

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Wednesday, January 2, 2008

A Regular Meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, January 2, 2008, with Mayor Bill White presiding and with Council Members Toni Lawrence, Jarvis Johnson, Anne Clutterbuck, Wanda Adams, Mike Sullivan, M. J. Khan, P. E., Pam Holm, Adrian Garcia, James G. Rodriguez, Peter Brown, Sue Lovell, Melissa Noriega, Ronald C. Green and Jolanda "Jo" Jones; Mr. Arturo Michel, City Attorney; Mr. Anthony Hall, Chief Administrative Officer, Mayor's Office; Ms. Martha Stein, Agenda Director and Ms. Marta Crinejo, Assistant Agenda Director, present.

At 11:15 a.m. Mayor White called the meeting to order and led all in the prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

At 11:17 a.m. Mayor White requested the City Secretary to call the roll. All present.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. RECOMMENDATION from the Director Finance & Administration for approval of Individual Fidelity Bond Form for **BILL WHITE, MAYOR** in the penal sum of \$50,000.00 and **ANNISE D. PARKER, CITY CONTROLLER** in the penal sum of \$50,000.00 as required by the City Charter and the Code of Ordinances - \$647.50 Total Premium - Insurance Management Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Garcia, seconded by Council Member Khan. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2008-0001 ADOPTED.
2. CONFIRM appointment of Council Member M. J. Khan as Mayor Pro Tem - was before Council.

Mayor White stated that over the last several days the world had mourned the loss of an assassinated leader who was fighting for democracy, strengths and weaknesses, Benazir Bhutto, was a very good friend of his for many years, that she gave her life in public service; that they were lucky and privileged to sit around the table with somebody, who had been the emissary on more than one occasion, of the United States of America, to the sixth largest nation on the planet, Pakistan, that was Council Member M. J. Khan; that for all the people who were very proud of their Country and it's traditions and democracy and who believed that a pluralistic democracy could exit anywhere in the world, it was really an honor to have served alongside somebody like Council Member Khan, who was also at the same time serving the City Council and the government in an area where all Americans had an interest in making sure that people respected the United States, that having been said he recognized Council Member Khan for a point of personal privilege.

Council Member Khan stated that it had been a really great honor and privilege to serve on the City Council for the last four years and he looked forward to working with Mayor White and his esteemed colleagues for the next two years, that he knew that Mayor White had put in his name for nomination for Mayor Pro Tem, that it was a great honor for him and a testimony of how good their relationship was and how good friends they were, that just to have his name considered was a matter of great pride for him and his family and his constituents, that having said that he thought one of the hallmarks of Mayor White's administration for the last four years had been the spirit of cooperation and working together as a team, never compromising on their principles, yet making sure that they did things that were in the best interest of the City of Houston, so on that note he did not want to be a part of any divisiveness and for that he very respectfully declined the nomination for Mayor Pro Tem and if allowed he would make a request that Mayor White would consider his good friend, Council Member Adrian Garcia for Mayor Pro Tem, seconded by Council Member Johnson.

Mayor White stated that he would nominate Council Member Garcia for the position of

Mayor Pro Tem, and a vote was called on the motion to appoint Council Member Adrian Garcia as Mayor Pro Tem. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2008-0002 ADOPTED.

3. RECEIVE nominations for Vice Mayor Pro Tem – was before Council.

Council Member Khan stated that he would nominate Council Member Lovell as Vice Mayor Pro Tem and moved to close nominations, seconded by Council Member Jones. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2008-0003 ADOPTED.

3a. APPOINT Vice Mayor Pro Tem – was presented.

Council Member Rodriguez moved to appoint Council Member Sue Lovell as Vice Mayor Pro Tem, seconded by Council Member Lawrence. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2008-0004 ADOPTED.

Mayor White, the City Controller and Members of Council recognized family, friends and staff members in the audience.

At 12:27 p.m. the City Council adjourned. All present.

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

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

/S/Anna Russell

Anna Russell, City Secretary