comments so Council could hear the rest of the speakers. Mr. Williams stated that June 17th they would start riding short with three to a truck and that jeopardized everyone and they were asking all Council Members to clearly recognize and support the plan implemented October 17th. Council Member Alvarado absent.

Council Member Vasquez moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of discontinuing questioning of Mr. Steven Williams and continuing with the list of speakers, seconded by Council Member Keller. Council Member Berry absent due to being ill. Council Member Alvarado absent. MOTION 2003-578 ADOPTED.

Mayor Brown stated that he would invoke the five minute rule and it would be five minutes collectively for Council Members to ask their questions. Council Member Alvarado absent.

Council Member Vasquez moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of allowing

Father Tim Gray to be called to speak after Ms. Angie Crosby and that Mr. Deloyd Parker and Mrs. Theola Petteway be heard after Father Gray, seconded by Council Member Keller. Council Member Berry absent due to being ill. Council Member Alvarado absent. MOTION 2003-579 ADOPTED.

Mr. Goodwille Pierre appeared and stated that he was present representing Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee who was in Washington, D. C. fighting to keep down HR1119 which established comp pay versus overtime and to keep child tax credit away in order that it would include people making between \$10,000 and \$26,000 a year for a \$400.00 break also; that she was a advocate for the people and in full support of Council Member Galloway's proposals and amendments and against anything which cut out or destroyed constituent services. Council Members Ellis and Alvarado absent.

Council Member Galloway thanked Mr. Pierre and Congresswoman Lee for being supportive of the Houston community; and Mayor Brown stated that he appreciated her input. Council Members Ellis and Alvarado absent.

Ms. Sylvia Brooks appeared and stated that she was present to speak for Mr. Wiley Henry and creative ways to stop layoffs and hoped Council Members would look at Council Member Galloway's proposals; that priorities were necessary, but she did hope they would be as creative as possible. Council Members Ellis, Keller and Alvarado absent.

Council Member Vasquez moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing from Mr. Jose Salgero after Mr. Charles Gabriel thereby grouping all after school program speakers together, seconded by Council Member Quan. Council Member Berry absent due to being ill. Council Members Ellis, Keller and Alvarado absent. MOTION 2003-580 ADOPTED.

Ms. Janice Walker, 3161 Chickering, Houston, Texas 77026 (713-675-5982) appeared and stated that it was not often Kashmere Gardens received anything worthwhile but they did finally land a gem, Mr. Wiley Henry, he was very important and they were asking that he be allowed to remain in his position, he was always involved and available whenever needed, he was very supportive and even participated and more importantly he was knowledgeable and accessible and very much needed. Council Members Ellis, Keller, Alvarado and Quan absent.

Council Member Galloway stated that she was appalled when she received information stating Mr. Henry had been given notification of layoff, as she knew what he contributed and he certainly was a gem who was always at every meeting in the area and hopefully the Mayor would work with them to keep such from happening. Council Members Ellis, Keller, Alvarado and Quan absent.

Council Member Parker stated that she knew the commitment from the administration was those receiving layoffs would try and be placed in another position and she understood everyone wanted Mr. Wiley to stay where he was, but wondered if there was an active effort to find him a position in another...; and Mayor Brown stated that was his commitment and it was in place. Council Members Wiseman, Ellis, Keller, Alvarado and Quan absent.

Mr. Fernando Guzman, 73 Bradford Circle, Sugarland, Texas 77479 appeared and stated that he was present to express his deep concern over the elimination of the Soccer Program from the Parks and Recreation budget; that his son came out of the program and it allowed him to obtain a degree in Marketing and Political Science from the University of Tulsa, the program broke cultural barriers, kept kids off the streets and off drugs and given opportunity for better education; that Houston was the model for this program which was trying to be implemented in other metropolises; that they had won several championships, they were the future of Houston and urged the program be kept. Council Members Wiseman, Ellis, Keller, Alvarado, Parker and Quan absent.

Mr. Felipe Guzman, 73 Bradford Circle, Sugarland, Texas 77479 appeared and stated that he was present to serve as witness and give testimony for the members of his soccer club who could not be present today; that he graduated from the Houstonian Soccer Program and attended college at the University of Tulsa and it was what he learned in the soccer fields that he utilized through his college career and it was through the sport and that program that he grew as an individual and team member of his community; that he learned integrity, time management, persistence, team work, ethics, pressure management, hard work, family and competition; that competition still existed and got him into college, allowed him to keep his good grades and find a good job; that it was survival of the fittest and only the strong would survive and that was what he and his team mates were taught and that was why he was present. Council Members Wiseman, Ellis, Vasquez, Alvarado, Quan and Robinson absent.

Council Member Parker moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing Mr. Robert Crane after Mrs. Theola Petteway, seconded by Council Member Galloway. Council Member Berry absent due to being ill. Council Members Wiseman, Ellis, Vasquez, Alvarado, Quan and Robinson absent. MOTION 2003-581 ADOPTED.

Council Member Galloway moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing Ms. Julia Washington after Mr. Robert Crane, seconded by Council Member Tatro. Council Member Berry absent due to being ill. Council Members Wiseman, Ellis, Vasquez, Alvarado, Quan and Robinson absent. MOTION 2003-582 ADOPTED.

Ms. Janice Gabriel, 5319 Hialeah, Houston, Texas 77092 (713-682-5774) appeared and stated that when overgrown lots became fire and safety hazards, when inoperable junk vehicles were around, when buildings were unsecured and vacant you called Neighborhood Protection, they were responsible for enforcing city codes and for maintaining neighborhood integrity and when they stepped onto property they were seldom welcomed and sometimes subject to verbal abuse or physically threatened, yet everyday they did their jobs; that police and fireman were considered heroes and Neighborhood Protection inspectors were heroes too and she wanted them to be shown appreciation with descent salaries and enough money for their department so they could do their jobs. Council Members Wiseman, Ellis, Vasquez, Alvarado, Quan and Robinson absent.

Mr. Charles Gabriel, 5319 Hialeah, Houston, Texas 77092 (713-682-5774) appeared and stated that he was present asking for an increase in the budget for the Neighborhood Protection Department, the department which helped to maintain the integrity of neighborhoods all across the Houston area, they worked hard to be sure they were clean and they needed all the support they could get; that he was asking for them to have pay raises and enough money for their department. Council Members Wiseman, Ellis, Vasquez, Alvarado, Quan and Robinson absent.

Mr. Jose Salgero, 8619 Kempdeck, Houston, Texas 77080 (713-807-1429) appeared with an interpreter and stated that he was present representing Landry School and the TMO and in support of the After School Programs; that type of help for the community was very important and his son's grades were improving; that he hoped Council Members would be able to continue that support as it was needed. Council Members Wiseman, Ellis, Vasquez, Alvarado, Quan and Robinson absent.

Mayor Brown stated that he did believe most on Council were strong supporters of the After School Program, it represented a good way for them to grow up, stay out of trouble, get an education and reach their full potential. Council Members Wiseman, Ellis, Vasquez and Quan absent.

Ms. Billie Johnson, 3500 Tampa, Houston, Texas 77021 (713-746-8250) appeared with children who attended the After School Program and stated that she was principal at Ruby L. Thompson Elementary and present in support of the After School Program and wanted to show them a product of that program and the students performed by playing instruments and one

recited a poem. Ms. Johnson stated that they would not have had the opportunity to learn and participate if the opportunity of that program had not been there; and urged Council Members to keep the program. Council Members Wiseman, Ellis, Vasquez and Quan absent.

Council Member Galloway moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of adding Ms. Julia Washington to the list after Mr. Robert Crane, seconded by Council Member Robinson. Council Member Berry absent due to being ill. Council Members Wiseman, Ellis, Vasquez, Parker and Quan absent. MOTION 2003-583 ADOPTED.

Upon questions by Council Member Robinson, Ms. Johnson stated that they were talking about \$20,000.00; that she qualified for \$20,000.00 and it really made a difference. Mayor Brown stated that the money was to be kept at the same level it was this year. Council Members Wiseman, Ellis and Vasquez absent.

Mr. Franklin Olson, 201 Vanderpool #113, Houston, Texas 77024 (713-465-0043) appeared and stated that he was a member of the Memorial Drive United Methodist Church and an executive director of the Metropolitan Organization and present in support of the After School Program which in the past year involved 95 schools and institutions and over 11,000 children; that without the program many would be roaming the streets and in a recent U of H study it showed strong evidence that After School Programs cut crime, improved school performance and improved relationships between administrators, parents and children; that they were concerned with an amendment presented by Council Member Parker which would impose charging parents for such a service and a residency requirement for participation and they strongly opposed such a change and asked that the program be passed as proposed. Council Members Tatro, Wiseman, Ellis, Vasquez and Alvarado absent.

Mayor Brown stated that he believed he had wrong information, he did not know of anyone on Council who opposed that program and would allow the Council Member to speak for herself. Council Members Tatro, Wiseman, Ellis, Vasquez and Alvarado absent.

Council Member Parker stated that she did support After School Programs and voted for them at every opportunity; that they were piloting a needs test and, not citizenship test, but residency test; that she firmly believed if you paid taxes in the City of Houston you should receive benefits there and the residency test was did you live in Bellaire and pay taxes in Bellaire or live in the City of Houston and pay taxes in the City of Houston; that the other test was because many participated in the summer program who could afford to pay for the program and the needs test, which was a very liberal test, was not designed to exclude people from the program because if you could not pay, you did not pay and it was that simple; that she intended to be parallel in what they were doing for the summer Parks Program and she would be happy to meet and talk with anyone about it; that she was wanting more slots available if anything and many could easily afford the program and for every kid in the free program there was a kid who could not pay and was not allowed to participate. Council Members Tatro, Wiseman, Ellis, Vasquez, Alvarado and Robinson absent.

Council Member Quan stated that the summer program, he worked on the grant to get \$1.3 million and the Federal Government required them to have the test done as far as income level and they had been trying to get as many children in the program as possible. Council Members Tatro, Wiseman, Ellis, Vasquez, Alvarado and Robinson absent.

The City Secretary stated that a motion was made that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing Ms. Julia Washington at this time and called on Ms. Washington to speak. Council Members Tatro, Wiseman, Ellis, Vasquez, Alvarado and Robinson absent.

Ms. Julia Washington appeared and stated that Ms. Ann and Mr. Henry had been her family all her life and never called on one of them that they were not there; that the Peavy Multi Service Center was adjacent to the Fifth Ward Multi Service Center where he was director there also;

that all seniors supported him as they knew he could be counted on; that he was there even when no one else was and she was urging that he be reinstated to his job as he was very much needed. Council Members Tatro, Wiseman, Ellis, Vasquez and Alvarado absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Robinson, Mayor Brown stated that they were not terminating all directors at all service centers, but this just came to him and it would be looked into. Council Member Robinson stated that he wanted to know how it was decided which multi service centers were to have directors terminated and if they were terminated who would be in place; and Mayor Brown stated that he would check and get information to him. Council Members Tatro, Wiseman, Ellis, Vasquez and Alvarado absent.

Council Member Galloway stated that both recommendations for layoff were in District B; that Ms. Washington was a pillar in the Fifth Ward Community and thanked her for coming; that she knew Mayor Brown was going to work this out and she was not going to worry. Council Members Tatro, Wiseman, Ellis, Vasquez and Alvarado absent.

Mr. Hector Rodriguez, 525 Bennington Ave., Houston, Texas 77002 (713-696-2800) appeared and stated that he was a principal in the Houston Independent School District at Herrera Elementary and was present to thank the Mayor and Council for the After School Program; that they had 98% Hispanic children and 100% of them were Title 1 with 98% in the free and reduced lunch program and 69% were considered at-risk and despite the social and economic disadvantage the children were a success academically; that their success he attributed a great part to the After School Program and they assigned programs as they saw a need for it; that the children belonged to all and he thanked the Mayor and Council for their support and hoped the relationship would continue for many years. Council Members Tatro, Galloway, Wiseman, Ellis, Vasquez, Parker and Robinson absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Edwards applauded Mr. Rodriguez and Ms. Washington and all those present to speak for the children and community; that with all the spiteful and mean cuts made at the state level it was even more incumbent upon them to find a way to not only maintain the level of after school and community programs but to heighten them; that public safety was not limited to putting out fire and arresting of criminals but in character development and she believed most on Council were aware and supportive. Council Members Tatro, Galloway, Wiseman, Ellis, Vasquez, Parker and Robinson absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Sekula-Gibbs thanked Mr. Rodriguez for committing his life to the education of young people many were needed such as he; that she too supported the After School Program and believed all would do everything to continue it; and Mr. Rodriguez thanked her and stated their words had given them hope. Council Members Tatro, Galloway, Wiseman, Ellis, Vasquez, Parker and Robinson absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Pastor Rhanel Johnson, 7312 N. Main, Houston, Texas 77022 (713-864-1796) appeared and stated that she was pastor of the Ebenezer United Methodist Church in the Independent Heights area and present in support of the After School Program; that in 1997 TMO leaders worked with Mayor Lanier to start the pilot program in 7 schools and the next year funding was increased to 67 schools and served 7,500 children daily and today the program was in 95 schools and community centers and served 12,000 children daily; that Mayor Brown proposed funding the After School Program at \$2.9 million; that the economic situation was grave and families could barely make ends meet; that she understood Council Member Parker's proposal the way she explained it, but the way it was stated it was too broad; that they were asking the Mayor and Council to continue their strong support of city health services and after school programs and asking Council Member Parker to withdraw her amendment as it was too broad. Council Members Tatro, Galloway, Wiseman, Ellis, Vasquez, Parker and Robinson absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Ms. Angie Crosby, 3500 Tampa, Houston, Texas 77021 (713-748-2616) appeared and

stated that she was a leader with TMO and worked at Thompson Elementary School with some of the most vulnerable students in Houston and was present advocating the After School Program; that their two hour program included one hour academic and one hour enrichment and it was a safe haven for children and very much needed and urged that the program be continued into the next Administration. Council Members Galloway, Goldberg, Wiseman, Ellis, Vasquez, Parker and Robinson absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Father Tim Gray, 2405 Navigation, Houston, Texas 77003 (713-222-0203) appeared and stated that he was from Our Lady Guadalupe Church and speaking on behalf of families and communities of TMO and present specifically to speak toward Council Member Parker's amendments; that amendment 1.5 stated mandate use of verifiable sliding scale fee schedule and the residency test for services at city health clinics and for participation in the after school and parks programs, etc., and as Pastor Johnson said the etc. bothered him, they were very concerned about change in the un-clarity of the proposal both in the content as to what programs were involved and also the way it was to be implemented; that many people did not have a fixed address as they were urban migrant workers and he hoped those type of concerns were addressed as they were precisely the type of people who needed the health care and such programs to begin to integrate themselves into society; and urged concern for those who might fall through the cracks. Council Members Galloway, Goldberg, Wiseman, Ellis, Vasquez, Parker and Robinson absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Quan stated that they were concerned about not excluding people in need and they would be refining amendments before actually voting on them and any input the TMO had was certainly welcomed. Council Members Galloway, Goldberg, Wiseman, Ellis, Vasquez, Parker and Robinson absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Sekula-Gibbs stated that health care was certainly a concern of hers also, it was important to have healthy children so they could go to school and learn; that the federally qualified health centers was a way for the City of Houston to bring federal dollars, which she called leverage dollars, which could be up to \$650,000.00 a year for each clinic to provide healthcare for the uninsured and they did not require documentation of residence; that now the city only had one such clinic and they had the opportunity to partner; that Chicago had 80 such clinics and Boston had 200 and she would like to work with him and TMO on it. Council Members Galloway, Goldberg, Wiseman, Ellis, Vasquez, Parker and Robinson absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Deloyd Parker, 3201 Elgin, Houston, Texas 77004 (713-651-0003) appeared and stated that for the last 34 years he served as executive director of the Shape Community Center in the center of the Third Ward Community and they felt crisis in the community each and every day of the year and because of that they had declared a medical state of emergency in the Third Ward Area requiring immediate attention and appropriate action; that they were demanding the Mayor and Council restore preventive health care services in the FY'04 budget. Council Members Goldberg, Wiseman, Ellis, Parker and Robinson absent.

Ms. Theola Petteway, P. O. Box 88272, Houston, Texas appeared and stated that she wanted to underscore comments made by Mr. Parker on behalf of the Third Ward Community; that they had a real concern and did not want the Health Department's budget cut back; that they were in an area described as medically underserved for a long time and they wanted to stress the importance of no cut backs in the preventive area of health and they were wanting construction to get started on the Riverside Health Center and that it be opened with full services. Council Members Goldberg, Wiseman, Ellis, Parker and Robinson absent.

Mr. Ernest Gibson, 3204 Ennis, Houston, Texas 77004 (713-526-2441) appeared and stated that he was administrator and CEO for the Riverside General Hospital located in the Third Ward Area and was the oldest African American hospital in the nation and was present to encourage that no cuts be made in health care for that community; that the most recent health

care report particularly for African Americans and minorities showed out of the 18 leading causes of death health related African Americans and minorities lead in 17 of the 18, there was an urgent need and he encouraged and requested no funds be cut. Council Members Goldberg, Wiseman, Ellis and Robinson absent.

Council Member Sekula-Gibbs stated that her efforts were to try and make sure that when the Riverside Clinic opened it would have better services than ever and believed all health services in the Third Ward Area there now should stay; and upon questions, Mr. Parker stated that there were two areas of concern, one that they were experiencing a health care crisis presently and to address it they needed preventive health care and they wanted to restore it to its 2002 budget and then once it was committed they would be glad to work with anyone to get comprehensive health care services. Council Members Goldberg, Wiseman, Ellis and Robinson absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Sekula-Gibbs, Mr. Gibson stated that his first goal was to make sure anyone going to Riverside General Hospital was provided free medical care if they could not pay; that their annual loss of uninsured care was about \$600,000 to \$1,000,000 a year and they attempted to make it up in fund raisers, etc. Council Members Goldberg, Wiseman, Ellis and Robinson absent.

Council Member Edwards stated that she did not think the Third Ward Community or any urban community needed to choose between prevention and primary, they deserved access to both and the children deserved better than having to sit for hours and hours in an emergency room setting and she disagreed with the Administration and some colleagues that this was an even trade, but on the other hand she had a real problem; and upon questions, Mr. Gibson stated that the Riverside Hospital was not included in the discussion on federally qualified clinics; that he did think they could accommodate a federally qualified clinic within their parameters. Council Member Edwards applauded his efforts and stated that she believed the needed both and thought they could and the challenge for Council was how. Council Members Goldberg, Ellis and Robinson absent.

Mr. Robert Crane, 4610 Delano, Houston, Texas 77004 (281-847-5646) appeared, presented information and stated that he was representing the Harris County Council of Organizations (HCCO) and the Houston Business and Professional Men's Club and was present in defense of Mr. Wiley Henry and Ms. Pat Lindsey, directors of the Fifth Ward and Acres Homes Multi Civic Center, they received pink slips and he and the others present were hoping the Mayor and Council could find in the budget a way to keep them on; that they did and continued to do a good job for those in the community and they were respected; that Mr. Henry had 24 years on the job and Ms. Lindsey had 11 years experience and asked that they please find a way in the budget to keep them and suggested reinstating the tax voted on to cut back in August 2000 as it would serve to keep jobs. Council Members Goldberg, Ellis and Robinson absent.

Mayor Brown stated that he wanted to express appreciation for Mr. Crane's continued support of the city he had done a lot. Council Members Goldberg, Ellis and Robinson absent.

Council Member Galloway stated that she wanted to thank Mr. Crane also for taking the time to come. Mayor Brown, Council Members Goldberg, Ellis and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding.

Mayor Pro Tem Quan stated that they would take his suggestion under consideration. Mayor Brown, Council Members Ellis and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding.

Council Member Edwards thanked Mr. Crane for his work over the years; that his work was partly responsible for those elected and not elected in the City of Houston and she appreciated and honored his work. Mayor Brown, Council Members Ellis and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro

Tem Quan presiding.

Council Member Vasquez moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing from all speakers registered to speak on the soccer program at this time, seconded by Council Member Keller. Council Member Berry absent due to being ill. Mayor Brown, Council Members Ellis and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding. MOTION 2003-584 ADOPTED.

Council Member Galloway moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of grouping all speakers on the layoff, multi-purpose center and termination of Mr. Henry next, seconded by Council Member Edwards. Council Member Berry absent due to being ill. Council Members Ellis and Robinson absent. MOTION 2003-585 ADOPTED.

Mr. Connie Kostin, 2510 Washington Ave., Houston, Texas 77029 (713-802-1031) appeared and stated that he helped start the soccer program and directed the Houstonians Football Club and was present on behalf of them; that he came seven years ago because of Mayor Lanier and was present again because the boys needed the Mayor and all of Council to support them; that he grew up with gangs, drug dealers, etc., and today had a masters degree in Sports Management from the University of San Francisco and family and soccer saved him; that if it was not broken there was no need to fix it; that over 45 of their players in seven years were going to or had graduated from college; and urged that they keep the program as it was. Mayor Brown, Council Members Ellis, Vasquez and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding.

Mr. Clyde Leuchtag, P. O. Box 560, Houston, Texas 77001 (713-755-8265) appeared and stated that he was secretary of a nonprofit volunteer organization formed to support the competitive soccer program, the Houstonians, much effort went into organizing them because of its uniqueness, unlike other sports college recruiters went to the U. S. soccer games and tournaments to recruit players for college instead of going to high schools as in other sports and many of the coaches on the program were alumni of the program; that last year their president started discussions with the City Parks Director about creating a private/public partnership to try and fund the program 100% with private funds and they were asking that \$60,000.00 not be cut for one year to give them more time to try and develop that partnership and they were asking that nonessential adult programs be cut instead along with unnecessary layers of management and administration to get that \$60,000.00 so the program would not die. Mayor Brown, Council Members Ellis, Vasquez and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding.

Upon questions by Council Member Sekula-Gibbs, Mr. Leuchtag stated that he thought approximately 150 children were participating at this time and they were all, including Parks, under the impression that it was a done deal and funded, but it did not come together in time with the death of their president and not being able to quickly find an adequate replacement for him. Council Member Sekula-Gibbs stated that was a small amount for 150 children; and Mr. Leuchtag stated that the program had a proven track record and unlike other sports this was how the colleges looked at the players. Mayor Brown, Council Members Ellis and Vasquez absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding.

Mayor Pro Tem Quan stated that Council had a letter from Parks and they had already committed \$40,000.00 so they were only talking about \$20,000.00. Mayor Brown, Council Members Ellis, Vasquez and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding.

Council Member Parker stated that it was better if they could find the elite athletes a public/private partnership where they could continue to improve and be able to make more recreational activities available to other children; that there was a transition plan in place and the letter Council received said there was about \$40,000.00 in corporate sponsorships available and they may actually be able to close that gap before the budget process was over and she was glad Mr. Leuchtag came so they could actually discuss what was needed; that they absolutely supported the Houstonians and were trying to find the best way to do so. Mayor Brown, Council Members Galloway, Ellis, Vasquez, Sekula-Gibbs and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan

presiding.

Mr. Jaime Bonilla, 1306 Plantation, Richmond, Texas 77469 (713-802-9188) appeared, presented pictures and stated that everyone was talking about the future of the soccer players and he wanted to talk about the end; that three years ago he was asking for money so the children could play and the first picture was where they were then and the second picture was three later and from the University of Alabama where three of their players had gone on a scholarship; that one player Kalid Puentes was going to the University in Tennessee and another player was with the Merchant Marines also on a scholarship and all the scholarships were because of the soccer club and the City of Houston; that Council was looking at a bunch of kids in red T-shirts, but they were going all around North and South America representing the City of Houston and his son was a player, graduated and was in college pre-med with a 3.9 grade point average, playing soccer gave him a lot of energy and determination; and urged Council Members to use wisdom; that these children were at the beginning, but nine were graduating next year from universities and that was the end and it was all done with \$60,000.00 from the City of Houston and that was what he was asking for today. Mayor Brown, Council Members Galloway, Ellis, Vasquez, Sekula-Gibbs and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding.

Mayor Pro Tem Quan stated that they were trying to find more money in the budget and believed it to be a worthwhile program. Mayor Brown, Council Members Galloway, Ellis, Vasquez, Sekula-Gibbs and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding.

Mr. Gary Roth, 1214 Norman Wood, Houston, Texas 77077 (281-293-0096) appeared and stated that he was present in support of the Houstonian Support Soccer Program which had meant so much to so many as Council had previously heard; that in 1995 four children with great soccer talent did not have the same opportunity as other kids with less talent but with more money and he decided to form a team to give the same opportunity to inner city kids and it was called The Revolution and it was a melting pot of children from all over, some lived in ghettos, one in a shelter and some had trouble with the law, but few had a realistic vision or hope of the future; that important values such as education, sportsmanship, community, friendship, family, staying out of trouble and off drugs were learned and have been passed down to each; that team became The Houstonians in 1996 and as such were the role model and foundation for the City of Houston's Houstonian Program and they went on to win the State Championship, 13 State Regional Championship and went to the Nationals, they lost the Nationals but won in life and if their coaches were lost the program would be destroyed. Mayor Brown, Council Members Galloway, Vasquez, Sekula-Gibbs and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding.

Mayor Pro Tem Quan thanked Mr. Roth for coming and stated that Council was not looking to destroy the program but how to fund it. Mayor Brown, Council Members Galloway, Vasquez, Sekula-Gibbs and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding.

Mr. Julio Fajardo, 8217 Cowart, Houston, Texas 77029 (713-674-9432) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Brown, Council Members Galloway, Vasquez, Sekula-Gibbs and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding.

Mr. Fernando Castro, 3430 Linkwood, Houston, Texas 77025 (713-663-7370) appeared with his son and stated that he was a school teacher and he would like Council to observe how well behaved all the children were today, they had been sitting for hours but were so disciplined and committed to the team they were able to behave; that his son was a student at Lanier Middle School and a soccer player with The Houstonians and an A student in the magnet program; that civil servant was a curious phrase with the word "civil" coming from the Latin word for "city"; that he and Council served the city and his son and the other players were also civil servants and had served the city over and over again and the evidence was hanging from their necks and he asked that they jingle their medals. Mr. Castro further stated that they had won first place in tournaments in and out of the state and represented Houston with pride, at one point they were second in the nation and could have been first if they could have managed to get to California;

that they were known as one of the most winning teams in the City of Houston and if they thought about the return the city received on the Soccer Program they would realize it was one of the best investments they had made, they should not wait until they were forced to do something about child obesity, juvenile delinquency, drug abuse and lack of educational opportunities, they should keep the program which ended those problems. Mayor Brown, Council Members Galloway, Vasquez, Alvarado, Sekula-Gibbs and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding.

Mr. Javier Camarena, 7030 Sandswept, Houston, Texas 77086 (281-272-1436) appeared and stated that he was a volunteer of The Houstonians and his son was a member; that with such a program the children could go very far, none were in jail and several were in college, they had discipline and were on the right path; that they were very good children and he would ask that Council please continue their funding and allow them to bring more good testimonies. Mayor Brown, Council Members Galloway, Vasquez, Alvarado, Sekula-Gibbs and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding.

Mr. Kalid Puentes, 5122 New Hastings, Houston, Texas 77095 (281-859-1422) appeared and stated that his understanding was this was not about taking away The Houstonian Soccer Club and he wanted to thank them for giving him the opportunity to further his education; that he was with the Houstonians and had been playing soccer since he was three; that in this day and age there was a lot of social interaction, things that sucked you in such as drugs and gangs, etc., but soccer was a sport which kept him straight; that he missed out on parties, drinking and much more but it was not so much that he was such a good kid but that he wanted to be such a good soccer player his health would not allow it; that he could not run for 90 minutes and do drugs and such so the game kept him straight and the Houstonians gave him a home; that his family had filed bankruptcy when he was a little younger and he was depressed and lost in his junior year, but the Houstonians gave him an opportunity and the Council had given him an opportunity to receive a full scholarship to go to Belmont University, \$20,000.00 a year, that his brother wanted to be a politician and won a scholarship from Bill Archer and had an internship with him but now he could no longer go to George Mason because his family could not afford for him to; that his brother was not as fortunate as he as he was a Houstonian; and he thanked them all for helping him to break the family cycle and do the same for his children. Mayor Brown, Council Members Galloway, Vasquez, Alvarado, Sekula-Gibbs and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding.

Mayor Pro Tem Quan thanked Mr. Puentes for sharing his story. Mayor Brown, Council Members Galloway, Vasquez, Alvarado, Sekula-Gibbs and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding.

Mr. Freddy Lafuente, P. O. Box 30472, Houston, Texas 77249 ((281-286-0380) appeared and stated that he was present asking that Council maintain the same program for the Houstonians; that his son enjoyed it very much and it took a lot of his time; that he had been making average in school, but now it was A's and B's; that none of the Houstonians were in juvenile or trouble. Mayor Brown, Council Members Galloway, Vasquez, Alvarado, Sekula-Gibbs and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding.

Mrs. Theresa Lafuente, 1518 Eldorado, Houston, Texas 77062 (281-468-5700) appeared with her son and a friend of his, both members of The Houstonians, and stated that her son started playing soccer at three and at five had a dream of going to the Olympics so they took him to The Houstonians to help him achieve his goal and next year the Junior Olympics would be his age group and with The Houstonians coaching and training they could help him succeed and she would appreciate it if the Council could keep his dream going. Mayor Brown, Council Members Galloway, Vasquez, Alvarado, Sekula-Gibbs and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding.

Council Member Wiseman stated that they both had very active 11 year old boys and she

wanted to say that she was very proud and impressed on how they had all conducted themselves through the Council Meeting, it was difficult for Council Members to stay attentive and they had really shown them up; that she thanked them all for coming out and bringing the issue to them. Mayor Brown, Council Members Tatro, Vasquez, Alvarado, Sekula-Gibbs and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding.

Council Member Goldberg moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing from Dr. Diana Rathjen after the next speaker. Mayor Pro Tem Quan stated that Council Member Galloway had wanted to hear from those present on Fifth Ward. Council Member Galloway stated that she would have to follow the next group of speakers as the motion had already been made. Mayor Brown, Council Members Tatro, Vasquez, Alvarado, Sekula-Gibbs and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding.

Mr. Jerome Walton, 1203 Gregg, Houston, Texas 77020 (713-727-0032) appeared and stated that he was a Fifth Ward native and those standing before Council today voted and would vote again in November; that they had someone on Council now to fight for them and Council took things from her and did not support her cost saving proposals so he was present asking that no cuts in service or personnel be made at facilities in District B and particularly in Fifth Ward; that Mr. Wiley Henry who served them with excellence was being cut; to Michael Berry and any others who supported reducing the property tax by one penny he would strongly suggest they reconsider, he believed the tax cut Council thought they wanted three years ago was the reason for furloughs and position elimination, but that ill-conceived and irresponsible tax cut removed \$17,000,000.00 per year from revenue and yielded only \$3.50 savings to the average District B household and he would suggest Council Member Berry go back to the drawing board on his budget amendments, everyone present understood you could not reduce a revenue stream while maintaining or increasing staffing levels; that they stood unified with their Council Member, Council Member Galloway, that he was asking Council Members to act in good conscious and always conduct themselves with the presence of mind and unwavering desire to do what was right. Mayor Brown, Mayor Pro Tem Quan, Council Members Tatro, Vasquez, Alvarado, Sekula-Gibbs and Robinson absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Keller presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Ruben Wheatley, 3618 Deschaumes, Houston, Texas 77026 (713-674-8675) appeared and stated that he was present speaking on behalf of a man who was instrumental in the development of their community for over half a century; that Mr. Wiley Henry had devoted himself to helping others as the director of the Fifth Ward Multi Service Center for over 23 years; that he impacted the lives of both young and old working tirelessly and it would not be right for him not to continue and urged that Council keep his services. Mayor Brown, Council Members Wiseman, Vasquez, Alvarado, Sekula-Gibbs and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding.

Mr. Reginald Adams, 2901 Gillespie, Houston, Texas 77020 (713-269-2711) appeared and stated that he was a representative of the Fifth Ward Community and present to speak on behalf of Mr. Wiley Henry; that he was present to speak about the thousands of men, women and children who were served by the multi service centers and about the dozens of organizations which utilized the spaces opened by Mr. Henry; that he had served the neighborhood for 25 years and knew how to keep it connected; that he was concerned Mr. Henry could be replaced by someone with no knowledge of their community and there would be a breakdown in services; that if Council was needing to cut back he would ask they go by 2810 Kline which was the location of the Sweeney Park Community Center; that he lived across the street from the center and every day children stopped by wanting water saying the center was locked and that was during hours it was to be opened and staff was inside being paid so he would urge cutting salaries of those wasting tax dollars and keep those stretching the dollars to the maximum limit and urged they keep Mr. Henry. Mayor Brown, Council Members Wiseman, Vasquez, Alvarado, Sekula-Gibbs and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding.

Council Member Galloway stated that Mr. Adams was a known artist in the Houston area

and worked diligently in the community; that she hoped Mayor Brown would invite Dr. Kendrick to the meeting tomorrow because they did need questions answered and she wanted that on record, as they said if it was not broke it did not need any fixing. Mayor Brown, Council Members Wiseman, Vasquez, Alvarado, Sekula-Gibbs and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding.

Ms. Sheila Wheatley-Clark, 7802 Candle Lane, Houston, Texas 77071 (713-494-0368) appeared and stated that if Webster wanted to define the word dedication graphically he could start with a picture of the Forest Henry Sr. Clan, a family who had been dedicated to the Fifth Ward and northeast Houston for over half a century; that Mr. Henry had worked at the multi purpose center for over 23 years and was a dedicated Houstonian who had given tirelessly of himself; that she could not see why that dedication should be penalized but instead allow him to serve as long as he desired and she hoped they would all reconsider. Mayor Brown, Council Members Wiseman, Vasquez, Alvarado, Sekula-Gibbs and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding.

Council Member Edwards stated that she thanked them for coming to Council today; that since she moved to Houston she had heard the name Wiley Henry and she was sure that his ancestors were grinning all over for the work and the standing up the community had done for him today. Mayor Brown, Council Members Wiseman, Vasquez, Alvarado, Sekula-Gibbs and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding.

Mr. Charles Ingram, 5503 Mountwood, Houston, Texas 77091 (713-681-4206) appeared and stated that he was a firefighter two months past but today was present regarding the Acres Home Multi Service Center; that they received notice that the department heads were being laid off and it was like a funeral because they were dedicated workers, they did not stop at eight hours but they continued on; that Acres Homes had one community center and one swimming pool, which did not work, they did not have a lot of amenities other areas in the city had and it seemed they were the last to hire and first to fire and they had to fight tooth and nail for everything and they paid tax dollars too; that the city was going to spend \$1,000,000.00 on the Meacom Fountains and that would pay for various activities to stimulate the growth of Houston; that they used every bit of the facilities given to them and more, Mrs. Lindsey had worked tirelessly in the community and now Council was wanting to remove the head and expecting the rest to function; that for Houston to be a great metropolis it started with health, police, fire and civic citizens who were concerned. Mayor Brown, Council Members Wiseman, Vasquez, Alvarado, Sekula-Gibbs and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding.

Council Member Galloway stated that Mr. Ingram was chair of the Acres Homes Super Neighborhood Council and that community worked diligently on improvements in their area; that Ms. Lindsey did offer a lot and she did not know why the strongest persons were being removed and she hoped the Mayor was listening because she would say once again that maybe some of the top people should be removed instead and leave those giving their service; that she was sure her colleagues were listening and this would be worked out. Mayor Brown, Council Members Wiseman, Vasquez, Sekula-Gibbs and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding.

Mayor Pro Tem Quan stated that he too wanted to thank him and the others who came; that a couple of weeks ago some came regarding tires, etc., and they worked with them to cleanup and a jazz festival was coming; and Mr. Ingram stated that they needed Council to consider these things because it placed a great hardship on those in the area. Mayor Brown, Council Members Wiseman, Vasquez, Sekula-Gibbs and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding.

Ms. Ruby Mosley, 862 S. Victory, Houston, Texas 77088 (281-447-6095) appeared and stated that those in her area were present again and concerned and hurt and disappointed at some of the decisions being made by some of the top tax paid people, they were wanting to cut the people who did the work when others just shifted paper all day; that she would love to sit

and talk with Dr. Kendrick and whoever else who made the decisions to cut their directors, especially Pat Lindsey; that Pat Lindsey became an employee of the City of Houston in 1974 and an employee at the service centers in 1985 and in July 1991 she became the center director for the Acres Homes Multi Service Center and she was not there just for the pay check, she went above and beyond the call of duty and had a 3.98 rating and that was next to perfect; that they had 13 agencies in the building, it was filled to capacity and before they were cut back they were open seven days a week; that the Acres Homes Center had the highest ratings of activity than any center except Magnolia and could be open 24 hours a day; and she would like to know the thinking of those who made the decision to let those at the lower level, who did all the work, go when they were the ones making it possible for those above them to have a job. Mayor Brown, Council Members Wiseman, Vasquez, Sekula-Gibbs and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding.

Council Member Edwards thanked Ms. Mosley for her work over the years and stated that she agreed with her; that she did not want the budget balanced on the backs of those who it had already been balanced on; that proposals had been made regarding a salary cut to those making over a certain amount by a certain percentage; and upon questions, Ms. Mosley stated that there were two openings at the West Montgomery Service Center and two had been open since November and one had always remained open because it was not filled; that they would have even been grateful if Ms. Lindsey was offered less but she wasn't and they had not even considered the money they were saving by the two positions remaining open and that was a slap in the face. Council Member Edwards stated that if they did not consider quality of life in communities as a whole effort in public safety they would be in real trouble because there would not be enough police to arrest and detain people and she thanked those who came and upheld the light for those in the community. Ms. Mosley stated that when they elected Mayor Brown she told him one of the first things he needed to do was look at Department heads who held a seat and kept it warm and he was now leaving and she was still saying that; and Council Member Edwards stated that some were looking at those seats. Mayor Brown, Council Members Wiseman, Vasquez, Sekula-Gibbs and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding.

Council Member Galloway thanked Ms. Mosley for coming and stated that she wanted to applaud Pat Lindsey as well, she had done a magnificent job and did go beyond her job being there 15 hours a day; that she was glad the community was standing behind her because they were tired of being the have nots and she was glad they all came to let her colleagues know how passionate they were about the matter. Mayor Brown, Council Members Wiseman, Vasquez, Sekula-Gibbs and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding.

Ms. Beneva Nyamu, 3617 Providence, Houston, Texas 77020 (713-225-4501) appeared and stated that she wanted to thank the Mayor and Council for what had been done in the Fifth Ward but there was still more to do; that she wanted to talk about Ms. Bellzora and her baby child Wiley; that another issue not dealt with properly was HIV/AIDS, an ounce of prevention was worth a pound of cure and that was right; that Mr. Wiley and the others wanted their area to stay glamorous; and sang until her time expired. Mayor Brown, Council Members Wiseman, Vasquez, Sekula-Gibbs and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding.

Mr. Michael Thibodeaux, 6913 Covington, Houston, Texas 77091 (832-752-5968) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Brown, Council Members Tatro, Wiseman, Vasquez, Sekula-Gibbs and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding.

Ms. Catherine Dorsey, 7359 Athlone, Houston, Texas 77088 (281-447-0194) appeared and stated that she was the chair person for the Advisory Committee and Council for the Acres Homes Multi Service Center and last Thursday Ms. Lindsey called to inform her she had received her notice stating she would no longer be employed with the city after June 27th; that she worked directly with her and she had been an asset to the community and the center going above and beyond her duty even taking work home at night and she would seek out programs

which would benefit the community; that she was a part of turning things around which had given Acres Homes a bad name and was asking for Council to intercede and reinstate Ms. Lindsey and Mr. Henry to their positions. Mayor Brown, Council Members Tatro, Wiseman, Vasquez, Sekula-Gibbs and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding.

Ms. Lois Lee, 3301 Vintage, Houston, Texas 77026 (713-674-7883) appeared and stated that she was president of the Kashmere Gardens Super Neighborhood Council and today she and the others were present asking what would their answer be as to why a decision was made to lay off their key and most experienced, most knowledgeable and resourceful multi service center administrator namely Mr. Wiley Henry; that he was not just a manager but an active participant in all community and civic affairs at that place; that their community needs were too great for inexperienced people much less anyone who knew nothing of their community and it was plain that whoever made the decision to lay him off had no knowledge of their needs; that he gave 110% and they could not allow this to happen; and urged that Council please reconsider. Mayor Brown, Council Members Tatro, Wiseman, Vasquez, Alvarado, Sekula-Gibbs and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Edwards stated that there was a whole lot in the budget that spoke to the wrong attitude and it was betrayal to communities to cut them off and was glad the community saw what was going on and was supportive of their efforts. Mayor Brown, Council Members Tatro, Wiseman, Vasquez, Alvarado, Sekula-Gibbs and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Dr. Diana Rathjen, 5616 McKnight, Houston, Texas 77035 (713-837-9303) appeared and stated that she developed and administered the promotional and entry level exams for every position in the Police and Fire Departments and she was present asking that Council ensure the Director of Human Resources, Mr. Lonnie Vara, legally implement the layoff ordinance and was also present to say if the layoff was politicized without Council review a taxpayer would pay much more money for the same services due to hidden cost and conflict of interest and there were three sources of hidden cost, one was contracting out, two was back pay in the Fire Department and three was lawsuits; she and her staff gave 19 exams to over 2,000 for \$132,000.00 and Justex charged \$170,000.00 for one exam for captain for 60 people and they would spend much more by laying off HR, by laying her off and going to outside vendors later; and she was asking that before Council approved the budget she was asking that they ask the director to identify the contracting out cost; and Council Member Edwards asked her to contact the union and they advised it was illegal to lay off the classified testing staff and then turn around and contract out for the same function and that would also lead to a lawsuit. Mayor Brown, Council Members Tatro, Wiseman, Vasquez, Alvarado, Sekula-Gibbs and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Upon questions by Mayor Pro Tem Quan, Dr. Rathjen stated that the Fire Chief requested testing one and a half years late and indicated to the Mayor in a letter that the Chief did not get together with Council in time to abolish the jobs and state law said if they were not abolished in time back pay was owed and for two people at a year and a half it came to \$208,000.00 and there were four more such test on her desk now and if she was laid off that left one item writer to do the work and the back pay was going to keep mounting up and a fifth position was on Council's Agenda tomorrow; and back pay was double pay because someone was being paid to do the job and then when you gave the test late that person got paid for the entire time so they were paying twice one because of the work and then the other was paid because of the law and it was totally unnecessary. Mayor Brown, Council Members Tatro, Wiseman, Vasquez, Sekula-Gibbs and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding.

Mrs. Zarine Boyce, 2121 Kirby Drive, Houston, Texas 77019 (713-807-0888) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Brown, Council Members Tatro, Edwards, Wiseman, Vasquez, Sekula-Gibbs and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Galloway moved to close the hearing, seconded by Council Member Parker. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Berry absent due to being ill. Mayor Brown, Council Members Tatro, Wiseman, Vasquez, Sekula-Gibbs and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding. MOTION 2003-0586 ADOPTED.

Mayor Pro Tem Quan stated that the hearing was now closed and Council would go to the regular speakers session; and asked the City Secretary to call the names. Mayor Brown, Council Members Tatro, Wiseman, Vasquez, Sekula-Gibbs and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding.

Ms. Sandra Moncrieffe, 9800 Center Parkway #110, Houston, Texas 77036 (281-855-4326) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Brown, Council Members Tatro, Wiseman, Vasquez, Sekula-Gibbs and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding.

Mr. John Hall, 2710 Pecan Court, Missouri City, Texas 77459 (281-416-9836) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Brown, Council Members Tatro, Wiseman, Vasquez, Sekula-Gibbs and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding.

Mr. Johnny Lennon, 7243 Chasewood, Missouri City, Texas 77489 (281-989-9782) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Brown, Council Members Tatro, Wiseman, Vasquez, Sekula-Gibbs and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding.

Ms. Ann Zeigler, 7742 Barberton, Houston, Texas 77036 (281-778-1965) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Brown, Council Members Tatro, Wiseman, Vasquez, Sekula-Gibbs and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding.

Ms. Gladys House, 1605 Andrew, Houston, Texas 77019 (713-742-6995) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Brown, Council Members Tatro, Wiseman, Vasquez, Sekula-Gibbs and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding.

Mr. Benito Coronado, Jr., 7917 Masterson, Houston, Texas 77029 (713-674-1496) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Brown, Council Members Tatro, Galloway, Edwards, Wiseman, Vasquez, Sekula-Gibbs and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr./Coach R. J. Bobby Taylor, 3107 Sumpster, Houston, Texas 77026 had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Brown, Council Members Tatro, Galloway, Edwards, Wiseman, Vasquez, Sekula-Gibbs and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Jay Garrison, 12728 Hollandale, Houston, Texas 77082 (281-556-5195) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Brown, Council Members Tatro, Galloway, Edwards, Wiseman, Vasquez, Sekula-Gibbs and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

President Joseph Charles, P. O. Box 524373, Houston, Texas 77052-4373 appeared and stated that he was the official U. S. President and continued to express his personal opinions until his time expired. Mayor Brown, Council Members Tatro, Galloway, Edwards, Wiseman, Vasquez, Sekula-Gibbs and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

At 5:05 p.m. City Council recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 11, 2003. Council Member Berry absent due to being ill. Mayor Brown, Council Members Tatro, Galloway, Edwards, Wiseman, Vasquez, Sekula-Gibbs and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Wednesday, June 11, 2003

A Regular Meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, June 11, 2003, with Mayor Lee P. Brown presiding and with Council Members Bruce Tatro, Carol M. Galloway, Mark Goldberg, Ada Edwards, Addie Wiseman, 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.

At 8:20 a.m. the City Secretary read the descriptions or captions of items on the Agenda.

At 9:11 Mayor Brown reconvened the meeting of the City Council. Council Member Wiseman absent.

Council Member Parker moved to suspend the rules to consider Item Numbers 2, 26, 69, 23, 25 and 22 out of order, seconded by Council Member Robinson. All voting aye. Nays one. MOTION 2003-0587 ADOPTED.

2. CONFIRMATION of the appointment of **MR. KASE L. LAWAL** to Position Three of the **PORT OF HOUSTON AUTHORITY OF HARRIS COUNTY** for a two year term to begin July 31, 2003 – was presented, moved by Council Member Quan, seconded by Council Member Vasquez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Wiseman absent. MOTION 2003-0588 ADOPTED.

Council Member Alvarado moved to suspend the rules to consider Item No. 36 out of order, seconded by Council Member Tatro. Council Member Wiseman absent.

Mayor Brown stated that he wanted to acknowledge Mr. Lawal who was present in the Council Chamber and invited him to the podium.

Mr. Lawal stated that he was very glad to be present and wanted to thank them for the opportunity to appear before them, that he was present to let them know that he did appreciate their support, and he especially, for representing the City of Houston at the Houston Port Authority and serving as their commissioner.

Members of Council congratulated Mr. Lawal on his reappointment and Council Members Robinson and Sekula-Gibbs requested Mr. Case's continued help on the San Jacinto Rail project.

Council Member Parker moved to suspend the rules to hear Mr. Jim Edmonds, Chairman, Port of Houston, at this time, seconded by Council Member Keller. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Wiseman absent. MOTION 2003-0589 ADOPTED.

Mr. Edmonds stated that he appreciated the opportunity to be present to thank them for their support of Mr. Lawal, who was a valuable member of the Port and they all relied on his judgment, counsel and advice, that he was a person that they all sought out actively.

A vote was called on Council Member Alvarado motion to consider Item No. 36 out of order. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2003-0590 ADOPTED.

26. ORDINANCE approving the issuance of Bonds by the Midtown Redevelopment Authority; providing for continuing disclosure with respect to such bonds; containing other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; and declaring an emergency - **DISTRICTS D - EDWARDS and I - ALVARADO** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2003-0538 ADOPTED.

MOTION 2003-0591 omitted in error.

69. RECEIVE nominations for Position 2 of the **SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, terms for three years from date of appointment – **(This was Item 39 on Agenda of June 4, 2003, POSTPONED BY MOTION #2003-557)** – was presented.

Council Member Robinson stated that he wanted to nominate Mr. Brian Smith for reappointment to Position 2 of the Small Business Development Corporation Board of Directors and a copy of his resume had been distributed at the Council table.

Council Member Tatro moved to close nominations for Position 2 of the Small Business Development Corporation Board of Directors, seconded by Council Member Ellis. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2003-0592 ADOPTED.

23. ORDINANCE amending exhibit “A” of City of Houston Ordinance No. 2003-106 by adding two Senior Inspector Positions and by deleting three Assistant Fire Chief Positions, one Deputy Chief Position and five Junior Fire Alarm Dispatcher positions; substituting the amended Exhibit as part of the current Fire Department Classified Personnel Ordinance; providing for severability – was presented, and tagged by Council Members Wiseman, Robinson, Tatro, Vasquez, Keller and Alvarado.
25. ORDINANCE making certain findings and approving the use of a portion of Memorial Park for the construction of certain improvements to a portion of the West Loop IH-610, made after a public hearing held at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 20, 1999, in the City Council Chambers, Second Floor of City Hall, Houston, Texas, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 26, Texas Parks and Wildlife Code; making other findings and stating other matters generally relating thereto; providing for the effective date of such findings and approval – was presented.

Council Member Alvarado stated that she wanted clarification on whether or not they were losing any greenspace on the item, and Mayor Brown stated that they would be gaining a half acre.

A vote was called on Item No. 25. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2003-0539 ADOPTED.

The City Secretary stated that Item No. 25a accompanied Item No. 25 and under the Rules they were supposed to be considered together when they were labeled like that so the next number she would call was Item No. 25a.

- 25a. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing execution on behalf of the City of an Exchange Agreement with the State of Texas for the conveyance of 0.2778 acres of land, in two parts known as Parcel 13, Part 1 being a 0.0275 acre tract and Parcel 13, Part 2 being a 0.2503 acre tract, of out Memorial Park to the State of Texas in consideration for the conveyance from the State of Texas to the City of a 0.7920 acre tract of land to be used and held for park purposes only as a part of Memorial Park, all in the J. Reinerman Survey, Abstract No. 642, Harris County, Texas – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2003-0540 ADOPTED.

22. RESOLUTION requesting the Governor of Texas to Veto S.B. 501 regarding the carrying of Handguns on Governmental premises (Requested by Council Member Galloway) – was presented. Council Member Tatro absent.

Council Member Galloway stated that she would appreciate the support of her colleagues on the resolution because the resolution would reflect what had happened in Austin with the bill and carrying a concealed weapon in their facilities and hoped that the Governor would veto the bill and not sign it into law. Council Member Tatro.

Item No. 22 was tagged by Council Members Wiseman, Goldberg and Keller. Council Member Tatro absent.

36. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing agreement for Convention Services between the City of Houston and **THE FANNIN & RUSK ASSOCIATES, L.P.** and **CLUB QUARTERS MANAGEMENT COMPANY LLC** with regard to the Club Quarters in Houston to be located at 720 Fannin Street; including a limitation of funding in the amount of \$2,497,600.00 - **DISTRICT I – ALVARADO** – was presented, and tagged by Council Members Goldberg and Keller. Council Member Tatro absent.

Mayor Brown stated that on Item No. 22 he thought it was a very serious matter, that he had written to the Governor expressing his viewpoint, that it was opposed by most of the cities in the State because it did pose some safety problems for all of them and the people who came to City Hall and also the other public buildings, that it was a very serious matter and did not think that they should allow guns into places like Council meetings and other places where people gather, or the courts where people were upset, that he thought only the police should be allowed with guns and it would take away from the City the ability to determine its rules in the regard and thought they should support a resolution urging the Governor to veto the bill.

Council Member Galloway stated that she did not know if her colleagues knew but the bill was introduced Senator Dan Briscoe out of Victoria, a Democratic Senator, and hoped that her colleagues understood the seriousness of it because they dealt with many adverse issues on Council and for anyone to be able to come into the Chamber or go into the public libraries and carry guns, she thought, was absurd, that she thought they were in the business of having safety for their community as well as themselves, that if anyone would recall Martha Wong, when she served as a Council Member, was threatened, that she was sure that her colleagues did not realize the seriousness of the bill, so she hoped that they would reconsider and lift their tags before the end of the session, and Mayor Brown stated that the item had been tagged and if that was what they wanted to discuss he would rule that it would be out of order and that they would move on with the agenda.

Council Member Robinson moved to suspend the rules to consider Item Numbers 57 And 57a out of order, seconded by Council Member Tatro. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2003-0593 ADOPTED.

Council Member Edwards stated that she just wanted clarity for the resolution and asked if it was for concealed weapons or any weapons, and Mayor Brown stated that it was for concealed weapons, or any weapons as far as that was concerned.

57. Consideration of amendments to Agenda Item 57A below, that have been pre-filed by Council Members Parker, Quan, Sekula-Gibbs, Berry, Robinson, Tatro, Galloway, Edwards, Keller, Vasquez and Alvarado as set forth in the attached Exhibits 1 through 11. (Council will consider amendments according to a matrix to be prepared by the Finance & Administration Department. Amendments similar in subject matter or intent may be combined.) – was presented.

Council Member Parker stated that she wanted to remind Council Members that they were going to use a slightly different procedure this year, that they could not simply move the Matrix on to the table and work from that so they were asking each Council Member not to lay out their amendments but simply move their amendments so that they could be considered timely.

Council Member Parker moved to amend Item No. 57a with Exhibit 1, Amendments 1.1 through 1.10, seconded by Council Member Robinson, and tagged by Council Members Robinson and Ellis.

Council Member Tatro asked if the amendments were actually on the agenda at this time, and Mayor Brown stated that they were.

Council Member Quan moved to amend Item No. 57a with Exhibit 2, Amendments 2.1 through 2.13, seconded by Council Member Robinson, and tagged by Council Member Tatro.

Council Member Sekula-Gibbs moved to amend Item No. 57a with Exhibit 3, Amendments 3.1 through 3.19, seconded by Council Member Robinson, and tagged by Council Member Tatro.

Council Member Berry moved to amend Item No. 57a with Exhibit 4, Amendments 4.1 through 4.89, seconded by Council Member Robinson, and tagged by Council Member Tatro.

Council Member Robinson moved to amend Item No. 57a with Exhibit 5, Amendments 5.1 through 5.12, seconded by Council Member Tatro, and tagged by Council Members Quan and Tatro.

Council Member Tatro moved to amend Item No. 57a with Exhibit 6, Amendments 6.1 through 6.20, seconded by Council Member Robinson, and tagged by Council Member Quan.

Council Member Galloway moved to amend Item No. 57a with Exhibit 7, Amendments 7.1 through 7.5, seconded by Council Member Robinson, and tagged by Council Members Quan and Vasquez.

Council Member Edwards moved to amend Item No. 57a with Exhibit 8, Amendments 9.1 through 9.3, seconded by Council Member Robinson, and tagged by Council Member Tatro.

Council Member Keller moved to amend Item No. 57a with Exhibit 9, Amendments 12.1 through 12.12, seconded by Council Member Robinson, and tagged by Council Member Tatro.

Council Member Vasquez moved to amend Item No. 57a with Exhibit 10, Amendments 13.1 through 13.7, seconded by Council Member Robinson, and tagged by Council Members Tatro and Ellis.

Council Member Alvarado moved to amend Item No. 57a with Exhibit 11, Amendments 14.1 through 14.22, seconded by Council Member Robinson, and tagged by Council Members Tatro and Ellis.

Council Member Ellis stated that there were a number of Council Members who were going to introduce new budget amendments and asked if they were to introduce them now on item 57 or Item 57a, and Mayor Brown stated on Item No. 57a.

57a. ORDINANCE related to the Fiscal Affairs of the City; approving the Annual budgets of the City of Houston, Texas, for Fiscal Year 2004 for the General, Enterprise, Special Revenue, Internal Service, Revolving, Debt Service and Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Funds; providing for future adjustment to the beginning fund balances; making various amendments to the proposed budgets; re-designating a cash reserve in the fund balance;

transferring appropriations to the Municipal Courts Technology Fee Fund; establishing a cost for copies of the budget; making other provisions related to the subject; making certain findings related thereto; providing a repealing clause; providing for severability – was presented.

Mayor Brown stated that this was the time for Council Members to introduce new amendments. Council Members Parker and Robinson absent.

Council Member Wiseman stated that she had circulated two separate pages of amendments and moved that they be included in the list of amendments, and tagged by Council Member Quan. (See Exhibit No. 12)

Council Member Berry stated that that he had circulated new budget amendments, 4.9 through 4.34 and would just note that on almost all of those the only change was providing an amount in the travel budget as opposed to total elimination, seconded by Council Member Ellis, and tagged by Council Member Quan. (See Exhibit No. 13)

Council Member Ellis stated that he had circulated a memo with two budget amendments, 11.1 and 11.2 and moved that they be placed on the agenda, seconded by Council Member Tatro, and tagged by Council Member Quan. (See Exhibit No. 14)

Council Member Goldberg stated that he had also circulated a copy of his amendments and moved that they be considered to amend the budget, and tagged by Council Member Quan. (See Exhibit No. 15)

Council Member Edwards stated that she had circulated a memo with 9.2 and 9.3 to be added to the amendments to the budget, and tagged by Council Member Quan. (See Exhibit No. 16)

Council Member Vasquez stated that he wanted to move the adoption of additional budget items, 13.8 through 13.21 as written and submitted, seconded by Council Member Ellis, and tagged by Council Members Ellis and Quan. (See Exhibit No. 17)

Council Member Sekula-Gibbs stated that she had an oral amendment that would be presented in writing shortly, and offered the following amendment:

“To restore four firefighters on a truck and the funding to come from Home Land Security resources”, seconded by Council Member Robinson, and tagged by Council Member Quan. (See Exhibit No. 18)

Item No. 57a as amended was tagged by all Council Members.

Council Member Parker stated that she wanted to remind Council Members that they had not had an opportunity to go through individual budget items, that they had hoped to this week, that it had been rescheduled for Monday and Tuesday mornings of next week and would be working off of a Matrix as they had in the past and those items that were added today at the table would be included in the Matrix but would encourage them to join her Monday morning as they began to go through the items, that it was at 9:00 a.m.

Council Member Vasquez stated that in previous years the administration had always stated their position on the items, and Council Member Parker stated that it was their intention to do so, and Mayor Brown stated that they would have a position on each item.

MAYOR'S REPORT

CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 2 through 57A

MISCELLANEOUS – NUMBER 5

5. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment of **MR. DONALD K. HOLLINGSWORTH**, to Position 1 of the **GREATER HARRIS COUNTY 911 EMERGENCY NETWORK BOARD OF MANAGERS**, for a term to expire September 30, 2004 – had been pulled from the Agenda by the Administration, and was not considered.

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS - NUMBERS 12 through 21

13. **L & N UNIFORM SUPPLY** for Apparel, Uniforms for Houston Airport System - \$363,291.95 Enterprise Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Quan, seconded by Council Member Tatro. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2003-0594 ADOPTED.
17. **AMEND MOTION #2000-779, 6/21/00, TO EXTEND** expiration date from June 30, 2003 to June 29, 2004, for Electro/Mechanical Replacement Parts for Traffic Signal Controllers for Department of Public Works & Engineering, awarded to **GENERAL TRAFFIC EQUIPMENT CORP., GLOBE ELECTRIC CO., INC** and **TRAFFIC PARTS, INC** – was presented, moved by Council Member Quan, seconded by Council Member Tatro. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2003-0595 ADOPTED.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES - NUMBERS 30 through 54

30. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City and **AON CONSULTING, INC** for Consulting Services for the Health Benefits Program; providing a maximum contract amount 3Years with two one-year options - \$1,526,000.00 - Health Benefits Fund – had been pulled from the Agenda by the Administration, and was not considered. Council Member Robinson absent.
31. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City and **THE SEGAL COMPANY (TEXAS), INC** for Consulting Services for the Health Benefits Program; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$235,000.00 - Health Benefits Fund – had been pulled from the Agenda by the Administration, and was not considered. Council Member Robinson absent.
34. ORDINANCE appropriating \$9,900,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing amendment to contract between the City of Houston and **ITRON, INC** for Radio Automated Meter Reading System for Department of Public Works & Engineering, CIP S-0956-02-05 - \$650,000.00 - 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. Council Member Robinson absent.
35. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing amendment No. 2 to contract between the City of Houston and **JOHNSON CONTROLS, INC** for Baggage Handling Systems Maintenance Services at George Bush Intercontinental Airport/Houston and William P. Hobby Airport - **DISTRICTS B - GALLOWAY and I - ALVARADO** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Robinson absent. ORDINANCE 2003-0541 ADOPTED.
42. ORDINANCE appropriating \$61,050.00 out of Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund as an additional appropriation under professional engineering services contract with **JNS CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC** (approved by Ordinance No. 00-0207, CIP N 1309-01-2 (SB9091) for Dixie Drive Improvements from Almeda Road to Bowling Green; providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the

Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT D - EDWARDS** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Robinson absent. ORDINANCE 2003-0542 ADOPTED.

43. ORDINANCE appropriating \$481,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing professional services contract between the City of Houston and **BOVAY ENGINEERING, INC** for Design of Water Line Replacement in the Corder Area; CIP S-0035-A5-2 (WA10765); providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund **DISTRICT D - EDWARDS** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Robinson absent. ORDINANCE 2003-0543 ADOPTED.
46. ORDINANCE appropriating \$3,067,840.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Fund, awarding construction contract to **KINSEL INDUSTRIES, INC** for Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation by Sliplining and Pipe Bursting Methods, GFS R-0266-S7-3 (WW4257-39); providing funding for engineering testing services and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Robinson absent. ORDINANCE 2003-0544 ADOPTED.
47. ORDINANCE appropriating \$3,058,801.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding construction contract to **UNDERGROUND TECHNOLOGIES, INC** for Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation by Sliplining and Pipe Bursting Methods, GFS R-0266-S8-3 (WW4257-40); providing funding for engineering testing services and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Robinson absent. ORDINANCE 2003-0545 ADOPTED.
48. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,357,521.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding construction contract to **ALLCO, INC** for Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation by Point Repair Method, GFS R-0266-T1-3 (WW4235-18); providing funding for engineering testing services and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund – had been pulled from the Agenda by the Administration, and was not considered. Council Member Robinson absent.
49. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,159,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding construction contract to **HUFF & MITCHELL, INC** for Replacement Sewers in the Navigation Subdivision Area, GFS R-2011-31-3 (WW4762-01); providing funding for engineering testing, construction management, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT H- VASQUEZ** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Robinson absent. ORDINANCE 2003-0546 ADOPTED.
51. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,898,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **D. L. ELLIOTT ENTERPRISES, INC** for Water Line Replacement in Campbell Woods/Long Point Acres Subdivisions, GFS S-0035-93-3 (WA10732); providing funding for engineering testing, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT A- TATRO** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Robinson absent. ORDINANCE 2003-0547 ADOPTED.
52. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,639,100.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **LAYNE TEXAS, A DIVISION OF LAYNE CHRISTENSEN CO** for Park Glen Plant No. 1 Water Well No. 2, GFS S0100-13-3

(WA10734); providing funding for engineering testing, construction management, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer Consolidated Construction Fund **DISTRICT F - ELLIS** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Robinson absent. ORDINANCE 2003-0548 ADOPTED.

53. ORDINANCE appropriating \$8,420,200.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **LAUGHLIN-THYSSEN, LTD.** for Lake Houston Dam Rehabilitation Package No. 2, GFS S-0890-BN-3 (WA10567-2); providing funding for engineering testing, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT E - WISEMAN** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Robinson absent. ORDINANCE 2003-0549 ADOPTED.
54. ORDINANCE appropriating \$313,189.00 out of Houston Airport System Bonds 1998B AMT Construction Fund, CIP A-0392; awarding construction contract to **PPF ABATEMENT GROUP, LLC** for Asbestos Abatement from Six (6) Cargo Buildings at George Bush Intercontinental Airport/Houston (IAH), Project No. 558C; providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by such funds - **DISTRICT B - GALLOWAY** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Robinson absent. ORDINANCE 2003-0550 ADOPTED.

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

MISCELLANEOUS

3. CONFIRMATION of the appointment or reappointment of the following to the **SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, terms for three years from date of appointment:
- Position 4 - **MR. HOWARD E. JEFFERSON**
 - Position 8 - **MR. JAMES E. BASHAW**
 - Position 10 - **MR. RAHMAN MOTON**
 - Position 12 - **MR. ED GONZALES**
- was presented, moved by Council Member Quan, seconded by Council Member Vasquez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Robinson absent. MOTION 2003-0596 ADOPTED.
4. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following to the **CIVIC ART COMMITTEE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for terms to expire January 1, 2005:
- Position One - **MR. RICK LOWE**, reappointment
 - Position Two - **MR. STEVEN L. PINE**, appointment
 - Position Three - **MS. MICHELE WAMBAUGH**, appointment
 - Position Four - **MR. JOHN W. FOCKE**, reappointment
 - Position Five - **MR. KEIJI ASAKURA**, reappointment
- was presented, moved by Council Member Quan, seconded by Council Member Vasquez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Robinson absent. MOTION 2003-0597 ADOPTED.
6. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the reappointment of the following to **REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER THREE, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS BOARD OF DIRECTORS (MARKET SQUARE)**:
- MS. ZINETTA A. BURNEY**, as Chair, for a term to expire 12/31/2003
 - Position Two - **MR. THOMAS V. GRIECO**, for a term to expire December 31, 2004

Position Four - **MS. MINNETTE BOESEL**, for a term to expire December 31, 2004

– was presented, moved by Council Member Quan, seconded by Council Member Vasquez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Robinson absent. MOTION 2003-0598 ADOPTED.

7. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the reappointment of **MS. ZINETTA A. BURNEY**, as Chair, of the **MAIN STREET/MARKET SQUARE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for a term to expire December 31, 2003 – was presented, moved by Council Member Quan, seconded by Council Member Vasquez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Robinson absent. MOTION 2003-0599 ADOPTED.
8. RECOMMENDATION from City Controller and Director Finance & Administration Department to authorize the Mayor and City Controller to award the Sale of \$175,000,000.00 Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes, Series 2003 – was presented, moved by Council Member Quan, seconded by Council Member Vasquez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Robinson absent. MOTION 2003-0600 ADOPTED.
9. ORDINANCE appropriating \$29,000.00 out of Public Health Consolidated Construction Fund and \$3,831.00 out of General Improvements Consolidated Construction Fund as an additional appropriation for Renovation of Shower Areas at Metropolitan Multi-Service Center under construction contract with **ALBERTI DESIGN, INC**, CIP H-0062-01-3; approved by Ordinance No.01-1096; providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Public Health Consolidated Construction Fund and the General Improvements Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT D - EDWARDS** – was presented.

Council Member Quan stated that he noticed there was a 16% cost overrun on the project and stated that he wanted to make sure that the department sought to recover some of the funds from the errors that were created on the design of the project, and Mayor Brown stated that they would follow up on it. Council Member Robinson absent.

A vote was called on Item No. 9. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Robinson absent. ORDINANCE 2003-0551 ADOPTED.

- 9a. RECOMMENDATION from Acting Director Building Services Department for approval of Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$47,704.00 on contract with **ALBERTI DESIGN, INC** for Renovation of Shower Areas at Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, GFS H-0062-01-3 - **DISTRICT D - EDWARDS** – was presented, moved by Council Member Quan, seconded by Council Member Vasquez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Robinson absent. MOTION 2003-0601 ADOPTED.
10. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering to approve refunds for Water & Sewer Accounts for various customers - \$123,433.90 - Enterprise Water & Sewer Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Quan, seconded by Council Member Vasquez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Robinson absent. MOTION 2003-0602 ADOPTED.

PROPERTY

11. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering, reviewed and approved by the Joint Referral Committee, on request from John N. Andell of 4119 Montrose Limited, a Texas limited partnership [Tenax Montrose, LLC, a Texas limited liability company (John P. Hansen, manager), general partner], for abandonment and sale

of a portion of an alley, from Colquitt Avenue north ±125 feet, in exchange for the conveyance to the City of a full-width sanitary sewer easement and a T-type turnaround at the dead-end portion of the alley being abandoned, all located between Block 24 and Block 35, Montrose Addition, Parcels SY3-049, DY3-021 and AY3-627 - **STAFF APPRAISERS - DISTRICT D - EDWARDS** – was presented, moved by Council Member Quan, seconded by Council Member Tatro, and tagged by Council Member Edwards. Council Member Robinson absent.

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS

12. **ALLOW** the apparent low bidder, **TROY CONSTRUCTION, L.L.P.** to withdraw their bid due to a clerical error and their bid bond returned, and award contract to **KINSEL INDUSTRIES, INC** for Northeast Water Plant Well Collection Line, GFS S-0936-06-3 (WA10605-3) – was presented, moved by Council Member Quan, seconded by Council Member Vasquez, and tagged by Council Members Keller and Tatro. Council Member Robinson absent. (Note: Council Member Keller released his tag later in the meeting.)
- 12a. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,837,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding contract to **KINSEL INDUSTRIES, INC** for Northeast Water Plant Well Collection Line, GFS S-0936-06-3 (WA10605-3); providing funding for engineering testing, construction management and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT B - GALLOWAY** – was presented, and tagged by Council Members Tatro and Keller. Council Member Robinson absent. (Note: Council Member Keller released his tag later in the meeting.)

Council Member Quan stated that he wanted a point of information and asked Mr. Hall on Item No. 12 and 12a, apparently there was a mistake done by one of the bidders and they were allowed to withdraw, what penalty did they face because of that mistake, he thought that it was a decimal point that was incorrectly placed, and Mr. Hall stated that he was not familiar with the particular item, but could tell them that they had a bid committee that reviewed them and the standard was such that if it was clearly a clerical error then they were allowed to withdraw their bid and if they did then they could award to the second low bidder and there was no penalty involved in that, and Mayor Brown stated that they could get them an answer specifically on the item and Council Member Quan asked that they get him an answer.

14. **DIRECT ACTION UNIFORMS** - \$1,709,188.33 and **L & N UNIFORM SUPPLY CO.** - \$99,081.80 for Apparel, Uniforms for Various Departments - General, Enterprise and Street & Drainage Maintenance Funds – was presented, moved by Council Member Vasquez, seconded by Council Member Tatro, and tagged by Council Member Wiseman. Council Member Robinson absent.
15. **HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL (H-GAC)** for Firefighting Emergency Vehicle through the Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Purchasing for Fire Department - \$794,365.00 Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Quan, seconded by Council Member Vasquez, and tagged by Council Member Edwards. Council Member Robinson absent.
16. **A & T ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANING, INC** for Securing Dangerous Buildings and Site Clean-up Services for Planning & Development Department - \$43,240.00 and contingencies for a total amount not to exceed \$45,402.00 - General Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Quan, seconded by Council Member Vasquez, and tagged by Council Members Vasquez and Goldberg. Council Member Robinson absent.
18. **DXI INDUSTRIES, INC** for Spending Authority to address the Emergency Purchase of

Sodium Hypochlorite for Department of Public Works & Engineering - \$792,000.00 - Enterprise Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Quan, seconded by Council Member Tatro, and tagged by Council Member Keller. Council Member Robinson absent. (Note: Council Member Keller released his tag later in the meeting.)

19. **XEROX CORPORATION** for Page Printer from the State of Texas Building and Procurement Commission's Contract through the State of Texas Cooperative Purchasing Program for the Department of Public Works & Engineering - \$1,102,282.00 - Enterprise Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Quan, seconded by Council Member Tatro, and tagged by Council Members Ellis, Wiseman and Parker. Council Member Robinson absent.
20. **FOCUS CAMERA, INC** - \$219,314.00 and **THE TAPE COMPANY (Bid No. 2)** - \$47,492.10 for Photography Supplies for Various Departments - General, Enterprise, Cable Television and Building Inspection Funds – was presented, moved by Council Member Quan, seconded by Council Member Vasquez, and tagged by Council Member Wiseman. Council Member Robinson absent.
21. **ADA RESOURCES, INC** for Fuel, Reformulated Gasoline for Various Departments \$22,974,940.00 - Central Service Revolving Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Quan, seconded by Council Member Vasquez. Council Member Robinson absent. MOTION 2003-0603 ADOPTED.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

24. ORDINANCE consenting to the addition of 267.59 acres of land to **REMINGTON MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1**, for inclusion in its district – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Robinson absent. ORDINANCE 2003-0552 ADOPTED.
27. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City and **YMCA OF GREATER HOUSTON dba M. D. ANDERSON FAMILY YMCA** for Administration of U. S. Department of Justice's Weed and Seed Program in Northside Village Community - \$50,000.00 - Grant Fund **DISTRICT H - VASQUEZ** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Robinson absent. ORDINANCE 2003-0553 ADOPTED.
28. ORDINANCE approving and accepting the Texas Department On Aging (TDOA) Area FY 2004-2006 plan on behalf of the **HARRIS COUNTY AREA AGENCY ON AGING (HCAAA)** for Supportive Services, Nutrition Services, Caregiver Programs, Administration, Health Maintenance, State General Revenue, Assisted Living, Ombudsman Activity, and Elder Abuse Prevention; declaring HCAAA's eligibility for such plan funding; authorizing the Director of the Health and Human Services Department of the City of Houston to act as the HCAAA's representative for purposes of the TDOA Area FY 2004-2006 Plan; authorizing the Director of the Health and Human Services Department of the City of Houston to apply for, accept and expend the TDOA Area FY 2004-2006 Plan Funds, if awarded, and to apply for, accept and expend all subsequent TDOA Area FY 2004-2006 Plan Awards, if any, pertaining to the TDOA Area FY 2004-2006 Plan - \$8,262,322.00 - Grant Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Robinson absent. ORDINANCE 2003-0554 ADOPTED.
29. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City and **CAMBRIDGE INTEGRATED SERVICES GROUP, INC** for Third Party Administration of the City's Workers' Compensation Program; providing a maximum contract amount - 5 Years - \$14,130,560.00 Workers Compensation Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Robinson absent. ORDINANCE 2003-0555 ADOPTED.

32. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and the **HEALTHCARE FOR THE HOMELESS-HOUSTON** to provide \$120,000.00 in Community Development Block Grant Funds for the Provision of Transportation Services for the Homeless Persons seeking Health Care and Supportive Services – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Wiseman. Council Member Robinson absent.
33. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and the **HOUSTON SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION** for the continued operation of the Small Business Revolving Loan Program and Management of the Palm Center Business Technology Center; providing for no initial new funding and including a maximum contract amount – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Vasquez. Council Member Robinson absent.
37. ORDINANCE appropriating \$305,000.00 out of Fire Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing professional architectural services contract between the City of Houston and **INTEGRATED DESIGN GROUP** for Design and Construction Phase Services for Fire Station No. 94, GFS C-0127-01-2; providing funding for the Civic Art Program, Environmental Site Assessment and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Fire Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT E – WISEMAN** – was presented, and tagged by Council Members Ellis and Tatro. Council Member Robinson absent.
38. ORDINANCE appropriating \$61,000.00 out of Public Library Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing architectural services contract between the City of Houston and **MOISTURE CONTROL TECHNOLOGIES, INC** related to replacement of the roof at the Vinson Branch Library, CIP E-0038-18-2 - **DISTRICT D - EDWARDS** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Robinson absent. ORDINANCE 2003-0556 ADOPTED.
39. ORDINANCE appropriating \$44,770.00 out of Solid Waste Consolidated Construction Fund and \$58,630.00 out of Water & Sewer Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing professional services contract between the City of Houston and **MOISTURE CONTROL TECHNOLOGIES, INC** for Roofing Consultant Services of Four Facilities, GFS L-0061-01-2 and R-0268-29-2; providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Solid Waste Consolidated Construction Fund and the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS C - GOLDBERG; H - VASQUEZ and I – ALVARADO** – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Wiseman. Council Member Robinson absent.
40. ORDINANCE appropriating \$44,000.00 out of Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund as an additional appropriation under professional engineering services contract with **HUITT-ZOLLARS, INC** (approved by Ordinance No. 97-0389), CIP N-0367-01-2 (N-0367), for a Neighborhood Street Reconstruction Project No. 435; providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund **DISTRICT A – TATRO** – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Wiseman. Council Member Robinson absent. (Note: Council Member Wiseman released her tag later in the meeting.)
41. ORDINANCE appropriating \$220,000.00 out of Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund as an additional appropriation under professional engineering services contract with **SADEGHPOUR & ASSOCIATES, INC d/b/a SCIENTECH** (approved by Ordinance No. 00-0077), CIP N-0445N-20-2 (SB9005) for On-Call City Wide Rehabilitation and Replacement of Bridge Structures / Roadway, providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction

Fund – was presented, and tagged by Council Members Wiseman and Berry. Council Member Robinson absent.

44. ORDINANCE appropriating \$426,800.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing professional engineering services contract between the City of Houston and **PEPE ENGINEERING, LTD** for engineering services associated with Design of Water Line Replacement in the Sunbeam Area; CIP S-0035-A9-2 (WA10769); providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT D - EDWARDS** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Robinson absent. ORDINANCE 2003-0557 ADOPTED.
45. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing professional materials engineering laboratory contracts between the City of Houston and **ALLIANCE LABORATORIES, INC; A&R ENGINEERING AND TESTING, INC; C3S, INC; THE MURILLO COMPANY GEOTECHNICAL & ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS** and **REMINGTON SUPPORT SERVICES, INC** for Engineering Material Testing Services for the Department of Public Works & Engineering and Houston Airport System – was presented.

Council Member Ellis moved to divide the question on Item No. 45 to separate A&R Engineering and Testing, Inc. and to postpone it for one week, seconded by Council Member Tatro. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Robinson absent. MOTION 2003-0604 ADOPTED.

45. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing professional materials engineering laboratory contracts between the City of Houston and **ALLIANCE LABORATORIES, INC; ~~A&R ENGINEERING AND TESTING, INC~~; C3S, INC; THE MURILLO COMPANY GEOTECHNICAL & ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS** and **REMINGTON SUPPORT SERVICES, INC** for Engineering Material Testing Services for the Department of Public Works & Engineering and Houston Airport System – was again before Council. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Robinson absent. ORDINANCE 2003-0558 ADOPTED.
50. ORDINANCE appropriating \$2,106,800.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **C AND C SERVICES** for Water Line Replacement in Ashford Park Subdivision, GFS S-0035-82-3 (WA10668); providing funding for engineering testing, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT G- KELLER** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Robinson absent. ORDINANCE 2003-0559 ADOPTED.
55. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,525,000.00 out of Storm Sewer Consolidated Construction Fund (Number M-0126-RE-1) and \$4,853,000.00 out of Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund (Number N0663-RE-1); and approving and authorizing purchase of easements and other interests in real property and payment of the costs of such purchases and/or condemnations of such real property and associated costs for Appraisal Fees, Title Policies/Services, Recording Fees, Court Costs and Expert Witness Fees for and in connection with, and finding a public necessity for, the Capital Improvement Projects identified in the body of this ordinance; making various findings related to the subject – was presented, and tagged by Council Members Goldberg and Wiseman. Council Member Robinson absent.

FISCAL YEAR 2004 BUDGET MATTERS

56. ORDINANCE providing for the continuation of appropriations for the support of the City

government pursuant to the requirements of Article Via, Section 1 of the City Charter; making appropriations from the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Funds; the Housing Special Revenue Fund; and the Low-income Housing Fund; making other provisions related to the subject; containing a severability clause – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Tatro. Council Member Robinson absent.

MATTERS HELD - NUMBERS 58 through 71

58. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing lease agreement between **BNC SOUTH LOOP ASSOCIATES, L.P., as Landlord**, and the City of Houston, Texas, as tenant, for space at 2636 South Loop West for use by Neighborhood Protection Division, Planning Department; containing findings and other provisions related to the subject - \$4,314,098.48 - General Fund **DISTRICT C - GOLDBERG** – **(This was Item 52 on Agenda of May 28, 2003, POSTPONED BY MOTION #2003-545)** – was presented.

Council Member Keller moved to postpone Item No. 58 for one week, seconded by Council Member Vasquez. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Brown and Council Member Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding. MOTION 2003-0605 ADOPTED.

59. ORDINANCE appropriating \$370,735.00 out of General Improvement Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing professional consulting services contract between the City of Houston and **M. ARTHUR GENSLER, JR. & ASSOCIATES, INC d/b/a GENSLER** for Design of the Municipal Courts Master Plan, GFS D-0105-01-2; providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the General Improvement Consolidated Construction Fund – **(This was Item 54 on Agenda of May 28, 2003, POSTPONED BY MOTION #2003-546)** – was presented. Mayor Brown and Council Member Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding.

Council Member Tatro stated that in the last couple of weeks, he thought, they had an auditing contract extending out to the next administration for the next three years and his concern at that time was for passing contracts now that were far reaching or far looking contracts in the last six months of an administration with a new administration taking seat next January and the department directors that they bring on to do the job in Public Works, Water & Sewer, and in this case, Municipal Courts, that this particular item was for a Master Plan of Municipal Courts and he did not believe that it was proper that they enter into a contract to develop a plan to simply hand off to the next administration when the administration would be responsible for coordinating, adjusting or configuring Municipal Courts ostensibly for the next six years or in the future, that he thought it was just bad policy to be entering into Master Plan development in the last year of an administration when the department directors now in place may not be there, but yet they would be responsible for implementing and working with the consultant to implement that plan that was to come out, that the contract was for \$370,000 and his concern there was that they had an administration, nothing against the department directors, but they were setting the table for the product, which was the Master Plan, which would be handed out to the next administration, that he had a concern with spending money now for a plan that may not be the desire of the next administration, but yet was the work product of this administration and the directors that were now in place in Municipal Courts, in the administration and justice side, that he had nothing against the directors, but believed it was the responsibility of the next administration to form that policy and to form that vision for Municipal Courts, that he was not sure how many other far reaching contracts they had in the pipeline or Master Plans that they wanted to fund now, that he knew that the Parks Master Plan was coming forward and that was all funded out by private sector money, but did not believe they ought to be approving the item at this time and thought just the whole genre of adopting far reaching plans, making those plans now, spending that money now with the people that were on board and handing that vision, which it basically was, to the next administration was a wise expenditure, that he thought these were one of the expenditures that were completely discretionary, developing a master plan was exactly what the

department directors should be doing for the City and what was the responsibility of the next administration and the next set of directors, that he believed it was a discretionary expenditure of almost \$400,000. Mayor Brown and Council Members Galloway, Edwards and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding.

Council Member Tatro moved to refer Item No. 59 back to the administration. Mayor Pro Tem Quan called for second and there was none. Mayor Brown and Council Members Galloway, Edwards and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding. MOTION 2003-0606 DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

A vote was called on Item No. 59. Council Member Tatro voting no, balance voting aye. Mayor Brown and Council Members Galloway, Edwards and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding. ORDINANCE 2003-0560 ADOPTED.

60. MOTION by Council Member Quan/Seconded by Council Member Tatro to adopt recommendation from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$1,738,475.48 and acceptance of work on contract with **DEI CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, INC** for Construction of Water Replacement in Mykawa Industrial Section and Overbrook Subdivision, GFS S-0035-44-3 (10544) - 16.77% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICTS E - WISEMAN and I – ALVARADO – (This was Item 2 on Agenda of June 4, 2003, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS ALVARADO and ELLIS)** – was presented. Mayor Brown and Council Members Galloway, Edwards and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding.

Council Member Ellis moved to postpone Item No. 60 for one week, seconded by Council Member Tatro. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Brown and Council Members Galloway, Edwards and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding. MOTION 2003-0607 ADOPTED.

61. MOTION by Council Member Quan/Seconded by Council Member Tatro to adopt recommendation from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$3,576,979.92 and acceptance of work on contract with **DURWOOD GREENE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY** for Construction of Asphalt Overlay Project in Heights Neighborhoods to Standard - Tier VIII, GFS N1037-27-3 (OL2027) - 02.65% over the original contract amount - **DISTRICT H - VASQUEZ – (This was Item 4 on Agenda of June 4, 2003, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GOLDBERG)** – was presented. Mayor Brown and Council Members Galloway, Edwards and Robinson absent.

Council Member Alvarado moved to postpone Item No. 61 for one week, seconded by Council Member Ellis. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Brown and Council Members Galloway, Edwards and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding. MOTION 2003-0608 ADOPTED.

62. MOTION by Council Member Quan/Seconded by Council Member Tatro to adopt recommendation from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$1,338,749.63 and acceptance of work on contract with **R. J. CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC** for Goodyear & Scott No. 1 Lift Stations Rehabilitation, GFS R-0267-66-3 (4276-26) - 04.99% over the original contract amount - **DISTRICTS E - WISEMAN and I - ALVARADO – (This was Item 5 on Agenda of June 4, 2003, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ALVARADO)** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Brown and Council Members Galloway, Edwards and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding. MOTION 2003-0609 ADOPTED.

63. MOTION by Council Member Quan/Seconded by Council Member Tatro to adopt recommendation from Finance & Administration Department to **AMEND MOTION #2000-0909, 7/12/00, #2001-0256, 3/7/01 and #2001-0691, 6/20/01, TO EXTEND** term from July

14, 2003 to July 13, 2004, for Equipment Rental, Parts, I, II & III for Various Departments, awarded to **UNITED RENTALS, MUSTANG RENTAL SERVICE, INGERSOLL RAND EQUIPMENT SALES, GE ENERGY RENTALS** and **HERTZ EQUIPMENT RENTAL CORPORATION** – (This was Item 10 on Agenda of June 4, 2003, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ELLIS) – was presented. Mayor Brown and Council Members Galloway and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding.

Council Member Ellis moved to divide the question on Item No. 63, seconded by Council Member Alvarado. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Brown and Council Members Galloway and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding. MOTION 2003-0610 ADOPTED.

Council Member Ellis moved to separate out Ingersoll Rand Equipment Sales and United Rentals and postpone them for one week. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Brown and Council Members Galloway and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding. MOTION 2003-0611 ADOPTED.

63. MOTION by Council Member Quan/Seconded by Council Member Tatro to adopt recommendation from Finance & Administration Department to **AMEND MOTION #2000-0909, 7/12/00, #2001-0256, 3/7/01 and #2001-0691, 6/20/01, TO EXTEND** term from July 14, 2003 to July 13, 2004, for Equipment Rental, Parts, I, II & III for Various Departments, awarded to **UNITED RENTALS, MUSTANG RENTAL SERVICE, INGERSOLL RAND EQUIPMENT SALES, GE ENERGY RENTALS** and **HERTZ EQUIPMENT RENTAL CORPORATION** – (This was Item 10 on Agenda of June 4, 2003, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ELLIS) – was again before Council. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Brown and Council Members Galloway and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding. MOTION 2003-0612 ADOPTED.

64. RESOLUTION approving and adopting the Investment Policy for the City of Houston and making various provisions related to the subject – (This was Item 14 on Agenda of June 4, 2003, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GOLDBERG) – was presented. Mayor Brown and Council Members Galloway and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding.

Council Member Goldberg moved to postpone Item No. 64 to the end of the agenda, seconded by Council Member Tatro. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Brown and Council Members Galloway and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding. MOTION 2003-0613 ADOPTED.

Council Member Wiseman stated that she wanted to remove her tag on Item No. 40. Mayor Brown and Council Members Galloway and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding.

65. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance Number 2000-0706 to increase the maximum contract amount to a contract with **DISABILITY MANAGEMENT ALTERNATIVES, LLC** for Third Party Administrative Services for the Long Term Disability Plan - \$55,500.00 - Long Term Disability Fund – (This was Item 19 on Agenda of June 4, 2003, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SEKULA-GIBBS) – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Brown and Council Members Galloway and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding. ORDINANCE 2003-0561 ADOPTED.

66. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing an application for grant assistance from the U. S. Department of Homeland Security, Office for Domestic Preparedness, for Fighting Terrorism; declaring the City's Eligibility for such grant; authorizing the Director of the Mayor's Office of Public Safety and Drug Policy to Act as the City's Representative in the Application Process; authorizing the Director of the Mayor's Office of Public Safety and

Drug Policy to Apply for and accept such grant funds, if awarded, and to apply for and accept all subsequent awards, if any, pertaining to the program - \$8,634,000.00 - Grant Fund – **(This was Item 12 on Agenda of June 4, 2003, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER VASQUEZ)** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Brown and Council Members Galloway and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding. ORDINANCE 2003-0562 ADOPTED.

67. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,100,000.00 out of Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund as an additional appropriation to Professional Program Management Services contract between the City of Houston and **PIERCE GOODWIN ALEXANDER & LINVILLE, INC** for Street & Bridge Program Management (as approved by Ordinance No. 01-0863) CIP N-0668-06-2 (SB9061); containing provisions relating to the subject – **(This was Item 4 on Agenda of June 27, 2003, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER WISEMAN)** – was presented. Mayor Brown and Council Members Galloway and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding.

Council Member Wiseman moved to postpone Item No. 67 for one week, seconded by Council Member Vasquez. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Brown and Council Members Galloway and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding. MOTION 2003-0614 ADOPTED.

68. ORDINANCE appropriating \$2,007,224.80 out of Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding construction contract to **KEN MOR ELECTRIC COMPANY, LP** for Traffic Signal Construction GFS N-0650-09-3 (SB9125-01); providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund – **(This was Item 37 on Agenda of June 4, 2003, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER WISEMAN)** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Brown and Council Members Galloway and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding. ORDINANCE 2003-0563 ADOPTED.

70. RECEIVE nominations for Position 6 of the **SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, terms for three years from date of appointment – **(This was Item 39 on Agenda of June 4, 2003, POSTPONED BY MOTION #2003-559)** – was presented. Mayor Brown and Council Members Galloway and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding.

Council Member Vasquez moved to postpone Item No. 70 for two weeks, seconded by Council Member Vasquez. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Brown and Council Members Galloway and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding. MOTION 2003-0615 ADOPTED.

71. MOTION by Council Member Vasquez/Seconded by Council Member Tatro to adopt recommendation from Finance & Administration Department to award to **TRAILER WHEEL & FRAME** for Trailers for Department of Public Works & Engineering - \$33,370.00 - Enterprise Fund – **(This was Item 52 on Agenda of June 4, 2003, POSTPONED BY MOTION #2003-574)** – was presented. Mayor Brown and Council Members Galloway and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding.

Council Member Ellis moved to postpone Item No. 71 for one week, seconded by Council Member Vasquez. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Brown and Council Members Galloway and Robinson absent. Mayor Pro Tem Quan presiding. MOTION 2003-0616 ADOPTED.

40. ORDINANCE appropriating \$44,000.00 out of Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund as an additional appropriation under professional engineering services contract with

HUITT-ZOLLARS, INC (approved by Ordinance No. 97-0389), CIP N-0367-01-2 (N-0367), for a Neighborhood Street Reconstruction Project No. 435; providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund **DISTRICT A – TATRO** – was again before Council. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Galloway and Robinson absent. ORDINANCE 2003-0564 ADOPTED.

Item postponed to the end of the agenda.

64. RESOLUTION approving and adopting the Investment Policy for the City of Houston and making various provisions related to the subject – **(This was Item 14 on Agenda of June 4, 2003, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GOLDBERG)** – was again before Council. Council Member Robinson absent.

Council Member Goldberg stated that he had passed out an amendment regarding Item No. 64, that under Section 9 there were nine possible investments that the City could make and he was adding a tenth, that it would be marked 9.10 and moved the following amendment to Item No. 64, that it would put them in line with the State of Texas policy and the State of Texas currently had \$19 million in the State of Israel Bonds, that last year there were \$1.28 billion issued last year alone. Council Member Robinson absent.

“I propose an amendment that would add the following language:

9.10 SEC registered and regulated bonds issued as the direct obligations of the State of Israel.”

Council Member Goldberg’s motion to amend Item No. 64 was tagged by Council Members Tatro and Galloway. Council Member Robinson absent.

Council Member Goldberg moved to postpone Item No. 64 for one week, seconded by Council Member Ellis. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Robinson absent. MOTION 2003-0617 ADOPTED.

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Parker stated that again she wanted to remind Council Members that due to the volume of budget amendments that the administration received they were unable to complete the Matrix before the beginning of the week so they would be considering it beginning on Monday morning at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chamber, that all the budget amendments received to date would be included in the Matrix that they would work through and would have the administrations recommendations, it would be helpful if Council Members were present to defend their amendments. Council Members Goldberg and Robinson absent.

Council Member Parker stated that she was struck by several letters to the editor in the Chronicle after their festival in Tinsley Park over the Memorial weekend, that there were apparently some cases of heat exhaustion, a number of people required treatment by the Fire Department, that the Fire Department had the ability to place people in air conditioned vehicles to restore their body temperature but the biggest issue was that it was a very hot day and people were not drinking enough water and one of the reasons they were not drinking enough water was that the festival organizers required everybody to buy water at the festival, that she did not want to stop festival promoters from selling designer water, but knew that there was finally a festival ordinance somewhere, that Mr. Haines kept saying it was coming, but thought that as a public safety issue they needed to make a requirement that drinking water was available for free at festivals that took place at City of Houston property, that it did not have to be fancy bottles of water, but there had to be access, that they would require the same thing if people were bringing

their pets to a City park, that they ought to make water available for their citizens or residents who come to City parks and would ask that either in the Festival Ordinance or the Parks Department, which coordinated the festivals, would look into it for her. Council Members Goldberg and Robinson absent.

Council Member Berry stated that he had heard a lot of rumors and had not been able to get a confirmation and would like an official position with regard to the Inspections Division in the Police Department, that he went back and looked at his notes and thought it was a January 26th Council meeting where Council Member Vasquez asked about that very issue and was told that the Inspections Division would be retained, that in probing and in some of the things that Tom Marshall had said, he commented that some officers had already been given their reassignment papers suggesting that the department was being collapsed or removed and did not know if the Mayor or the Chief had a position on it, but would like to know, and Mayor Brown stated that he would have the Chief respond to him. Council Members Goldberg and Robinson absent.

Council Member Ellis stated that he wanted to thank Council Member Parker for her hard work on the budget workshops, that he was unable to attend this year because of health reasons, but probably read more of the information that was passed out than he had before, so he thought he was up to speed and looked forward to next weeks meetings as well. Council Member Robinson absent.

Council Member Ellis stated that he wanted to talk about an issue that was something that had been a concern of his for the past two years, that the State Legislature in the 2001 Session passed a law that would increase the City's participation rate in the Municipal Pension Fund and move it from 10% to 14%, that while he realized that they had the authority to do so it did put a pinch on the City of Houston's budget, that the increase would be \$7 million from the Fiscal 2003 to the Fiscal 2004 when the participation rate would be implemented, that he constantly heard about how the State Legislature was affecting them from trying to cap taxes and so forth, but when they caused them to spend more money it seemed like nobody stands up and blows the whistle, that he thought it was something they needed to look at, that from the Fiscal 2003 they had seen their three pension funds go from \$85 million contribution from the taxpayers to \$97 million contributions from the taxpayers, that they were kind of some of the hidden expenses that they did not talk about or hear about at the Council table and would like to make all Council Members aware and possibly in the next session if they were going to amend their pension funds and participation rates or the way their pension funds were run he hoped other Council Members would get involved and lobby their State Legislature. Council Members Berry and Robinson absent.

Council Member Ellis state that today he had introduced two budget amendments and next week he intended to introduce some more budget amendments that dealt with the restructuring of the Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund, that the advantages that they would see from the restructuring were great, they would be able to rewrite the bond conveyance which would allow them to mitigate any water and sewer rate increases and mitigate any proposed storm drainage fee that may be implemented, that it would completely and totally shut off the ALP Fund and would free up some \$50 million per year for Storm Drainage CIP Projects, it would restore the \$20 million to the Street and Bridge CIP Projects in the General Fund, of which they had transferred over to storm drainage projects, and hoped to also implement a 15 year sunset provision, which future Council's and Mayor's could evaluate to see whether or not the expense was still needed at time, that it was a very complex issue and something that he had been working on since the beginning of February, that he had numerous meetings with Mr. Haines and Council Member Vasquez and with different investment bankers, with their financial advisors, with individuals out of the F&A Department, that there were two hurdles that they must overcome for it to be beneficial for them to take a look it, one of them being the Mayor signing off on it, and the other being whether or not it would affect their credit rating, that they should have those questions answered over the next week and if they were favorable he would be moving forward with those budget amendments, they would also affect the General Fund as well as the Water

and Sewer Enterprise Fund, primarily the Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund, but it would also free up some money for projects in the General Fund as well, that it was his understanding that they could be tagged, but he would hope that if they were tagged that they would also delay approval of the budget for one week, that he just wanted to give everybody a heads up and looked forward to working on the project some more over the next week with Mr. Haines, Dr. Scheps and the working group, as well as Coastal Securities, who had been working diligently on the project. Council Members Berry and Robinson absent.

Council Member Wiseman stated that she wanted to thank all of her colleagues for their understanding on the numerous items that she tagged today, that she had been working hard on the budget, analyzing it and putting together budget amendments to submit, that of course took the bulk of her time and with all of the other items she did have some questions and wanted the opportunity to fully address them. Council Members Berry and Robinson absent.

Council Member Wiseman stated that she did not tag Item No. 27, but would like someone from the department to visit with her on the item. Council Members Berry and Robinson absent.

Council Member Wiseman stated that the Public Works Department had been very helpful in addressing some of the questions she had on various items and appreciated their patience on the delay of the PGAL item, that she had been working very close with the Department of Public Works to answer some questions on that item, that Mr. Robert Fiederlein had been doing a tremendous job as a liaison for the department and helping to address her many questions on the numerous Public Works related items that she had, that she would like to visit with someone in Public Works to address the Huffman Eastgate Road cave in, that road was technically not in the City of Houston but the sewer line that collapsed was a City of Houston sewer line and was in the Huffman area and would like to visit with someone from Public Works on that matter. Council Members Goldberg, Keller, Berry and Robinson absent.

Council Member Wiseman stated that she wanted to address an issue brought to her attention by a constituent in Kingwood, that while he was out of town City of Houston crews had been working on some storm sewers in his neighborhood and a City of Houston truck knocked over his mailbox and just left it there, that the truck driver did not even bother to stop and pick it up and put it back in place or do anything, he just knocked it over and drove off, that there was another constituent who witnessed it and she would be meeting with the constituent to address it and would like someone from Public Works to attend the meeting with them. Council Members Goldberg, Keller, Alvarado, Berry and Robinson absent.

Council Member Wiseman stated that they had resumed their Summer Junior Page Program for District E, that it started this week and they had a group of children joining them yesterday, Richard Smith II, Rachel Rodriguez and Andrew Hernandez, students from Patterson Elementary that would now be going on to middle school, that they enjoyed it very much and they did give them quite a session to witness yesterday, that it was a great experience for them, that she appreciated the fact that all of her colleagues, the Mayor and the City Controller had been so gracious in allowing them to bring the children in and provide them with tours. Council Members Goldberg, Keller, Berry and Robinson absent.

Council Member Edwards stated that she did not know if they did any training of their employees for going out and speaking to the public, that she would dare say that 98% of the time when she had seen City employees participate in community groups they had been on point, but a couple of times the attitudes of some of the employees had been such that they had changed the whole course of the meeting and she did not know who decided who went out, but would like to talk to whoever was responsible, that she did not know if it was HR, Mr. Haines or the individual departments, but thought it was totally unacceptable when an employee implied that they did not have to be there, that they were just present trying to be nice to them all, that they worked for the City of Houston and the citizens of Houston, that it had happened a couple of times and she wanted to bring it to their attention, not to whine about it, but how do they work

through it, and Mayor Brown stated that it would be department by department and if she would let them know when it occurred then the appropriate department director could address it. Council Members Goldberg, Berry and Robinson absent.

Council Member Edwards stated that she wanted to congratulate her Chief of Staff, who had done an excellent job last week pulling together the workshop on delinquent property tax, that on a Friday afternoon there were about 25 people there and thought it went very well, that she also wanted to thank Alia Stoller, from Linebarger, Goggan, who presented the workshop, hopefully it would be beneficial, that it had been beneficial for her staff. Council Members Goldberg, Keller, Berry and Robinson absent.

Council Member Edwards stated that she wanted to thank all of the people who participated with them this year with their civic clubs, from Public Works and all of the departments who had come out, that she wanted to thank them for their support and being out there in the community with them, that to Public Works, they were still getting calls on the Alameda sink hole. Council Members Goldberg, Keller, Alvarado, Berry and Robinson absent.

Council Member Tatro stated that he had a couple of budget issues, that in previous administrations there had been typically 5 year projections coming out even before the proposed budget was submitted and the Mayor had not presented those 5 year projections and thought that would be a requirement before they approved the budget and the reason for that being the significant footprint that was being laid down by this budget with respect to the ad valorem portion going to O&M Expenses and the ad valorem portion going to Debt Expenses and that split almost topping out at their 50 cent level, the current project, as proposed, was utilizing 49.7 cents of the ad valorem tax rate and by Charter they were capped out at 50 cents use of ad valorem for O&M Expenses and thought that Council needed to see the affect of that next year and the year after, but most importantly Council sitting basically blind with one year budget without any information, how the footprint being adopted or being proposed by the administration projects out for the next year and the next two years, that he requested that the Mayor produce at least a three year projection for the budget cycle with relation to income expenses. Council Members Galloway, Goldberg, Keller, Berry and Robinson absent.

Council Member Tatro stated that Mr. Haines or Dr. Scheps had provided pension fund contributions for the last six or seven years in a memo and as Council Member Ellis had brought up the significant pension requirement burdens that the State Legislature, he was sure working on behalf of the administration, had imposed upon them for the next upcoming years, but that schedule failed to show what the upcoming years, 2005 and 2006, pension requirements were and requested that they received that information as well, what the City's pension obligations were under the State Law passed for 2005 and 2006. Council Members Galloway, Goldberg, Wiseman, Berry and Robinson absent.

Council Member Tatro stated that he knew that Council Member Ellis had been working on a refunding mechanism and aside from presenting it at the table he would hope that they would have an opportunity to look at that in the budget workshop environment, possibly a presentation, that he did not know if the presentation would be made by F&A, the Controller, Administration or Council Member Ellis, but clearly he thought that was the avenue for a far reaching change to the Water and Sewer Department, and Council Member Parker stated that they did discuss it in the regularly scheduled Fiscal Affairs meeting once so it would not be the first time the idea had come before Council, and Council Member Tatro stated that they discussed it at an extremely high level, and Council Member Parker stated that she agreed, but it had been laid out to Council at one point and if Council Member Ellis was prepared she did not have any problem, since she knew he was going to be adding it to his list of budget amendments, she did not have any problem putting it on the list of items to consider on the workshop but he had to be ready to go, and Council Member Tatro stated that back to the to do items, the five year projections, or a minimum of three years and the pension fund contribution for the City of Houston to the three pensions for FY05 and FY06, that it was greatly needed before they proceed. Council Members

Galloway, Goldberg, Wiseman, Berry and Robinson absent.

Council Member Vasquez stated that one of the most popular fun runs in Houston took place last weekend in his district, the Heights Fun Run was recently rated by the Houston Chronicle as one of the top ten fun runs in the City of Houston, that it really was a very good and fun event, the course was Heights Boulevard with all of its historic homes and old shady trees which helped cooled things down a bit, that his Chief of Staff, Lisa Diamond, ran in the race and did a great job. Council Members Galloway, Goldberg, Wiseman, Berry and Robinson absent.

Council Member Vasquez stated that a second exciting event took place last Sunday, which was the ground breaking ceremony for Houston Veterans of War Memorial at Hardy Tidwell Park, that Council had passed several items related to the particular memorial in the last few weeks in terms of turning the park into a memorial for all war veterans from the City of Houston, that it was a dream of a group of veterans who first met with him several years ago and now the dream was becoming a reality, that he really appreciated the Mayor's support in all of it and his commitment to the park, that it was going to be something that they were going to be very proud of for the City of Houston and thought it would be a central component that the Mayor was leaving with the City in terms of supporting the veterans, that the ceremony was Sunday at the Hardy Tidwell Park at 1986 Tidwell, that he wanted to thank the Parks Department for organizing a great event, that the Veterans Band of Corpus Christi came into town and played and it was very moving in terms of their tribute and also their music and their contributions to the veterans. Council Members Galloway, Goldberg, Wiseman, Berry and Robinson absent.

Council Member Vasquez stated that the American GI Forum also hosted its 55th annual convention in Houston this past weekend, that the GI Forum was founded in 1948 and was primarily a national veterans family organization comprised primarily of Mexican American veterans, that they were happy to have them present and they joined in their festivities as well. Council Members Galloway, Goldberg, Wiseman, Berry and Robinson absent.

Council Member Keller stated that he was willing to remove his tag on Item Numbers 12 and 12a, and Mayor Brown stated that Council Member Keller removed his tag on Item Numbers 12 and 12a and asked Council Member Tatro if he was in agreement also, and Council Member Tatro nodded no. Council Members Galloway, Goldberg, Wiseman, Berry and Robinson absent.

Council Member Keller stated that his concerns had been addressed and what he did request for the record was to find out any and all chemicals that were used in their water treatment facilities, namely the Northeast Water Treatment Plant, and Ms. Stein informed him that it was Item No. 18, and Council Member Keller asked if it was appropriate for him to remove his tag on Item No. 18 at this time, and Mayor Brown stated that Council Member Keller removed his tag on Item No. 18, and Council Member Keller stated that it was for the purchase of chemicals that were very important to their water quality right now for waste water and his concern was to find out any and all of the chemicals that they were using for their water treatment facilities and to make sure that none of it was to be used for any of those and those concerns had been addressed and was just requesting the name of any and all chemicals that they did currently use at their water treatment facilities. Council Members Galloway, Goldberg, Wiseman, Berry and Robinson absent.

18. **DXI INDUSTRIES, INC** for Spending Authority to address the Emergency Purchase of Sodium Hypochlorite for Department of Public Works & Engineering - \$792,000.00 - Enterprise Fund – was again before Council. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Galloway, Goldberg, Wiseman, Berry and Robinson absent. MOTION 2003-0618 ADOPTED.

Council Member Quan stated that this Saturday was National Citizenship Day and Congressman Gene Green was having his annual Citizenship Assistance Program at the Northeast Campus of Houston Community College at Northline Mall starting at 8:00 a.m. on

Saturday so he invited people who needed help in that area to avail themselves of the services, that volunteers would be working on that project. Council Members Galloway, Goldberg, Vasquez, Berry and Robinson absent.

Council Member Quan stated that this Saturday was Sports Day again, that it was postponed from last week because of the threat of rain, that as they knew the Council team was playing softball against the Mayor's office at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday. Council Members Galloway, Goldberg, Vasquez, Berry and Robinson absent.

Council Member Quan stated that last week they had Patrick McIlvain come before Council to talk about his situation and he spoke with the courts after his hearing and was granted deferred adjudication and they expect that the case will be dismissed against him in 30 days. Council Members Galloway, Goldberg, Vasquez, Berry and Robinson absent.

Council Member Sekula-Gibbs stated that she was very concerned about what was happening in Memorial Park, that it looked like someone took a razor and shaved down wide trees in order to put up a bike path, that the people in the Parks Department stated they did not know about the plan, that they saw it was coming and was part of the ISTEPA Project that would enhance alternative transportation but the esthetic of it was a shock and did not think anybody was happy with how it looked and encouraged the administration to do whatever it could to remedy it and stop it where it was before it went further and continued to degrade Memorial Park, and Mayor Brown stated that he wanted to point out that no trees were being taken down as a result of that trail, that it was a State project but they had been very careful not to take any trees down; that another issue was what happened in Brock Park and Grand River Park, that they lost 3.9 acres of mature trees in that area, that they were stripped down to the ground and it was an accident, an innocent mistake, but some logger got into the parks and literally took away some of the best trees that provided relief of air pollution and provided desperately needed shade canopy, that she thought the Parks Department needed to get a grip on it and really continue to monitor what they had because once the trees were destroyed they could plant them but it would take a lifetime, that she would like to make sure that the Legal Department pursued it with all the opportunities they had; that she was concerned with the Gus Wortham Golf Course, that she received a report about the very serious disrepair of the golf course and thought it was another sign that the Parks Department was not paying attention to all that it should be; that the idea of putting a toll road through Memorial Park was really too much, that it was over the top, and thought they had to say no, that they could not have a toll road through it, that she wanted to be on record and ask the Mayor to really get out there and take the lead on it. Council Members Galloway, Goldberg, Wiseman, Ellis, Keller, Vasquez, Berry and Robinson absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Council Member Sekula-Gibbs stated that congratulations should be offered to NASA and also to the European Space Agency, that they were in the process of launching three Mars explorers, that two have been launched successfully, the HMS Beagle II was launched on June 2, 2003 and the Spirit from NASA was launched on June 10 and another one called Opportunity was going up on June 25th, that all of these explorers would have reached Mars and provide great scientific information and it would be exciting to see what they discover, that they would be getting information back constantly, that they were set to land in January or some time in the winter, that they were unmanned explorers, but they wished all of the scientists best of luck in pursuing and getting the information that they needed. Council Members Galloway, Goldberg, Wiseman, Ellis, Keller, Vasquez, Alvarado, Berry and Robinson absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Council Member Sekula-Gibbs stated that there was a consolidated plan that was going to be televised today at 3:45 p.m., that the Housing Department would have it televised on the Municipal Channel at 3: 45 p.m. and 9:45 p.m. and there would be repeats so if they did not catch it they could check the Municipal Channel website and it would give them the other times for the Consolidated Plan. Council Members Galloway, Goldberg, Wiseman, Ellis, Keller,

Vasquez, Alvarado, Berry and Robinson absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Council Member Sekula-Gibbs stated that she wanted to wish everyone a Happy Fathers Day. Council Members Galloway, Goldberg, Wiseman, Ellis, Keller, Vasquez, Alvarado, Berry and Robinson absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

There being no further business before Council, the City Council adjourned at 10:45 a.m. upon MOTION by Council Member Tatro, seconded by Council Member Sekula-Gibbs. Council Member Keller absent on personal business. Council Members Galloway, Goldberg, Wiseman, Ellis, Keller, Vasquez, Alvarado, Berry and Robinson absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT NO QUORUM PRESENT INFORMATION ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY.

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

Anna Russell, City Secretary

EXHIBIT #1

- 1.1 Mandate the development of a charter amendment to require a two-thirds super-majority vote of Council to spend Rainy Day Funds.
- 1.2 Mandate the development of a charter amendment to clarify that the Controller can provide a range of audit functions including performance audits.
- 1.3 Review building permit fees and set them at a level to increase turn-around time, or create an expedited building permit process for those willing to pay for priority service.
- 1.4 Develop a special events ordinance to establish a schedule of fees and reimbursable costs, as well as consistent guidelines for the City waiving its fees.
- 1.5 Mandate the use of a verifiable sliding-scale fee schedule and a residency test for services at City health clinics and for participation in the after school and Parks programs, etc.
- 1.6 Charge the owner of the junked motor vehicle or owner of the property from which it is removed for the costs of towing a junked motor vehicle.
- 1.7 Designate funding for a basic (yes/no) deed restriction database for use by the Planning and Development Department and the general public.
- 1.8 Identify funds for the design of the interior reconstruction of the Julia Ideson Building in the CIP.
- 1.9 Identify all possible sources for increased HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis C funding.
- 1.10 Identify CDBG or other grant funding to replace General Fund funding for the SEARCH mobile outreach van.

EXHIBIT #2

Health Department:

- 2.1 Resolution to require the health department master plan he devised in conjunction with Harris Country Hospital District and other public health care providers to determine potential savings, reduction in duplication of services, and development of compatible/universal systems for access and delivery of services.

Solid Waste Department:

- 2.2 Resolution to authorize Solid Waste Department to begin or to establish a garbage fee and to make this department an enterprise hind.
- 2.3 Amend the Solid Waste Management Department budget for Keep Houston Beautiful from \$100,000 to \$250.000 per year.

Public Works and Engineering Department:

- 2.4 Amend the Public Works and Engineering budget to restore funds for ROW mowing to four times per year. \$392,000
- 2.5 Amend the Public Works and Engineering budget to restore S500.000 fur shoulder maintenance.

Fire Department

- 2.6 Amend the Fire Department budget to remove the purchase of Quints and instead maintain four on a truck by keeping only one apparatus in operation. The savings would be put towards the purchase of more squad cars for EMS. Savings would still remain in budget.

Information Technology Department:

- 2.7 Institute the technology outsourcing recommendations suggested by IT Outsourcing Plan, February 2003.

Housing and Community Development:

- 2.8 Amend budget to include \$200,000 as incentive funds for development of visitable, affordable homes.

Revenue Generation Recommendations

- 2.9 Conduct RFP for mowing services with emphasis on non-profit organizations, i.e., Goodwill Industries, Cenikor, etc., to privatize services.
- 2.10 Install light switches at 611 Walker to conserve energy (As recommended by Deloitte & Touche in Audit of May 1999. Savings \$60,000-\$180,000.)

- 2.11 Re-organize and consolidate Signal Operations and Freeway Lighting Section. (Per Deloitte & Touche Audit in May 1999. Savings \$77,000-\$308,000.)
- 2.12 Consolidate delivery points at existing warehouses. (Per Deloitte and Touche Audit of May 1999. Savings \$100,000.)
- 2.13 Implement Building Services Department Strategic Property Portfolio Review Plan. Recognize in excess of \$2 million in projected savings on a one-time basis but recognize long-term savings by consolidation.

EXHIBIT #3

- 3.1 Amend the budget to conduct a performance audit of the Human Resources Department and personnel that would make recommendations on how to improve efficiency and effectiveness of the department in a cost-effective manner.
- 3.2 Amend the budget to mandate that the Human Resources Department will contract with a health insurance provider(s) to offer City of Houston employees health insurance alternatives, especially a PPO. The extra cost of an alternative(s) would be borne by the employee.
- 3.3 Amend the budget to create an efficient survey to measure utilization frequency of EMS units as utilized by geographic area. Survey funding would be sought from the Homeland Security grants as part of the assessment data needed by the Homeland Security Act.
- 3.4 Amend the budget to fund an alternate pilot transport program within the Fire Department for nonemergency EMS callers utilizing Homeland Security Grant funds.
- 3.5 Amend the budget to develop policy for more efficient transportation by EMS units to nearest appropriate emergency room. Policy would cut back on individual trip times when a unit is deployed.
- 3.6 Amend the budget to mandate that \$1,030,000 be made available in Community Development Block Grants to support enhancement of health care services, including federally qualified health centers (FQHCs).
- 3.7 Amend the budget to evaluate the hiring and promotion practices of Police Officers and Fire Fighters to insure equitable and fair personnel administration and management.
- 3.8 Amend the budget to eliminate staff psychologist positions from the Police Department and outsource this function.
- 3.9 Amend the budget to initiate a fee that will be charged to alarm permit owners if a false alarm activates police response at the same location. Fee would be based each false alarm when the number of false alarms at the same location exceeds five times within a twelve month period.
- 3.10 Amend the budget to outsource the DNA laboratory of the City's crime lab to a FBI certified lab on a permanent basis reducing the City's liability exposure and capital expenditures for lab upgrades. Change the practice of evidence handling to allow for preserving only a sample and destroying the remainder of the evidence.
- 3.11 Amend the budget to develop a centralized vendor database and centralized purchasing program to maximize savings by more efficient utilization of City's purchasing power within Strategic Purchasing.
- 3.12 Amend the budget to reactivate a city employee recognition program to recognize those city employees who develop cost savings proposals that are innovative and practical.
- 3.13 Amend the budget to sell off excess inventory in warehouses.
- 3.14 Amend the budget to sell off unnecessary city-owned real estate.
- 3.15 Amend the budget to implement the Land Assemblage Redevelopment Authority (LARA).

- 3.16 Amend the budget to continue to fund the Brownfield Redevelopment Program to enable abandoned or otherwise inactive properties to be reestablished as active commercial properties and reclaimed on the City's property tax roles.
- 3.17 Amend the budget to fill 26 Animal Control Officer (ACO) positions to provide 50 active ACOs. Fifty ACOs are required to achieve City of Houston compliance as required by the State of Texas Writ of Mandamus that has been in effect since 1975.
- 3.18 Amend the budget to identify city services that could be provided in a more efficient and cost-effective manner on a shared or regional basis with surrounding municipalities and counties. Initiate immediate dialogue with appropriate governmental entities to expedite this process. Such services may include libraries, parks, health services, solid waste collections, 911 calling system and the Houston Emergency Center (HEC).
- 3.19 Amend the budget to increase shared services among the city departments to further reduce costs based on scale of operations, where possible and feasible.

EXHIBIT #4

Reduce Revenue Projections

- 4.1 Reduce the 2003 property tax rate by one cent to ~~\$.645~~/\$ 100 of assessed value.
- 4.2 Reduce sales tax revenue projections from \$331,657,218 to \$321,657,218 (FY03 Estimate).
- 4.3 Reduce revenue projections for Current Year Delinquent Property Taxes from \$40,000,000 to \$31,000,000.
- 4.4 Repeal fees for second garbage can and occasional excess trash.
- 4.5 Cap fees for temporary food vendors at events with a duration of 10 days or more at \$600.

Reduce General Fund Expenditures by an Additional \$35 Million

- 4.6 Eliminate expenditures from the general fund on Travel — Training Related (line item 3910) and Travel — Non-training Related (line item 3950) in all departments except Police and Fire, reduce each affected department budget to reflect this change, and require any travel to be approved by City Council (savings: \$204,675).
- 4.7 Prohibit travel expenditures on first class, business class, or any similar type of class offered by an airline.
- 4.8 Prohibit expenditures on travel to a location outside of the U.S. without prior approval of City Council.
- 4.9 Eliminate expenditures from the general fund on magazines and newspapers in all departments with the exception of expenditures made by the Library Department for magazines and newspapers made available to library patrons, and reduce each affected department budget to reflect this change.
- 4.10 Eliminate expenditures from the general fund on take home vehicles in all departments except Police and Fire, and reduce each affected department budget to reflect this change.
- 4.11 Implement all cost-savings measures proposed by audits conducted in FY03 or before which are not yet fully executed, and reduce each affected department budget to reflect this change.
- 4.12 Eliminate expenditures by the Legal Department on Education & Training (line item 3900), require all attorneys to obtain CLE through free seminars offered by the Houston Bar Association and other organizations, and reduce the Legal Department budget to reflect this change (savings: \$61,200).
- 4.13 Reduce expenditures by the Health & Human Services Department on Education & Training to \$10,000 (line item 3900), require doctors and nurses to obtain CE through free seminars offered by pharmaceutical companies and other organizations, and reduce the Health & Human Services Department budget to reflect this change (savings: \$55,900).

- 4.14 Eliminate expenditures by the Municipal Courts — Administration Department on Education & Training (line item 3900), and reduce the Municipal Courts —Administration Department budget to reflect this change (savings: \$5,500).
- 4.15 Eliminate expenditures by the Municipal Courts — Justice Department on Education & Training (line item 3900), and reduce the Municipal Courts — Justice Department budget to reflect this change (savings: \$5,500).
- 4.16 Eliminate expenditures by the Building Services Department on Education & Training (line item 3900), and reduce the Building Services Department budget to reflect this change (savings: \$23,850).
- 4.17 Eliminate expenditures by the Public Works and Engineering Department on Education & Training (line item 3900), and reduce the Public Works and Engineering Department budget to reflect this change (savings: \$91,600).
- 4.18 Eliminate expenditures by the Solid Waste Management Department on Education & Training (line item 3900), and reduce the Solid Waste Management Department budget to reflect this change (savings: \$3,000).
- 4.19 Eliminate expenditures by the Library Department on Education & Training (line item 3900), and reduce the Library Department budget to reflect this change (savings: \$17,800).
- 4.20 Eliminate expenditures by the Parks & Recreation Department on Education & Training (line item 3900), and reduce the Parks & Recreation Department budget to reflect this change (savings: \$23,000).
- 4.21 Eliminate expenditures by Affirmative Action on Education & Training (line item 3900), and reduce the Affirmative Action budget to reflect this change (savings: \$3,000).
- 4.22 Eliminate expenditures by City Council on Education & Training (line item 3900), and reduce the City Council budget to reflect this change (savings: \$2,281).
- 4.23 Eliminate expenditures by the Office of the City Controller on Education & Training (line item 3900), and reduce the Office of the City Controller budget to reflect this change (savings: \$24,500).
- 4.24 Eliminate expenditures by the Finance & Administration Department on Education & Training (line item 3900), and reduce the Finance & Administration budget to reflect this change (savings: \$7,500).
- 4.25 Eliminate expenditures by the Human Resources Department on Education & Training (line item 3900), and reduce the Human Resources Department budget to reflect this change (savings: \$17,446).
- 4.26 Eliminate expenditures by the Mayor's Office on Education & Training (line item 3900), and reduce the Mayor's Office budget to reflect this change (savings: \$1,000).
- 4.27 Eliminate the purchase of all City of Houston letterhead, direct the E.B. Cape Center to create letterhead macros, and reduce each affected department budget to reflect this change.
- 4.28 Reduce each departmental budget for FY04 by the amount, if any, by which each department exceeded its total budget in FY03 (savings: \$2.5 million).

- 4.29 Eliminate expenditures from the general fund on Vehicle Allowance (line item 1155), and reduce each affected department budget to reflect this change (savings: \$293,652).
- 4.30 Reduce expenditures from the general fund on Cleaning and Sanitary Supplies (line item 2135) from \$575,180 to \$300,000, and reduce each affected department budget to reflect this change (savings: \$275,180).
- 4.31 Reduce expenditures from the general fund on Audio-Visual Supplies (line item 2300) from \$329,413 to \$200,000, and reduce each affected department budget to reflect this change (savings: \$129,413).
- 4.32 Reduce expenditures from the general fund on Computer Supplies (line item 2305) from \$1,178,629 to \$500,000, and reduce each affected department budget to reflect this change (savings: \$678,629).
- 4.33 Reduce expenditures from the general fund on Paper & Printing Supplies (line item 2306) from \$754,651 to \$300,000, and reduce each affected department budget to reflect this change (savings: \$454,651).
- 4.34 Reduce expenditures from the general fund on Postage (line item 2323) from \$1,069,214 to \$500,000, and reduce each affected department budget to reflect this change (savings: \$569,214).
- 4.35 Reduce expenditures from the general fund on Miscellaneous Office Supplies (line item 2325) from \$1,919,171 to \$800,000, and reduce each affected department budget to reflect this change (savings: \$1,119,171).
- 4.36 Reduce expenditures from the general fund on Fuel (line item 2600) from \$7,374,165 to \$6,500,000, and reduce each affected department budget to reflect this change (savings: \$874,165).
- 4.37 Reduce expenditures from the general fund on Clothing (line item 2701) from \$2,911,324 to \$2,538,524, and reduce each affected department budget to reflect this change (savings: \$372,800).
- 4.38 Reduce expenditures from the general fund on Publications & Printed Materials (line item 2315) from \$563,690 to \$100,000, and reduce each affected department budget to reflect this change (savings: \$463,690).
- 4.39 Reduce expenditures from the general fund on Food Supplies (line item 2702) from \$34,000 to \$20,000, and reduce each affected department budget to reflect this change (savings: \$14,000).
- 4.40 Reduce expenditures from the general fund on Recreational Supplies (line item 2704) from \$266,300 to \$100,000, and reduce each affected department budget to reflect this change (savings: \$166,300).
- 4.41 Reduce expenditures from the general fund on Landscaping & Garden Supplies (line item 2708) from \$133,000 to \$52,000 (FY03 Estimate of expenditures), and reduce each affected department budget to reflect this change (savings: \$81,000).
- 4.42 Reduce expenditures from the general fund on Miscellaneous Parts & Supplies (line item 2738) from \$1,911,606 to \$800,000, and reduce each affected department budget to reflect this change (savings: \$1,111,606).

- 4.43 Reduce expenditures from the general fund on Janitorial Services (line item 3100) from \$2,684,809 to \$1,300,000, and reduce each affected department budget to reflect this change (savings: \$1,384,809).
- 4.44 Reduce expenditures from the general fund on Temporary Personnel Services (line item 3107) from \$1,162,073 to \$500,000, and reduce each affected department budget to reflect this change (savings: \$662,073).
- 4.45 Reduce expenditures from the general fund on Advertising Services (line item 3305) from \$433,609 to \$200,000, and reduce each affected department budget to reflect this change (savings: \$233,609).
- 4.46 Reduce expenditures from the general fund on Computer Info/Contracting Svc (line item 3321) from \$2,985,756 to \$1,500,000, and reduce each affected department budget to reflect this change (savings: \$1,485,756).
- 4.47 Reduce expenditures from the general fund on Legal Services (line item 3330) from \$1,218,660 to \$800,000, and reduce each affected department budget to reflect this change (savings: \$418,660).
- 4.48 Reduce expenditures from the general fund on Management Consulting Services (line item 3335) from \$763,774 to \$500,000, and reduce each affected department budget to reflect this change (savings: \$263,774).
- 4.49 Reduce expenditures from the general fund on Miscellaneous Support Services (line item 3345) from \$5,549,730 to \$3,000,000, and reduce each affected department budget to reflect this change (savings: \$2,549,730).
- 4.50 Reduce expenditures from the general fund on Real Estate Lease/Office Rental (line item 3400) from \$12,123,641 to \$8,000,000, and reduce each affected department budget to reflect this change (savings: \$4,123,641).
- 4.51 Reduce expenditures from the general fund on Vehicle/Equipment Rental/Lease (line item 3405) from \$323,000 to \$200,000, and reduce each affected department budget to reflect this change (savings: \$123,000).
- 4.52 Reduce expenditures from the general fund on Office Equipment Rental (line item 3409) from \$642,200 to \$500,000, and reduce each affected department budget to reflect this change (savings: \$142,200).
- 4.53 Reduce expenditures from the general fund on Other Rental (line item 3420) from \$977,870 to \$500,000, and reduce each affected department budget to reflect this change (savings: \$477,870).
- 4.54 Reduce expenditures from the general fund on Communication Lines (line item 3515) from \$3,015,732 to \$2,500,000, and reduce each affected department budget to reflect this change (savings: \$515,732).
- 4.55 Reduce expenditures from the general fund on Building Maintenance Services (line item 3600) from \$4,315,999 to \$3,000,000, and reduce each affected department budget to reflect this change (savings: \$1,315,999).
- 4.56 Reduce expenditures from the general fund on Land and Grounds Maintenance (line item 3605) from \$832,953 to \$600,000, and reduce each affected department budget to reflect this change (savings: \$232,953).

- 4.57 Reduce expenditures from the general fund on Vehicle & Motor Equip Services (line item 3626) from \$4,913,413 to \$4,000,000, and reduce each affected department budget to reflect this change (savings: \$913,413)
- 4.58 Reduce expenditures from the general fund on Other Equipment Services (line item 3635) from \$571,084 to \$471,000, and reduce each affected department budget to reflect this change (savings: \$100,084).
- 4.59 Reduce expenditures from the general fund on Print Shop Services (line item 3794) from \$329,494 to \$100,000, and reduce each affected department budget to reflect this change (savings: \$229,494).
- 4.60 Reduce expenditures from the general fund on Claims & Judgments (line item 3875). from \$6,000,000 to \$5,000,000, and reduce each affected department budget to reflect this change (savings: \$1,000,000).
- 4.61 Reduce expenditures from the general fund on Misc Other Services & Charges (line item 3895) from \$4,138,920 to \$2,000,000, and reduce each affected department budget to reflect this change (savings: \$2,138,920).
- 4.62 Eliminate expenditures from the general fund on Tuition Reimbursement (line item 3897), and reduce each affected department budget to reflect this change (savings: \$500,000).
- 4.63 Reduce expenditures from the general fund on Parking Space Rental (line item 3402) by total savings resulting from reduced costs from the parking contract with the Hobby Center, and reduce each affected department budget to reflect this change.
- 4.64 Reduce expenditures from the general fund on Telephone (line item 3510) from \$6,621,369 to \$5,000,000, and reduce each affected department budget to reflect this change (savings: \$1,621,369).
- 4.65 Reduce all executive level and administrative staffing above FY1998 levels in the Library Department, and reduce each affected department budget to reflect this change (savings: approximately \$1 million).
- 4.66 Require all City departments to end FY04 at or under budget unless extraordinary circumstances occur and excess expenditures are approved by City Council (savings based upon FY03: \$2.5 million).
- 4.67 Implement a freeze on the purchase of all new City of Houston vehicles, except for those purchased by Police, Fire or Public Works, and reduce each affected department budget to reflect this change.
- 4.68 Reduce through layoffs the total number of public information officers citywide, with the exception of those working for the Police and Fire Departments, to 3 positions.
- 4.69 Eliminate all expenditures on cell phones, and reduce each affected department budget to reflect this change.
- 4.70 Reduce administrative staffing citywide by 15%, and reduce each affected department budget to reflect this change.
- 4.71 Reduce management staffing citywide by 20%, and reduce each affected department budget to reflect this change.
- 4.72 Eliminate all positions currently classified as messengers, outsource messenger

service to a private company, and reduce each affected department budget to reflect this change.

- 4.73 Eliminate expenditures on interoffice holiday cards, and reduce each affected department budget to reflect this change.
- 4.74 Implement a freeze on purchases of equipment and supplies for Polaroid and 35 mm photography products, use current inventory of digital cameras in a shared pool, and reduce each affected department budget to reflect this change.
- 4.75 Implement a freeze on pager and PDA purchases, and reduce each affected department budget to reflect this change.
- 4.76 Implement a freeze on furniture and fixture purchases, and reduce each affected department budget to reflect this change.
- 4.77 Implement a freeze on all expenditures on the acquisition and planting of annual ornamental flowers, and reduce each affected department budget to reflect this change.
- 4.78 Implement a freeze on purchase of promotional items, including, without limitation, shirts, caps, koozies, trading cards, and frisbees, and reduce each affected department budget to reflect this change.

Reduce Certain Expenditures Under Other Funds

- 4.79 Terminate SimHouston Contract (savings: \$2.5 million).

Add Certain Programs and Performance Measures

- 4.80 Add enforcement of City of Houston Code of Ordinances Section 2-13 8 (right to setoff amounts owed to the City) to the Office of the City Controller's budget as a program, and direct the Office of the City Controller to develop program performance measures for this program.
- 4.81 Add the examination of the feasibility and potential cost savings of entering into a joint purchasing agreement for prescription drugs and health insurance with other local taxing entities to the Human Resources Department's budget as a program, and direct the Human Resources Department to develop program performance measures for this program.
- 4.82 Add the program adopted under the Whitmire Administration offering rewards to City employees who offer cost savings suggestions that are implemented by the City to the Finance & Administration Department's budget as a program, and direct the Finance & Administration Department to develop program performance measures for this program.
- 4.83 Add bringing a veterans' museum to Houston by (i) determining how to enter into a lease with the Veterans' Museum in Texas for 35 acres, more or less, at Ellington Field at a rental rate that is less than fair market value; and (ii) entering into such a lease with the Veterans' Museum in Texas if it is determined that the lease will not jeopardize federal funding to the Aviation Department's budget as a program, and direct the Aviation Department to develop program performance measures for this program.
- 4.84 Add a pilot program to provide taxi vouchers for non-emergency transports to the Fire Department's budget as a program, and direct the Fire Department to develop program

performance measures for this program.

Re-institute Certain Reduced and Discontinued Core Services

- 4.85 Restore operating hours at all library branches to FY02 level.
- 4.86 Restore the expansion joint/crack sealing program in the Public Works and Engineering Department.
- 4.87 Continue with the proper staffing of four firefighters on engine and ladder trucks. Do not substitute quints in fire stations under renovation.
- 4.88 Continue HPD response to all accidents.

Other

- 4.89 Prohibit transfers from the ALP fund for purposes not related to water/sewer.

EXHIBIT #5

- 5.1 Amend the Budget to create a Transportation Czar position in the Mayor's Office funded out of existing funds. The Transportation Czar's sole responsibility is to coordinate all transportation construction inside the city to ensure that it gets done on time or sooner without unduly burdening mobility.
- 5.2 Amend the budget to require performance contracts for Department Directors.
- 5.3 Amend the Budget to consolidate the Affirmative Action, Human Resources, City Secretary, Information Technology and Municipal Courts Departments into the Finance and Administration Department.
- 5.4 Amend the Budget to consolidate the Housing and Community Development and Planning Departments into a new Department of Housing, Economic Development and Neighborhood Empowerment.
- 5.5 Amend the Budget to consolidate 311 and the Mayor's Citizens Assistance Office into a new Department of Community Services Assistance.
- 5.6 Amend the Budget to consolidate The Parks and Recreation and Library Departments into a new Quality of Life Department.
- 5.7 Amend the Budget to eliminate the 2n~~ garbage can fee.
- 5.8 Amend the Budget to remove the Zoo privatization fee and Miller Outdoor Theater funding from the General Fund.
- 5.9 Amend the Budget to eliminate the Special Events Division of the Parks and Recreation Department.
- 5.10 Amend the budget to eliminate the Building Services Department and return its functions to the Public Works and Engineering Department.
- 5.11 Amend the budget to mandate the development of a Charter Amendment for a public vote as soon as legally possible that would require a two-third super majority vote of Council to spend Rainy Day Funds.
- 5.12 Amend the budget to mandate the development of a Charter Amendment for placement on the ballot for a public vote as soon as legally possible that would consolidate the Police and Fire Departments along with relevantly related areas of the Health and Human Services Department into a new Public Safety Department.

EXHIBIT #6

- 6.1 End the D.A.R.E. Program and return all officers to regular duty.
- 6.2 Remove the transfer of \$4.1 million from the Water/Sewer Enterprise fund to General Fund Revenues (Miscellaneous/Other Revenues — line item — Other Operating Transfers). This transfer is being proposed by the administration as for “water and wastewater reimbursement to the General Fund for infrastructure purchased through the TIRZ financing mechanism”.

Information:

Typically the General Fund would receive no additional revenues from a TIRZ's until the TIRZ was dissolved, regardless of what infrastructure is constructed (Streets or Water/Sewer). The City receives a fixed ad valorem tax base from the TIRZ regardless of the TIRZ's increased evaluations. Therefore regardless of the increase in property values or what infrastructure or expenditures the TIRZ pays for, the General Fund receives no more revenue or loses any revenues until the TIRZ is dissolved and the General Fund once again receives the full ad valorem tax base.

If the Water/Sewer Enterprise is to contribute for the water/sewer infrastructure that is built within the TIRZ, then it should be handled in the same manner as the current “Developer Reimbursement Agreement”. This is when the Water/Sewer Enterprise system partially reimburses the developer for “public lines” that are constructed. The proper Water/Sewer reimbursement for the cost of infrastructure should be to the TIRZ so that the TIRZ could pay down their total debt burden sooner, therefore helping to retire all TIRZ debt sooner and dissolve the TIRZ sooner than would otherwise occur.

- 6.3 Approve and authorize the “Termination for Convenience by City” provision, (Section V.C.) of Agreement between the City of Houston and Internet Access Technologies (IAT) (SIMDesk Technologies, mc) for Software Licensing and Support, awarded pursuant to Ordinance No. 2002-0460. The Mayor is hereby authorized and requested to take all actions necessary to effectuate the “Termination for Convenience by City” provision (Section V.C.) of the aforementioned agreement.
- 6.4 Draft and submit ballot language for the November 2003 ballot to conduct a Public Referendum for the creation of a Storm Drainage Utility Fee.
- 6.5 Restore operating hours at all City libraries to FY 02 levels.
- 6.6 Move the Building Services Department back into the Public Works Department and eliminate redundant administrative positions.
- 6.7 Terminate the city use of concrete trucks (currently 17), and privatize the operation.
- 6.8 Issue a request for proposals for organizations to operate a portion of the Parks Department's 58 recreational facilities and programs.

- 6.9 Continue with the proper staffing of four (4) firefighters on engine and ladder trucks. Do not run "Task Force" concept for engine and ladder trucks.
- 6.10 Do not take any fire engine companies off line (three planned) for FY04 budget year.
- 6.11 The General Fund Operating Budget should be adjusted to use no more than \$0.48 of the ad valorem tax base for Operations & Maintenance Expenses (O&M) and the remaining \$0.175 should be reserved for debt service.
- 6.12 Reduce the number of Public Works employees' salaries paid for by General Obligation bond debt by 15%.
- 6.13 Police will continue to respond to non-injury traffic accidents.
- 6.14 End the General Fund contribution of \$250,000 for the SEARCH Homeless Program. Continue the funding through grant funding.
- 6.15 Move the \$100,000 in the Housing and Community Development Department's Consolidated Plan for Day Labor Site on District A to District I.
- 6.16 End the "Tag for Bag" program.
- 6.17 Suspend the 1.75-% debt contribution to fund Public Art from Capital Projects in Fiscal year 2004.

Water and Sewer Fund

- 6.18 End all transfers from ALP to General Fund for non-water/sewer use.
- 6.19 If any adjustments are made to water/sewer rates, they should be done to reflect a "cost of service" model.
- 6.20 Reduce the number of Public Utilities employees' salaries paid for by bond debt by 15% (from FY2003 levels), and pick-up as current operating expense.

EXHIBIT #7

7.1 No layoffs of City employees

For those Departments (excluding Mission Critical Departments) recommending layoffs of City employees, in an effort to reduce their respective budgets, I suggest the following course of action:

- If the employee's salary is between \$75,000 and \$85,000 - - - reduce salary by \$5,000
- If the employee's salary is between \$85,001 and \$90,000 - - - reduce salary by \$5,500
- If the employee's salary is between \$90,001 and \$95,000 - - - reduce salary by \$6,000
- If the employee's salary is between \$95,001 and \$100,000 - - - reduce salary by \$7,000
- If the employee's salary is between \$100,001 and \$110,000 - - reduce salary by \$7,500
- If the employee's salary is between \$110,001 and \$115,000 - - reduce salary by \$8,000
- If the employee's salary is between \$115,001 and \$120,000 - - reduce salary by \$8,500
- If the employee's salary is between \$120,001 and \$125,000 - - reduce salary by \$9,000
- If the employee's salary is between \$125,001 and \$130,000 - - reduce salary by \$9,200
- If the employee's salary is between \$135,001 and \$145,000 - - reduce salary by \$10,000
- If the employee's salary is between \$145,001 and above - - - reduce salary by \$10,500

The money generated from the aforementioned salary cuts would then be placed in a specially created fund for unclassified employees who were identified to be laid off

I am fully aware that these saving alone would not prevent layoffs, but in concert with my many revenue generating proposals over the years (that have not been considered or implemented), it may be possible. Allow me to repeat them.

- 7.2 Advertising in City Structures or in City owned assets— a contract similar to that which exists at our Airports could be entered into, maybe with the same vendor. We do not have to recreate the wheel (see my FY 01',02',03' Budget Priorities)
- 7.3 More aggressive Sale and Lease of City Assets (excluding park land) with the sale of these assets or land comes the non-recurring negotiated value we receive upon closing and the recurring property tax we receive thereafter. For the lease we receive the recurring lease payment year after year. (see my FY 01 ',02',03' Budget Priorities)
- 7.4 Garage Sale Permit Fees — most other municipalities charge for this service. We do not. The fees in Texas municipalities range between \$5.00 and \$10.00. For example, Victoria, Texas, with a population of 60,000 residents, charges \$5.00. I think we can use this as a basis for how we determine our fee structure. (see my FY 01',02',03' Budget Priorities)

All the revenue that would invariably be generated by the implementation of these proposals would be deposited into the aforementioned "Special Fund" created for unclassified employees.

- 7.5 Last, I suggest that any employee who retires, resigns or is terminated during Fiscal year 2004 would automatically be replaced with a qualified, laid off employee.

EXHIBIT #8

- 9.1 Health Department -- Restore full funding for the re-opening and operation of the Riverside Health Clinic to ensure the continuing offering of necessary preventive health care services to the Third Ward and surrounding communities.
- 9.2 Houston Department — Continue the practice of having HPD officers respond to street accidents.
- 9.3 Public Works & Engineering Department — Restore full funding for Right of Way Mowing and Expansion Joint/Crack Sealing programs.

EXHIBIT #9

- 12.1 The creation and implementation of a privatization plan for the maintenance and operations of the City of Houston's five major Wastewater Treatment plants and the City's East Water Plant.
- 12.2 Implementation of a city ordinance to address a criteria or standard for a "Pre-Qualification" ordinance for the financial competency of city PWE contractors.
- 12.3 In an effort to improve the City of Houston's homeland security and emergency preparations, I propose the city seek additional grant funding in addition to the currently proposed \$8 million annually for security in and around city infrastructure sites. These infrastructures would include but are not limited to; airports, water! wastewater facilities and city buildings.
- 12.4 Implement a Zero-Based budget for all city departments, with the exception of Police and Fire.
- 12.5 Request to have Finance & Administration and the Controller's office conduct an in-house audit investigating duplicative department services; such as purchasing, payroll, etc. Services that could be handled more economically if centralized.
- 12.6 Implement a "Bonus — Penalty" plan for all major city construction projects.
- 12.7 Fund six FTE's in Public Works Department to properly implement and enforce codes and ordinances, plan review, permitting and inspection.
- 12.8 Fund two FTE's in the Planning Department to help properly enforce sign and billboard ordinances.
- 12.9 Continue to develop partnerships with Federal, State and Local governmental agencies to address regional issues of clean air and water.
- 12.10 Expedite the proposed merger of both the Harris County and City of Houston jails into one facility.
- 12.11 Analyze the possible benefits of having the Harris County Hospital District absorb the City of Houston Health Department clinics.
- 12.12 Eliminate the Civic Arts appropriations and have the savings go into the Capital Improvement Plan.

EXHIBIT #10

- 13.1 Position Control Task Force. The City of Houston shall implement a Position Control Task Force to (1) review and approve any new hires, (2) monitor the process and possibilities of placement for city employees laid off during the fiscal year, (3) review and approve all promotions. The Position Control Task Force shall be comprised of the Chief Administrative Officer, the Director of Finance and Administration, and the Director of Human Resources.
- 13.2 Travel Control Committee. The City of Houston shall implement a Travel Control Committee to review and approve all general fund related travel. The Travel Control Committee shall be comprised of the Chief Administrative Officer and the Director of Finance and Administration.
- 13.3 Elimination of Second Garbage Can Fee. The City of Houston shall eliminate the second garbage can fee.
- 13.4 Reinstatement of Tire Pick Up Service. The Solid Waste Department shall reinstate the abandoned tire pick up service. Any funds required to reinstate this service shall be added to the Solid Waste budget. As a last resort, the department should reduce administrative personnel and the director's office staff by an amount sufficient enough to cover this.
- 13.5 Elimination of Building Services. The Building Services Department shall be eliminated. The major functions of said department shall be assigned as follows: janitorial services to the Finance and Administration Department, energy management to the Finance and Administration Department, and contract management and compliance to the Public Works and Engineering Department. City employees shall be retained at the discretion of the respective director. Each Building Services city employee shall have an opportunity to be placed with an existing opening given proper qualifications. The Director of Human Resources or his designee shall actively assist in the placement of any building services city employee.
- 13.6 Recapture Funds to the Library Materials Budget. Increase the libraries materials budget by \$500,000.
- 13.7 Reinstatement of Police Response to Accidents. The Houston Police Department shall reinstate police officer response to non-injury accidents where vehicles are drivable. Any funds to reinstate these services shall be derived from the police department budget.

EXHIBIT #11

- 14.1 Create a fee for valet companies to utilize city right of way in the Central Business District.
- 14.2 Amend Budget to include junk car owner fee towards owner of property.
- 14.3 Centralize all COH Motor Pools except HPD & HFD.
- 14.4 Consolidate all City Human Resource divisions of all departments.
- 14.5 Centralize Payroll divisions of all COH Departments.
- 14.6 Amend the budget to include 15% of the admission revenue from the Houston International Festival to Fund 1700 (Recreation Operations) of the Parks and Recreation Department. Also, include 4% of the Food & Beverage Revenue from the International Festival to Fund 1800 (Grounds Maintenance) of the Parks and Recreation Department.
- 14.7 Raise the parking meter rates under the Pierce Elevated.
- 14.8 Create a database of all COH parking meters & their rates and develop a master plan for the COH beginning with the Central Business District.
- 14.9 Amend the budget to increase green fees for non-city residents using COH golf courses.
- 14.10 Require any establishment or organization that provides meals to the homeless, to obtain appropriate permits from the Health Dept.
- 14.11 Implement the land assemblage program.
- 14.12 Establish a fair and balanced regional radio partnership with Harris County and surrounding entities. Form an independent governing body structure that is tied to asset investment of the participating entity.
- 14.13 No property tax rate increase.
- 14.14 No water and sewer rate increase.
- 14.15 Create flexible hours for NPT inspectors to include weekends and early evenings.
- 14.16 Create flexible hours for building inspectors to include weekends and early evenings.
- 14.17 Improve collection rate of ambulance fees.
- 14.18 Continue \$200,000 for SEARCH out of the Department of Housing budget for their mobile outreach van services.
- 14.19 Amend the budget to eliminate any proposed fee increase to little leagues using COH parks.
- 14.20 Amend the budget to increase deed restriction violations and building code violations.
- 14.21 Amend the budget to reduce all non-classified COH salaries by 10% who make \$80,000 or more a year for FY04.
- 14.22 Amend the budget to dedicate any revenue received by the city as a result of collection

of over due fines and fees and accounted for by the general fund up to \$1.2 million and that such excess funds be budgeted for use by the Library Department for the purchase of library books and/or materials.

Exhibit #12

- 10.1 Reduce total of 2000 accounts for all department and all funds by 3%.
- 10.2 Reduce Management, Supervisory and Administrative civilian FTE's by 5% in Parks and Recreation, Library, Health, Building Services, Planning and Development, Solid Waste, Municipal Courts, Police, Fire, Legal, Information Technology, Human Resources, Finance and Administration and Affirmative Action.
- 10.3 Reduce Temporary Personnel Services in all funds by 25%.
- 10.4 Reduce Overtime pay for all civilians in general fund by 25%.
- 10.5 Eliminate second garbage can fee and Tags for Bags Program for the Solid Waste Department.
- 10.6 Privatize PWE Right-of-Way Maintenance and Parks Department Esplanade Maintenance.
- 10.7 Outsource all Parks Department seasonal color installations and landscape maintenance and installations at all city parks and facilities.
- 10.8 Prohibit General Fund line item expenditures for Management Consulting Services.
- 10.9 Prohibit Capital Equipment Acquisition funding for the purchase of Quint Apparatus.
- 10.10 Require the continuation of four firefighters for all engine and ladder companies in all instances, to include any and all policy proposals affecting the dispatching procedures of all apparatus.
- 10.11 Eliminate Quint Task Force Concept and continue four on a truck policy.
- 10.12 Terminate SimHouston contract.
- 10.13 Eliminate Take Home Vehicle privileges in all departments, begin the sale of all such vehicles, and reduce fuel and vehicle maintenance line items for all affected departments to reflect associated reductions in goods and services.
- 10.14 Implement a three-year moratorium on the appropriation and expenditure of PIB's for Civic Art.
- 10.15 Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2004 shall be amended to allocate all revenue increases as a result of approved budget reductions for the continuation of Houston Police Department police officer response to non-injury accidents policy and to the continuation of four firefighters per apparatus and the elimination of the Quint Task Force Concept.

Exhibit #13

New FY04 Budget Amendment 4.9.I is hereby added and FY04 Budget Amendments 4.9,4.12, 4.15, 4.17, 4.19, 4.20,4.23,4.24,4.34 are hereby deleted in their entirety and replaced as follows:

- 4.9 Eliminate expenditures from the general fund on magazines and newspapers in all departments with the exception of (1) expenditures made by the Library Department for magazines and newspapers made available to library patrons, and (ii) expenditures made by the Office of the City Controller and the Finance & Administration Department for current subscriptions to financial publications, and reduce each affected department budget to reflect this change.
- 4.9.1 Eliminate duplicate subscriptions to magazines and newspapers that exist in each department, and develop a routing system making each magazine and newspaper available to any department employee requesting same.
- 4.12 Reduce expenditures by the Legal Department on Education & Training (line item 3900) to \$1,000, require all attorneys to obtain CLE through free seminars offered by the Houston Bar Association and other, organizations, and reduce the Legal Department budget to reflect this change (savings: \$60,200).
- 4.15 Reduce expenditures by the Municipal Courts — Justice Department on Education & Training (line item 3900) to \$1,700, and reduce the Municipal Courts — Justice Department budget to reflect this change (savings: \$3,800).
- 4.17 Reduce expenditures by the Public Works and Engineering Department on Education & Training (line item 3900) to \$5,000, and reduce the Public Works and Engineering Department budget to reflect this change (savings: \$86,600).
- 4.19 Reduce expenditures by the Library Department on Education & Training (line item 3900) to \$1,000, and reduce the Library Department budget to reflect this change (savings: \$16,800).
- 4.20 Reduce expenditures by the Parks & Recreation Department on Education & Training (line item 3900) to \$750, and reduce the Parks & Recreation Department budget to reflect this change (savings: \$22,250).
- 4.23 Reduce expenditures by the Office of the City Controller on Education & Training (line item 3900) to \$20,000, and reduce the Office of the City Controller budget to reflect this change (savings: \$4,500).
- 4.24 Reduce expenditures by the Finance & Administration Department on Education & Training (line item 3900) to \$7,000, and reduce the Finance & Administration Department budget to reflect this change (savings: \$500).
- 4.34 Reduce expenditures by the general fund on Postage (line item 2323) .to \$500,000, and reduce each affected department budget to reflect this change; provided, however, that any portion of a department's postage budget that is used for mailings required by law or to meet the City's financial obligations and duties shall not be affected by this amendment.

EXHIBIT #14

11.1 Pass an ordinance to require voter approval before the City can increase ad valorem property tax revenues by more than five (5) percent

SUBSECTION ONE - LIMITATION ON GROWTH IN AD VALOREM TAX REVENUES

City Council shall not, without the prior approval of a majority of those voting at a regular election, increase the City's "Ad Valorem Property Tax Revenues" (see SUBSECTION FIVE for definition) for any fiscal year in an amount greater than five (5) percent for the immediate preceding fiscal year.

SUBSECTION TWO - CERTIFICATION OF CITY COMPLIANCE.

Before each year's adoption of the *ad valorem* tax rate by City Council, the City Confroller must finish written verification that the *ad valorem* tax rate complies with the requirements of SUBSECTION ONE of this ordinance.

SUBSECTION THREE - REQUIRED ELECTION NOTICES

Before any election required for voter approval under SUBSECTION ONE, City Council shall: (a) have published in the major Houston newspaper, at least six weeks prior to the election date, analysis of anticipated increased revenues and (b) hold at least three public hearings thereon at least ten days before the election, each at least a week apart from the other hearing. Two of such required public hearings would be held in the evening and one during the day.

SUBSECTION FOUR - EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE

This Ordinance shall become effective for City of Houston Fiscal Year 2004.

SUBSECTION FIVE - DEFINITION

Within this Ordinance: "AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX REVENUES" means all revenues produced by the taxation and collections from real and personal property values in the City of Houston.

SUBSECTION SIX - ANNEXATIONS

Any annexed properties after calendar year 2002 will be excluded from subsection one.

SUBSECTION SEVEN — SEVERABILITY

If a court of proper jurisdiction declares any provision or paragraph of this Ordinance unlawful, then such portion shall be deleted from the Ordinance and the remainder of this Ordinance will remain in effect.

11.2 MWBE Reciprocal Certification

In an effort to reduce costs in the Affirmative Action Division and to aid qualified MWBE's desiring to do business with the City, of Houston, any company which has been certified by the Houston Minority Business Council or the Houston Women's Business Council shall automatically be certified as a MBE or WBE with the City of Houston, respectively, and shall automatically be determined to be an established business for all SIC/NAIS codes listed for the company with those organizations.

The Affirmative Action Division shall only determine that the company has a local presence as required by Section 15-84 and the size of the company as required by Section 15-87. Approval of this amendment could result in a 50% reduction in the budget of the Certification and Outreach Section of the Affirmative Action Division.

For all federally funded transportation projects that are restricted by federal criteria, the City will still certify them under the present MWBE certification process.

EXHIBIT #15

- 8.1 Implement revenue program for the Affirmative Action Division whereby this division will be mostly self-sustaining within 3 years as follows:

Through the institution of re-certification fees, costs of seminars, educational sessions and training and contract compliance achieve the following revenue goals:
1st year - in FY2004, produce revenue that will equal 25% of the expenditures, 2nd year - 55% of FY 2005 expenses, 3rd year - 90% of FY 2006 expenditures.

- 8.2 Develop guidelines and policies for below fair-market leases or rentals of city property. Develop guidelines and policies for the naming of city property, including but not limited to city parks, libraries and buildings.
- 8.3 Institute early-completion bonus incentives for most CIP projects with contemplated bids of over 3.5 million dollars.
- 8.4 Reduce every department's cost of Parking Space Rental (item 3402) that utilizes the newly leased spaces at the Hobby Center Parking Garage Facility. Approximate savings for all departments is \$248,760.00.
- 8.4-1 Create a parking program whereby city employees that prefer to retain their current parking space may do so by paying the difference in cost.
- 8.5 Remove from all departments, any positions that are redundant or duplicated by the Building Services Department.
- 8.6 Develop Pre-Qualification requirements for all prime contractors performing work on city infrastructure projects having a contemplated bid of over one million dollars.
- 8.7 Implement the Land Assemblage Program and restore property to the tax rolls by selling off all property to the highest bidder regardless of selling price. Priority should be given to properties where over-due taxes are higher than the value of the property, since most revenue on these properties will be lost forever.

And finally,

- 8.8 Utilize shipping crates and used boxes in lieu of purchasing any new city furniture. (This idea inspired by Councilman Michael Berry)
- 8.9 Eliminate any city expenditure for city employee birthday cakes, birthday cards, flowers, or anything else from which a city employee may derive any pleasure. (Another Berry inspiration).

EXHIBIT #16

- 9.1 Health Department — Restore full funding to FY02 levels for the re-opening and Operation of the Riverside Health Clinic to ensure the continuing offering of necessary preventive health care services to the Third Ward and surrounding communities.
- 9.2 Restore \$100,000.00 to the Health Department's budget for the State of Emergency HIV/AIDS Task Force.
- 9.3 Five percent reduction in annual base pay salary for all city employees earning \$75,000.00 or more.
- 9.4 Houston Department — Continue the practice of having HPD officers respond to street accidents.
- 9.5 Public Works & Engineering Department — Restore full funding for Right of Way Mowing and Expansion Joint/Crack Sealing programs.

EXHIBIT #17

- 13.8 Reform of the Police Department. The City shall conduct a Management and Staffing Performance Review for the Houston Police Department. The purpose of the review shall be to determine and make recommendations with regards to public safety and efficiency as follows:

Staffing:

- Establish appropriate staffing levels for line officers, line supervisors, administration, and command levels.
- Identify strategies that promote a productive work environment that takes into account personnel issues and concerns.
- Identify strategies of increased safety and service to the officers and citizens of Houston.

Management Processes:

- Increase management accountability and efficiency in the department.
- Identify policies that contribute to inefficiency and low productivity.
- Identify strategies to reduce duplication of effort.

Fiscal Savings:

- Identify budget savings.
- Identify cost saving strategies through the use of non-classified personnel.

Implementation:

- Identify strategy to follow up and implement recommendations.

- 13.9 Elimination of Class C Misdemeanor Reports. The Houston Police Department shall eliminate departmental Class C misdemeanor reports.

- 13.10 Elimination of D.A.R.E. Program. The Houston Police Department shall eliminate the D.A.R.E. program and re-assign all officers to regular duty.

- 13.11 Reinstate Inspectors Division. The Houston Police Department shall reinstate the Inspectors Division to reflect FY'02 organization, staffing, and budget.

- 13.12 Storage Lots for Towed Vehicles. The Finance and Administration Department shall conduct a study to determine the feasibility of the city taking over the task of storage lots for vehicles involved in police tows. Said study shall be completed and presented to council no later than December 03.

- 13.13 Reform of the Fire Department. The City shall conduct a Management and Staffing Performance Review for the Houston Fire Department. The purpose of the review shall be to determine and make recommendations with regards to public safety and efficiency as follows:

Staffing:

- Establish appropriate staffing levels, job responsibilities, policies and procedures regarding staffing.
- Identify policies and common practices that encourage abuse of sick time, particularly unlimited use with no restrictions during a calendar year.

Management Processes:

- Increase management accountability and efficiency in the department.
- Identify current policies that may be outdated and inefficient as well as identifying

available modern technology in response to fire fighting and hazardous assignments.

- Identify and determine issues pertaining to the safety of citizens, firefighters, and EMS personnel in reference to of twenty-four hour shifts and the ability to make sound and clear decisions.

Savings:

- Identify budget savings.
- Identify cost saving strategies through the use of non-classified personnel.
- Identify strategies that could result in cost savings regarding scheduling and extra board, working out of grade, and overtime.

Implementation:

- Identify strategy to follow up and implement recommendations.

13.14 Maintain Four Firefighters to a Truck. The Fire Department budget shall maintain four (4) firefighters on all apparatus. The Task Force concept and purchase of Quints shall be abandoned. Any apparatus that is out of service for renovation shall be returned to active service. Any savings shall be utilized to fund manpower needs of the Houston Fire Department.

13.15 Reform of the Public Works Department. The City shall conduct a Management and Staffing Performance Review for the City of Houston Public Works and Engineering Department. The purpose of the review shall be to determine and make recommendations with regards to public safety and efficiency as follows:

Staffing:

- Evaluate whether staffing levels are appropriate for the service level requirements in each of the major areas of responsibility.
- Evaluate the economy and effectiveness of the department's use of consultants particularly in areas other than design.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of the levels of staff training in both technology and management.
- Evaluate whether detailed salary comparability studies should be performed for technical/professional positions.

Technology:

- Evaluate appropriate use of Technology in the management and control of the various functional areas.
- Evaluate the appropriate use of technology for (1) Treatment of water and wastewater, (2) Repair of distribution and collection system, and (3) Repair of Streets.

Management Processes:

- Evaluate whether there are functions performed within the department that would better be performed by other departments.
- Recommend any re-alignment of functions with the County in the area of flood control or with either Metro or the County in the area of traffic control and planning.
- Evaluate the interface between the ROW Maintenance and Water/ Wastewater operations and maintenance functions, with the design and construction functions.
- Evaluate whether current levels of support provided from other departments are adequate to facilitate PWE missions in a timely manner.
- Evaluate whether administrative procedures and processes can be made more efficient and timely both within the department and within other departments, organizations, and agencies. Further, recommend changes within the department and in policies, procedures ordinances of other elements outside of the department that would enhance

the effectiveness, efficiency and timeliness within the Department of Public Works & Engineering.

- 13.16 Restore Library Hours and Materials. Any budget savings derived from council action shall be applied first to restore operating hours at all city libraries and the library materials budget to FY02 levels, second to the Health Department, and third, to reinstate the CIP as a five year plan.
- 13.17 Chance the Term Lengths. Draft and submit ballot language to conduct a Public Referendum for the purposes of changing term limits to two (2) four (4) year terms. Council members, controller, and mayor are eligible to run again for office after sitting out a term.
- 13.18 Softball-Baseball-Soccer Tournament Playoff Facility. The Parks Department shall conduct a feasibility study of a combined softball-baseball-soccer tournament playoff facility. Said study shall be prepared and presented to council no later than December 03.
- 13.19 401(a) Qualified Retirement Plan. The City of Houston shall implement a 401(a) Qualified Retirement Plan for accumulated sick leave, annual leave, vacation pay, incentive pay, and special pay. Said plan shall be implemented no later than December 03.
- 13.20 Matricula Consular. The City of Houston shall recognize the Marticula Consular as a form of identification as per attached resolution.
- 13.21 Electric Deregulation Accountability: The City shall terminate the electric supply contract and with Reliant Energy Solutions for non-performance of material obligations and re-bid said services to achieve savings.

Exhibit #18

- 3.20 Amend the budget to restore funding to the Fire Department to allow four firemen to staff a truck. Funding would come from grant revenue from Homeland Security.