# City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, June 14, 2011

A Regular Meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 14, 2011, Mayor Annise D. Parker presiding and with Council Members Brenda Stardig Jarvis Johnson, Ann Clutterbuck, Wanda Adams, Mike Sullivan, Al Hoang, Edward Gonzalez, James G. Rodriguez, Stephen C. Costello, Sue Lovell, Melissa Noriega and C. O. "Brad" Bradford Jolanda "Jo" Jones; Mr. Harlan Heilman, Division Chief, Claims & Subrogation Division, Legal Department; Mr. Xavier Herrera Citizens Assistance Office; and Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director, present. Council Member Oliver Pennington absent on city business.

At 1:38 p.m. Mayor Parker stated that today Council would begin with a Budget Hearing to be followed by presentations and then the normal public session; and called on Council Member Bradford for prayer and pledge, but as he was not present called on the City Secretary to call the roll. Council Members Bradford and Jones absent.

At 1:40 p.m. the City Secretary called the roll. Council Member Pennington absent on city business. Council Members Bradford and Jones absent.

Council Members Gonzalez and Rodriguez moved that the minutes of the preceding meeting be adopted. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on city business. Council Members Bradford and Jones absent. MOTION ADOPTED.

At 1:41 p.m. Mayor Parker invited the Pastor Council Member Bradford invited to lead prayer to the podium; and Deacon Leonard Lockette with the Arch Dioceses of Galveston Houston introduced himself and led all in prayer and Council Member Bradford led all in the pledge. Council Members Lovell and Jones absent.

## **HEARING** - 1:30 P. M.

- 1. **PUBLIC HEARING** on the City Budgets for the time period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 was called.
- At 1:44 p.m. the City Secretary began calling the public speakers. Council Members Lovell and Jones absent.
- Mr. Massoud Mohammadioun, 9811 Willow Crossing, Houston, Texas 77064 (832-445-7007) appeared and stated that for 22 years he worked for the City of Houston, for 8 with the Houston airport System as senior project manager and was present fighting for taxpayers, employees and the airport system; that he needed 11 months to retire and was laid off, he did 1,200 projects at the airport system and over the past months they had seen mismanagement there and unnecessary and ill-advised layoffs which put the city at risk; that the layoffs were based on an unfair system, the EPE. Council Members Lovell and Jones absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she would ask there be no display of emotion in any way as there was a Council Rule prohibiting such. Council Members Lovell and Jones absent.

Ms. Denise Adjei, 5515 Moultrie Lane, Houston, Texas 77084 (281-656-2348) appeared and stated that she worked for the City of Houston 27 years, the last 9 with Aviation, she received many awards for perfect attendance and never rated below on her EPE and she believed their layoffs were unnecessary and unfair and that they were not for business but retaliation, an excuse to get rid of those who stood up for their rights; that she filed an OIG complaint and would ask that the unique cases of retaliation be investigated; and she believed those layoffs would have an impact on the quality of services. Mayor Parker, Council Members Hoang, Lovell and Jones absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Ms. Becky Edmondson, 10815 Ashcroft, Houston, Texas 77096 (713-443-3951) appeared and stated that she was the president of the Westbury Civic Club and co president of the Westbury Super Neighborhood and present protesting the closing of the Westbury Community Center; that they felt it was being closed in error as the usage numbers used to justify its closing were inaccurate and criteria for the nearby center were unmet; that she represented the second largest neighborhood in the city with 5,000 single residences and in the Super Neighborhood she had an equal number of multifamily units; that Westbury Super Neighborhood was now 72% minority, 25% of those living there were below the poverty line; that Westbury High School was 97% minority with 71% free lunch and 75% at risk and those youth were served at the community center; that Anderson Elementary about one-half mile away was 96% free lunch, 71% limited English and they could not travel two miles to get to Myerland; that those children would go hungry this summer as the program was ending June 30th; that seniors, youth, etc., all used the center; and because of demographics developers were unwilling to invest in their neighborhood and much of their commercial property was boarded and decaying. Council Members Adams, Hoang and Jones absent.

Council Member Clutterbuck thanked Ms. Edmondson for coming and stated that the official name for the Westbury Center was the Plateau Community Center and she had a number of concerns with the difference in numbers presented on Parks Department documents and numbers presented to her on attendance; that she thanked her for emphasizing the number of low income children served by this; and Ms. Edmondson stated that HEB closed, CVS closed, they had no restaurant and now the city was saying they had no value and they would not invest in their neighborhood or their children at risk; and urged all stand with them and work for the future of her neighborhood and their youth. Council Members Hoang and Jones absent.

Council Member Noriega stated that she remembered the discussion with the Parks Department and it might be helpful to get in 25 words or less an explanation on the miscount; and Ms. Edmondson stated that in 2009 the Marion Communion Center had a supervisor who was ill and near retirement and they took their active supervisor and moved him to their center; that hundreds of seniors came weekly, they had an active center which served their entire neighborhood and they would be seriously impacted if the center was closed; and Council Member Noriega stated that all she had said was exactly her understanding of it. Council Members Hoang and Jones absent.

Ms. Cindy Chapman, 5630 Sanford, Houston, Texas 77096 (713-728-0240) appeared and stated that she was currently on the board of directors at the Westbury Civic Club and three years prior was president and co chair of the Westbury Super Neighborhood; that she felt they had an obligation to speak for those who lived in Westbury who could not come and say how important the Plateau Community Center was to their area and all those at risk; that pictures shown she had taken earlier this morning and she could assure them last year many more children were served than this year; that there were no signs or advertisements anywhere and she felt very frustrated and angry and upset that as a community Westbury had not done more to serve those children; that she was convinced today children were hungry because of the lack of diligence and the Parks Department in getting kids there for lunch; that they were very active and the Friends of Chimney Rock Park had established a large number of volunteers to teach a variety of courses; and it would be a terrible disservice to close their center. Council Members Hoang and Jones absent.

Mr. Richard Arnold, 5118 Klein Brook, Houston, Texas 77066 (832-205-3340) appeared and stated that he was a member of the Houston Airport System Budget Group for the last three and a half years and he did not believe there was a financial or ethical need for the layoffs; that management and span of control, the number of employees a supervisor was responsible for, the top executive level was flattened out, but there was a balloon in the upper middle

management, that he could only speak to the one area he knew of, Deputy Director Assistant Michael Lee had three reports, one division manager had four employees at Pay Grade 25 or higher, another division manager had two employees and a third division manager who was brought in after layoffs commenced from an outside department to a position never posted had no employees so that one group at the Airport System had two employees per manager at a cost of \$350,000 in management for six employees and with that spending there could not be a financial need for layoffs; that on his personal issue he worked out of classification for 14 months and had to fight monthly to get what was right done and had to file an OIG investigation so was his layoff retaliation or coincidence; that he had not received an EPE since May 2009 even though he had requested one. Council Members Hoang and Jones absent.

Upon questions by Mayor Parker, Mr. Arnold stated that he had not filed a current grievance on the EPE being used for his layoff. Council Members Noriega and Jones absent.

Council Member Adams stated that her question was to the Administration and she did not know what the protocol would be, but was there a way to request a list within the last year or two of employees who filed an OIG investigation to see out of those how many were in the layoff pool; and Mayor Parker stated that she was looking at Legal as she thought it to be a fair and legal request; and Mr. Heilman stated that he agreed. Council Members Noriega and Jones absent.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that Mr. Arnold stated that he had not filed a grievance and did not know if it was by intent or if there was not enough information on options; and upon questions, Mr. Arnold stated that he was familiar with the grievance process, but what happened was during his issue the grievance process was brought up for his EPE but he was told one issue had to be handled before the other so he let it go; that also since he was promoted since that time he was sure any actions going forward would litigate the 3.19 EPE score but it was not done. Council Member Jones absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Bradford, Mr. Arnold stated that his last EPE score was a 3.19 and he filed an OIG complaint but it was kicked back to the Airport System for an internal investigation and he was not made privy to it, but they did have a discussion and he was told the EPE grievance was separate from his equity issue and he needed to solve one before the other at which time he said a promotion would mitigate an EPE score from a manager who was subsequently removed; that the conclusion was he was promoted and the employee review process was closed; that he was a city employee until July 1st and he had not received an EPE since May of 2009. Council Member Jones absent.

Council Member Johnson stated that he wanted to be clear; and upon questions, Mr. Arnold stated that his EPE was approximately 3/10's of a point lower than the next higher person; that he was given a promotion to rectify his working out of classification for 14 months, it was a classification increase, a promotion, he went up a number of pay grades.

Council Member Noriega moved the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending the time for questions of Mr. Richard Arnold relating to the hearing on the proposed budget, seconded by Council Member Sullivan. Council Member Pennington absent on city business. MOTON 2011-0452 ADOPTED.

Council Member Sullivan stated that this was tied to the budget but more of an HR issue; and upon questions, Mayor Parker stated that it was appropriate for the budget hearing as it was a layoff made pursuant to the budget preparation.

Upon further questions by Council Member Johnson, Mr. Arnold stated that he was given a promotion and now being let go based on his EPE of two years ago; that he was told he was

being let go because his position was no longer needed, however, he was 3/10's of a point below the next qualifying person and had he had any EPEs between and given his promotion he believed he would not have been the lowest person in the tier; that a division manager was brought in from another city department and there was no position posted and yet he was doing the duties he performed, it was labeled division manager over systems and any thing system related he took care of.

Council Member Noriega stated to Mr. Arnold and all who were laid off there were few things more disturbing than losing your job in layoffs and she was sorry, but at the HOPE meeting several talked to her about their EPE and that they had concerns of being laid off with the current system and this was another indicator they may need to take a look at it; and Mayor Parker stated that she did agree and they would follow all city rules and if steps were skipped in the case of Mr. Arnold it needed to be addressed and she expected the HR Department to jump on it, as to EPEs and whether they were fairly applied, not surprisingly it was an issue of concern and they were in negotiations with HOPE as to what they could do and it was a major area of discussion.

Council Member Noriega moved the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending the time for questions of Mr. Richard Arnold relating to the hearing on the proposed budget, seconded by Council Member Hoang. Council Member Pennington absent on city business. MOTON 2011-0453 ADOPTED.

Council Member Stardig stated that they evaluate standardizing the performance evaluation process if it was not already in place; that she did not have the comfort level to think that it was based on her personal experience and they may be setting folks up for failure, especially leadership roles if they were not getting training to move forward and she would support moving it forward right a way.

Council Member Adams stated that many times she reflected back when she was a civilian employee and this was an issue and it was puzzling to hear it was still an issue and she would ask Director Reid, to send her a copy of the current policy on the EPE as they were to be done annually, she would like the policy revisited and she also did not know if there was an auditing system in place to look at those responsible for doing the EPE as there was a chain of command and who was auditing the director to be sure they were getting their support, etc., and what could be done if the EPE was not done in a timely manner; and Mayor Parker stated that the Legal Department would take care of it and Mr. Reid was present and she would suggest Mr. Arnold visit with him before he leaves. Council Members Johnson and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Jones stated that if supervisors were not giving regular EPEs there should be something in collective bargaining for penalization. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck and Rodriguez absent.

Ms. Eileen Crowley Reed, 1315 Cortlandt, Houston, Texas 77008 (713-861-1919) appeared, presented information and stated that she was present on behalf of Responsible Urban Development for Houston; that they had budget concerns, the deficit was at an unacceptable level while at the same time they were signing off on multi million dollar tax brakes for wealthy tax payers and secondly, they were facing potentially significant legal and financial liability with acknowledged public safety risk for which there was no improvement plans in the budget such as the flawed Yale Street Bridge; that the city was reducing the quality and level of services while taxpayers continued to pay a heavy tax burden and now a drainage fee; that in the tax reimbursement agreements for Intown Homes and Ainbinder Development the city would potentially lose between \$4 million and \$5 million per year for 10 years, the budget deficit would be significantly less if they were paying their taxes; and at what level was the city prepared to bare the cost of public safety disasters which were likely to occur as a result of the

city's indifference of the obvious public safety risks; that her handout showed what happened in the West End neighborhood when 18 wheelers began coming onto narrow neighborhood streets, the truck shown was lodged on private property against a high voltage line causing serious safety risk and property damage and such problems would reoccur as the Walmart development proceeded; and urged the city find money to structurally upgrade the Yale Street Bridge and urged they reconsider giving away millions of dollars to wealthy corporations. Council Members Johnson and Rodriguez absent.

Mayor Parker stated that as many times as Ms. Reed wanted to repeat there was a tax break for wealthy developers and its impacting the budget this year it was simply not true; and repeating it over and over did not make it any more true. Council Members Johnson and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Jones thanked Ms. Crowley Reed for coming and stated that for the most part she agreed with her; that she agreed they were closing libraries, community centers, pools and employees who were in the Mayors Office for Disabilities were not all there and it had been moved, but it appeared the budget was being balanced on the most vulnerable citizens, people with no discretionary income and some who had no electricity would get it in the library or community center or pool and it concerned her when they abated taxes for anyone, to abate a tax was basically stopping tax dollars from coming in and they needed it and it was problematic for her as they were laying off people and she did not think it fair that people bearing the burden were the non-classified, the librarian helping a child to have a good future or a street, trash or sewer worker, let trash not be picked up, etc., she thought it was important to pay attention to how they chose to do what they did as it would affect the quality of life in the future. Council Members Adams, Rodriguez, Lovell and Noriega absent.

Council Member Bradford thanked Ms. Reed for coming and stated that he was listening carefully to what all were saying and he hoped as they concluded their budget hearing and budget deliberation process as a Council they took very seriously all options to help with the crisis they found themselves in; that he would like a holiday weekend schedule considered which he submitted a weekend proposal on months ago and they could save around \$24 million by going to that schedule every other month; that he also made a recommendation a pay grade reduction be considered for city employees. Council Members Adams, Rodriguez, Lovell, Noriega and Jones absent.

Council Member Jones moved the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending the time for questions of Ms. Eileen Crowley Reed relating to the hearing on the proposed budget, seconded by Council Member Bradford. No vote was called as there were not enough Council Members present to suspend the rules. Council Members Adams, Rodriguez, Lovell, Noriega and Jones absent.

Ms. Christina Sheldon, 5415 Dumfries, Houston, Texas 77096 (713-723-4739) appeared and stated that two others from the Plateau Center discussed the children, but they left out seniors, she attended and many others did also and the center had handicap parking whereas the Godwin Center did not; that they were friends and extended family there and it was important for all of them; that also she wanted to compliment a park employee, Ms. Louisa Jimenez who was awesome, but she was moved to another park and they wanted her back and even if they reduced their days at the center they would be happy to adjust. Council Members Adams, Rodriguez, Lovell and Noriega absent.

Ms. Janie Schexnayder, 11518 Endicott, Houston, Texas 77035 (713-721-5526) appeared and stated that she was a board member for the Friends of Chimney Rock Park and was speaking for the Plateau Community Center; that she saw numbers yesterday and was baffled as it showed Plateau with 27 volunteer hours, there were 10 programs a week for seniors and

all run by volunteers and each program's attendance had increased; that others in the community used the center also such as the Westbury Community Garden for meetings and it was used for a voting precinct, etc. Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Lovell and Noriega absent.

Council Member Jones stated that she had received a number of communications in her office related to the Plateau Community Center and she was familiar with the area and the needs; that some people get their only meals at a community center, youth and seniors, the centers were quality of life; and she wondered too where the numbers came from and to the Mayor someone came previously speaking about leaving electricity on at centers even when they were closed and those savings should also be checked into and it may allow saving and maintaining employees; and Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales stated that was looked into; and Council Member Jones stated that once they did get the information she would like it talked about at the table. Mayor Parker, Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Lovell and Noriega absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Council Member Clutterbuck stated that Ms. Schexnayder's comments brought up two points, the significance of community involvement with volunteers and the Local Management District supporting it and they were trying to keep this open with volunteers and other funds; that also if numbers were wrong, and the data was incorrect, then they evaluated citywide closures incorrectly and it was important to know the numbers of usage and volunteers and work numbers to evaluate accurately whether the right centers were being closed; that this one had a significant number of meals served and attendance in her opinion not correctly recorded and accurate information was critical. Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Lovell and Noriega absent.

Council Member Stardig stated that if the information was incorrect and they moved up higher in the rank, which community center would be in play for closure; and Mayor Parker stated that was an excellent question but she had no answer at this time. Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Lovell and Noriega absent.

Mr. Tommy Todd, 11906 Rampart, Houston, Texas 77035-4217 (713-726-1269) appeared and stated that he lived in Westbury and would curtail much of what he had to say as it already had been, however, he felt pools were essential as a part of the community and maybe even priority for the youth during a hot summer and he hoped on the closure maybe just cut back days, etc. Council Members Adams, Sullivan, Hoang and Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Lovell stated that in the Park Budget she wondered if they were cutting golf hours or staggering them so some funds could be put toward the centers; and Mayor Parker stated that golf courses supported themselves; that they were revenue generators and community centers were not; that she would be glad to go to Mr. Turner and explore it, but if you close a course you stopped the revenue and the goal was to get all golf courses self sustaining and in the aggregate they were, it was tennis which cost more than what was generated. Council Members Sullivan, Rodriguez and Jones absent.

Council Member Gonzalez moved the rules be suspended for the purpose of adding Mr. Melvin Hughes to the list of speakers on the proposed budget hearing, seconded by Council Member Lovell. Council Member Pennington absent on city business. Council Members Sullivan, Rodriguez and Jones absent. MOTON 2011-0454 ADOPTED.

Mr. Melvin Hughes, who was previously added to the Speakers List, appeared and stated that he was president of HOPE and as they heard members speak of the EPE which they were in negotiations such as the Mayor said, but anytime there was a layoff the process needed to be fair and the EPE was not fair and Council needed to stand with them; that concerning the Airport

they did not believe layoffs should have happened; that Council Member Lovell stated she would give them a meeting and they would like to sit also with the director and the Mayor as they just wanted to be heard and understand the process. Council Members Clutterbuck, Sullivan, Rodriguez and Jones absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she met with the HOPE Executive Committee on a quarterly basis without fail; and Mr. Hughes stated that was correct. Council Members Clutterbuck, Sullivan, Rodriguez and Jones absent.

Council Member Lovell stated that she did intend to keep her promise and set a meeting with him and representatives and the director and staff and decisions on funding would be explained and he could take it back to the members. Council Members Clutterbuck, Sullivan, Rodriguez and Jones absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Bradford, Mr. Hughes stated that he would have to ask the membership if they supported weekend schedules in an effort to not lay off additional employees or a reduction in pay grade; that he saw no where in the budget where there was need for cuts at the airport, they made a profit and the entire process on the EPE was broken. Council Members Clutterbuck, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Rodriguez, Noriega and Jones absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Upon questions by Council Member Stardig, Mayor Parker stated that many were performing the EPE analysis and there were always folks who could get it wrong; that they were looking at how to improve the process and training and she was under the impression they were having productive conversations with HOPE toward that end; and Council Member Stardig stated that she would like an update on the meeting by Council Member Lovell and if available she would like to sit in; and Mayor Parker stated that meeting was specific to the Airport and it was an enterprise fund and the airport had no impact on the general fund. Council Members Adams, Sullivan and Hoang absent.

Ms. Carol Rensink, 1612 Haver, Houston, Texas 77006 (713-254-5146) appeared, presented information and stated that she was with Friends of Cherryhurst Community Center and her information on the center was expenditures provided by Mr. Earl of Parks and Recreation and it cost the city far less than \$135,000 as mentioned earlier; that she attached a proposal to reduce the centers hours and budgets and keep the Cherryhurst Community Center open and she believed there was new hope for all seven centers, the city may find it would cost less than \$950,000 to keep all seven centers open. Council Members Adams and Sullivan absent.

Council Member Costello moved to close the hearing, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Pennington absent on city business. Council Members Adams and Sullivan absent. MOTION 2011-0455 ADOPTED.

Council Member Costello on a point of personal privilege stated that 28 high school students participating in the Public Works and Engineering Fourth Annual Summit Engineering Camp were present; and asked they stand to be recognized. Council Members Adams and Sullivan absent.

Mayor Parker stated that the hearing was concluded and Council Member Johnson would begin the presentations. Council Members Adams and Sullivan absent.

Council Member Johnson invited those present with the Houston-Baku Sister City Association to the podium and stated that it was one of the first sixteen Sister Cities with Houston; that the resolution was signed by the City of Houston in 1976 and in 1979 the Houston

Baku Sister City was formed and the agreement aimed at connecting citizens of both cities into a friendly relationship, etc., and today they recognizing the 35th anniversary of the Baku Sister City Association; and Mayor Parker presented a Proclamation to the group proclaiming June 14, 2011 as "Houston-Baku Day" in Houston, Texas. A Spokesperson stated that they were honored to be recognized and wanted to keep the relationship many years. Council Members Stardig, Adams, Sullivan, Lovell and Noriega absent.

Council Member Costello invited Mr. Turner, Parks Director and Mr. Daniel Morales with the Walmart Foundation and Mr. Jimmy O'Conner with the National Recreation and Parks Association and Ms. Gail Butler with the Texas Department of Agriculture to the podium and stated that through a generous gift from the Walmart Foundation the National Recreation and Parks Association was presenting the Parks Department with a \$50,000 grant to expand the Summer Food Program, their healthy meals for children grant was a program aimed to make sure children received nutritious meals, etc., that on average over 26,000 meals per day were provided Monday through Friday; and on behalf of all families who receive this he thanked them; and Mayor Parker presented the representatives of the Walmart Foundation a Proclamation proclaiming June 14, 2011 as "Fighting Hunger Together Day" in Houston, Texas. Council Members Stardig, Clutterbuck, Adams, Sullivan and Lovell absent.

A Spokesperson thanked all for the Proclamation and stated that their \$50,000 grant was a part of their \$2 billion commitment to end hunger in the U. S. and they were happy to partner with the City of Houston and looked forward to the July 4th Celebration where all could bring a can and they would match the can goods. Council Members Stardig, Clutterbuck, Adams, Sullivan and Lovell absent.

Council Member Noriega stated there was not much more basic than feeding kids and she thanked them and it was appreciated. Council Members Stardig, Clutterbuck, Adams, Sullivan and Lovell absent.

Council Member Jones stated that Parks tried to do what it needed, but it was a core service to help people who needed food and she was thankful they were partners to that end; and whether children liked all the food they were given they did eat what they were given; that people who grew up poor understood waste and they understood you eat what was there as it was sustaining; and she was thankful Council Member Costello recognized the partnership. Council Members Stardig, Clutterbuck, Adams, Sullivan and Lovell absent.

At 3:15 p.m. the City Secretary began calling the public speakers. Council Members Stardig, Clutterbuck, Adams, Sullivan, Lovell and Jones absent.

Ms. Paula Swain, 1432 Ashland, Houston, Texas 77008 (713-861-6292) appeared and stated that realtors, builders, etc., were the opposition to historic preservation in the Heights as a 3/2 historic bungalow on a lot and a half with trees would sell for around \$300,000 and the realtor's commission was \$18,000 and builders got nothing, but to demolish the bungalow and build two large houses eliminating the yard and trees he could sell them for \$400,000 each; that the matter would have been resolved if two Council Members would have supported Heights West and East; and she did continue to support historic preservation. Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Adams, Sullivan, Lovell and Jones absent.

Mr. Bill Pellerin, 256 E. 5th, Houston, Texas 77007 (713-880-8061) appeared, presented information and stated that he lived in the Heights South Historic District and present asking Council to save the Heights and vote yes for their district, they deserved it; that the majority petitioned the city for it and it was recommended to the Council to do so; that the most recent 35 applications for Certificates of Appropriateness were all passed; that on Studewood there was a new six story building towering over homes. Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Adams,

Sullivan, Lovell and Jones absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Gonzalez, Mr. Pellerin stated that there was a six story building which the bottom two floors would be restaurants, the middle two parking and the top two residences and there was concern. Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Adams, Sullivan, Hoang, Lovell and Jones absent.

Ms. Mary Cerimele, 14915 Radstock, Houston, Texas 77062 (281-732-8205) appeared and stated that she lived in the Clear Lake Area and on May 22nd received her drainage utility charge and filed a request for verification and an inspector was assigned but no inspection was done; that she filed a second request for verification after she understood her property would be exempted as she received no drainage from the city and it was pending; that the Mayor had said they would be exempt from the fee so why did Clear Lake residents receive notice to begin with. Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Adams, Sullivan, Gonzalez, Lovell and Jones absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mayor Parker stated that they were not technically exempt, but they would not be billed as they already paid drainage to the Clear Lake Water Authority and no one who was not a resident of the City of Houston was subject to the drainage fee. Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Adams, Sullivan, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Lovell and Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Upon questions by Council Member Jones, Mayor Parker stated that there were a number of people in the City of Houston who did not actually receive water services, they may have wells, the Harris County Appraisal District did make a distinction whether you were in Houston and for those properties they needed contact information and used Harris County Appraisal District information; that they analyzed properties in Clear Lake as they wanted to know how much of the drainage fee was applicable to Clear Lake, but the intent was not to bill them, they had not yet received notice they would not be billed as they had not concluded negotiations with the Clear Lake Water Authority, but those residents would not be paying twice. Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Adams, Sullivan, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Lovell and Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. William Beal, no address (no phone) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Adams, Sullivan, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Lovell and Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Dr. Eldreway Shearns, 7639 Beechnut, Houston, Texas 77074 (713-773-1297) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Adams, Sullivan, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Lovell and Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Ms. Mary Taylor, 1403 Fashion Hill Drive, Houston, Texas 77088 (281-445-0682) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Adams, Sullivan, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Lovell and Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Ali Naqvi, 9223 Misty Vail Drive, Houston, Texas 77075 (281-704-9073) appeared and stated that this was his second time before Council, he lived in the Bridgegate Subdivision, 750 homes, they were built by Suburban Homes and they deliberately did not establish an HOA and as a result 11 years later they were seeing a deterioration beyond repair and he wanted to give one more chance for the city to give security from their burglaries and break-ins which was causing stress on all, they understood if it was \$5,000 or less the officer did not even need to come and that was unacceptable; that an officer finally came and made very uncalled for

remarks and Neighborhood Protection could not come until yesterday. Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Adams, Sullivan, Gonzalez, Rodriguez and Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mayor Parker stated that Neighborhood Protection dealt with code violations and not criminal violations; that for efficiency they did request citizens call them in or take them to a local storefront, it was common with burglaries in a vehicle that they went right down the street doing so, but there was no differential treatment in his neighborhood than others and her car was burglarized and she walked the information to the storefront. Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Adams, Sullivan, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that if there was a burglary of a residence police should respond especially if he thought there was evidence and he should have a meeting with supervisors at the Clear Lake Station; that an HPD representative was present and could speak with him; and Mr. Naqvi stated that this was the seventh time their house was burglarized and they gave the license plate number and three years later they had not caught them. Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Adams, Sullivan, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Council Member Jones stated that he made reference to improper remarks by the officer; and upon questions, Mr. Naqvi stated that he told his daughter this was her first "cherry pop" meaning the burglary and gave her a case number and said that was all they could do; that there was blood stain and no sample was drawn, no finger prints were done and a lady was present stating it was her daughter who burglarized the cars, but they did nothing. Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Adams, Sullivan, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that it was her understanding a juvenile was arrested; and Mr. Naqvi stated not at that point; and Mayor Parker stated that she would be offended if someone said that to her daughter and she would strongly urge him to visit with Sergeant Baltazar who was present and file against the officer. Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Adams, Sullivan, Rodriguez and Noriega absent.

Mr./Coach R. J. (Bobby) Taylor, 3107 Sumpter, Houston, Texas 77026 (FA3-4511) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Johnson, Adams, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Noriega and Jones absent.

Mr. Ray Field, 5910 Jackwood, Houston, Texas 77074 (713-297-1397) appeared, presented information and stated that he was present to suggest ideas to increase revenue without raising taxes; that dumpsters was his pet peeve and there were occupancy permits and suggested adjusting the dumpster fee and read recommendations from his presentation and also suggested renters in apartments be assessed a fee of \$1.00 per person per month or at least \$1.00 per apartment. Council Members Johnson, Adams, Sullivan, Noriega, Bradford and Jones absent.

Council Member Clutterbuck thanked Mr. Field for coming; and upon questions, Mr. Field stated that (CERT) Community Emergency Response Team was his group and he thanked his team members. Council Members Johnson, Adams, Sullivan, Noriega, Bradford and Jones absent.

Council Member Stardig stated that she found his proposal on apartment occupancy interesting; and upon questions, Mr. Field stated that the city of Houston had occupancy permits and the apartment complex would be responsible for assessing the fee and turning them over to the city and even if they charged \$1.00 per apartment and did not count how many lived there, it would just be a single dollar assessment and they were still looking at a ballpark figure of \$12 million a year; and Council Member Stardig stated that she found this very intriguing. Council

Members Johnson, Adams, Sullivan, Noriega and Bradford absent.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that the CERT Team was very important in the community and thanked him for mentioning SW74 responded to Tuscaloosa, Alabama and Joplin, Missouri and he thanked them for helping where needed. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Noriega and Bradford absent.

Council Member Jones thanked Mr. Field for paying attention to what was going on and giving potential solutions; and she appreciated him going to Joplin; that she was interested in his numbers; and Mr. Fields stated that he would be glad to do a follow-up and meet with Council Members on an individual basis and put the plan together and they could gain millions. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Noriega and Bradford absent.

Mr. Alex Farinas, 405 Welch, Houston, Texas 77006 (832-259-4470) appeared and stated that he was with the Urban Quality of Life Coalition and present on behalf of the Cherryhurst Community Center; that 70 children were scheduled to receive food at that center and they were now sent away; that their independent analysis was the center was in good condition with a new metal roof, new air conditioners, etc., and the existence of a community center within two miles...; that the Heights had five community centers and all within the two mile selection criteria; that they had 70 children last year and that was the capacity and other groups met there and usage data made no sense when it was in Montrose which was known for its diversity and density and one would expect more community centers. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan and Noriega absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Jones, Mayor Parker stated that Cherryhurst Center had no services, it was a meeting room with a small office and restroom; that when the money left the center it was reallocated to other centers; and once the facility was closed the children would not be going there; and Council Member Jones stated that her office was still trying to work on this. Council Members Johnson, Adams, Sullivan absent.

Ms. Lois Myers, 9701 Westview, Houston, Texas 77055 (713-775-2443) appeared and stated that on behalf of the many residents of Spring Branch and Memorial areas who were not present she was saying over the past few years they had the privilege to know Council Member Jones rallying behind them on their issues, working tirelessly for them and because of her they were getting victory on their causes; that she thanked all who stood with them, but Council Member Jones had been exceptional. Council Members Johnson, Adams and Sullivan absent.

Council Member Jones thanked Ms. Myers for coming and saying what she had said and stated that she remembered when people had not listened to them and she was the only one who attended the meetings and she knew what they had gone through and she went to Mayor Parker and told her and hoped they could resolve issues. Council Members Clutterbuck, Sullivan, Lovell and Noriega absent.

Mr. Josh Verde, 610 West Clay, Houston, Texas 77019 (713-382-4061) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Clutterbuck, Sullivan, Lovell and Noriega absent.

Mr. Hilton Handy, 8826 Harrell, Houston, Texas 77093 (713-314-0190) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Clutterbuck, Sullivan, Lovell and Noriega absent.

Ms. Christina Walsh, 10434 Brinwood, Houston, Texas 77043 (832-488-0531) appeared and stated that she thanked Council Member Stardig for arranging movie night, but today was present to speak on behalf of Council Member Jones who had advocated for residents many years in every corner of the city with invaluable aid on city services and her research had

enabled the city to receive federal dollars previously forfeited; and she had earned Congressional recognition because of her outstanding services. Council Members Sullivan, Costello and Noriega absent.

Council Member Jones thanked Ms. Walsh for coming and stated that it was nice to know she was loved. Council Members Sullivan, Costello and Noriega absent.

Mr. Tommy Todd, 11906 Rampart, Houston, Texas 77035-4217 (713-726-1269) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Sullivan, Costello and Noriega absent.

Ms. Anna Edwards, 718 Deerpass Drive, Channelview, Texas 77530 (281-384-5922) appeared and stated that Houston had a viable location for an urban Native American health clinic; that in June a press release went out and was sent to all Council Members regarding a town hall meeting to take place June 21st at the United Way, 50 Waugh Drive at 6:00 p.m.; that there were 49,409 Native Americans who lived in Houston and surrounding counties and 70% left reservations to live in cities and rural communities; that there were 34 Indian health clinics in the country but only one in Texas and located in Dallas, it serviced 270,000 Native Americans who lived in the State of Texas, today she was present asking for support as they had an invisible presence; and urged all attend or send a representative to attend. Council Members Sullivan, Costello and Noriega absent.

Council Member Jones stated that she did not know of this but would come or send a staffer; that she was part Choctaw, Native Americans were historically discriminated against and they were here first and there was an obligation to try and treat all fairly and health care was a big problem for all. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Costello and Noriega absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Gonzalez, Ms. Edwards stated that they had taken on the task of surveys from Native Americans but finding them was almost an impossibility, there was no specific community or community center and getting them to the town hall meeting was very important, it would be held June 21st at the United Way, 50 Waugh Drive at 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Costello and Noriega absent.

Mr. Eric Mealus, 640 Cortlandt, Houston, Texas 77007 (713-397-9982) appeared and stated that he was present regarding the proposed Heights South Historic District; that he lived there 23 years and he was asking Council to reject the district; that if they thought the people there really wanted it they should vote for it, but the 51% for it was razor thin and with the new ordinance people up roared and he was one, he had supported it and then asked his name be taken off and so had many others; that 27% never said anything and no one knew where they stood; 40% said they did not support the district which left 34% having signed the petition to start and still supported it; that 100% who returned cards sent out did not support it; and urged it be rejected. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Hoang, Costello and Noriega absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Jones, Mayor Parker stated that this should come for vote after the budget which she believed would be June 29th, the Wednesday after the budget. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Hoang, Costello and Noriega absent.

Ms. Diana Wheeler, 15611 Leeds Lane, Houston, Texas 77083 (713-298-5204) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Hoang, Rodriguez, Costello and Noriega absent.

Ms. Cynthia Bennett, 3418 Sunny Vale, Missouri City, Texas 77459 (713-539-4460) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Hoang, Rodriguez, Costello and Noriega absent.

Ms. Francis Hill, 3815 Live Oak, Houston, Texas 77004 (713-521-0641) appeared and stated that she was from the Shape Community Center and present on behalf of Council Member Jones; that she had a message from Elder, Cordina Jones, a 92 year young lady and Grandmother to Council Member Jones and she said she wanted them to leave her alone and give her justice; and they were trusting God for her justice and knew she would get it. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Rodriguez, Costello and Noriega absent.

Council Member Jones thanked Ms. Hill for coming and stated that she tried hard to listen to all who came before Council and do right by all; and she appreciated all coming and fighting for her today. Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Costello and Noriega absent.

Ms. Krystal Muhammad, 7125 Reed Road, Houston, Texas 77087 (713-261-3558) appeared and stated that they were protesting against police brutality, they wanted an independent civilian review board which would hold police accountable, this was week 20; that on Memorial Day her car was set on fire in her driveway and the Fire Department came out and said her trash can accumulated gas and exploded at 2:00 a.m. and she believed it was retaliation because they were picketing and she believed what was happening to Council Member Jones was retaliation because she was speaking up for justice against police brutality and all should stand as she did. Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Costello, Lovell and Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Jones stated that it was nice when she was vocal for people and then under attack people did the same for her and it was appreciated; that she would like to remind everyone that the poor paid taxes too and when you cut children's services, even they paid taxes at the store; and there was a caricature that she only fought for Black people, but here there were diverse people and different issues; and as the previous investigation with her she would wait and let the investigation run its course. Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Adams, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Costello, Lovell and Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Kofi Taharka, 2428 Southmore, Houston, Texas 77004 (713-402-8052) appeared and stated that Council Member Jones had endorsement of Elders and there was nothing else to say; that a civilian review board with subpoena and prosecutorial power and proper funding was needed; that Mayor Parker had been asked about such and it was confusing to what her position was but he was asking her and Council to do what was right. Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Adams, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Costello, Lovell and Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Jones thanked Mr. Taharka for coming and stated that public policy was very important and whatever was done should affect all equally and while on Council she would try and make sure government was fair and the Constitution was respected. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Adams, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Costello, Lovell and Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Ms. Deborah Shafto, 7260 Santa Fe, Houston, Texas 77061 (713-641-2815) appeared and stated that she wanted to speak on the issue of justice which was the absolute foundation of our society, all were guaranteed due process in all matters of law; that numerous instances of police stepping over their rights to due process required them to change the process; that she was requesting the Mayor and Council support an elected, funded, civilian review board with subpoena powers as absolute power corrupted absolutely; and implored all do the right thing. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Adams, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Costello, Lovell and Noriega absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. (NO QUORUM

# PRESENT)

Council Member Jones stated that she did support a civilian review board with subpoena power and agreed with what she said and that all should be fair. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Adams, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Costello, Lovell and Noriega absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Justin Joseph, 3125 Proswimmer, Houston, Texas 77088 (no phone) appeared and stated that he was present seeking justice; that Council Member Noriega in a previous meeting apologized to Council Member Jones for the mistreatment of her son by HPD officers and he was grateful for it, it was said with that apology something was wrong and if so there needed to be a change to correct it; that the definition of insanity was to keep doing the same thing and expecting a different result; that they were asking for a subpoena review board with prosecutorial powers, as long as the fox was guarding the hen house there would be no change. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Adams, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Costello, Lovell and Noriega absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Jones thanked Mr. Joseph for coming and speaking for her son, as of today no one had apologized to him and she would say her son was not the only victim, people's families and friends were victims also, but she did not believe anyone would apologize; that she would keep doing what she did and make sure her Mom, Grandmother and son were proud of her. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Adams, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Costello, Lovell and Noriega absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Don Cook, 7954 Glenheath, Houston, Texas 77061 (713-705-5594) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Adams, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Costello, Lovell and Noriega absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Ms. Gwendolyn Harris, 19826 Mallard Point, Houston, Texas 77433 (281-463-8339) appeared and stated that she was Jolanda Jones Mother and she had heard things the past week and a half about her and was very upset, but she helped whoever she could and always had, this was not something which just started; that as a Council Member people would talk, but she helped everyone, not just those who were Black; and all the controversy on she did this and that she would be exonerated and she did have her respect. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Adams, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Costello, Lovell and Noriega absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales thanked Ms. Harris for coming and stated that it was good to see her. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Adams, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Costello, Lovell and Noriega absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Jones stated that her Mom was a letter carrier, union steward and protestor, she protested with Gene Locke, Deloyd Parker and others; that she used to drag her to protests and she was told they had an obligation to help others; that she had not expected to see everyone present today for her, but she was glad there were here and it rejuvenated and remotivated her and she would ask people to not rush to judgment and thanked her staff for all they did. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Adams, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Costello, Lovell and Noriega absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Clyde Bryan, 10802 Pepper Lane, Houston, Texas 77079 (713-545-4878) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Adams, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Costello, Lovell and Noriega absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. James Partsch-Galvan, 1611 Holman, Houston, Texas 77004 (713-528-2607) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Adams, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Costello, Lovell and Noriega absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

President Joseph Charles, P. O. Box 524373, Houston, Texas 77052-4373 (713-928-2871) appeared and stated that the address of his case on the speakers list had gone far enough; and continued expressing his personal opinions until his time expired. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Adams, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Costello, Lovell and Noriega absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Reverend Joe Angel Lopez, 13334 Wells River Drive, Houston, Texas 77041 (832-891-2724) appeared and stated that he was in the Marine Corp four years and earned his sergeant stripes the first two and a half years; that he did not always agree but did what he was supposed to do; that he and Council Member Jones did not always agree, but they had a job to do. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Adams, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Costello, Lovell and Noriega absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Jones thanked Reverend Lopez for coming and stated that she was surprised he was supporting her as he had criticized her at least once, maybe more, but they would not agree on everything, she did not even agree with family on everything but still supported each other; that sometimes he and she stood up for things most did not and she respected him also. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Adams, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Costello, Lovell and Noriega absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Ms. Carol Rensink, 1612 Haver, Houston, Texas 77006 (713-254-5146) had reserved time to speak but was not present as she spoke earlier during the hearing. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Adams, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Costello, Lovell and Noriega absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Ms. Leticia Ablaza, 8022 Glendell, Houston, Texas 77061 (713-320-4340) appeared and stated that she was present in support of Council Member Jones and would urge all to wait for her to have opportunity to answer charges before judgment was placed on her; that experiences with her and her staff had been fantastic they were assessable and helpful; that the Hispanic Community felt they would have due process after speaking with her and she thanked her for all her hard work. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Adams, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Costello, Lovell and Noriega absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Jones stated that at 17 her coach told her there was something wrong with a person who worked hard to set goals and then not reflect on them, it was not healthy, and he was speaking about her; that her coming today reminded her she did affect people, but she was so busy trying to figure out how to help and be fair; that Council was her number one job and her law practice was second to it; that she listened to everyone and asked questions to get the full understanding of the issue as she was an At-Large Council Member and represented everyone; and thanked her again for coming and reminding her why she did what she did.

Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Adams, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Costello, Lovell and Noriega absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

At 4:57 p.m. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 15, 2011. Council Member Pennington absent on city business. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Adams, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Costello, Lovell and Noriega absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

The Houston City Council reconvened at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, June 15, 2011, Mayor Annise D. Parker presiding and with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jarvis Johnson, Anne Clutterbuck, Wanda Adams, Mike Sullivan, Al Hoang, Oliver Pennington, Edward Gonzalez, James G. Rodriguez, Stephen C. Costello, Sue Lovell, Melissa Noriega, C. O. "Brad" Bradford and Jolanda "Jo" Jones; Mr. David Feldman, City Attorney, Legal Department; Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director and Stella Ortega, Agenda Office, present.

At 8:22 a.m. the City Secretary read the descriptions or captions of items on the Agenda.

At 9:16 a.m. Mayor Parker called the meeting to order and stated that the first item was a public hearing. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Costello and Lovell absent.

### <u>HEARINGS</u> - <u>9:00 A.M.</u>

 PUBLIC HEARING relative to a fourth amendment to the Project Plan and Reinvestment Zone Financing Plan for Reinvestment Zone Number Two (Midtown Zone) - <u>DISTRICTS</u> <u>C - CLUTTERBUCK; D - ADAMS and I - RODRIGUEZ</u> - was called. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Costello, Lovell and Noriega absent.

The City Secretary stated that Mr. Tim Douglass would make the remarks on the hearing. Council Members Johnson, Sullivan, Costello, Lovell and Noriega absent.

Mr. Tim Douglas, Finance Department, stated that on April 28, 2011, the Board of Directors of the Midtown TIRZ approved amendments to their TIRZ project plans and submitted them to Council for action, that this public hearing was a statutorily required event that was part of the City's review process, that each Council office had received a copy of the proposed fourth amendment to the TIRZ and the official City statement which outlined those, that in brief the administration requested that City Council approve a plan amendment to the zone which would increase the project plan expenditures by about \$45 million, that in addition to the increasing demand on infrastructure caused by existing and proposed densities in Midtown the zone was proposed to be extended for eight years, that as explained in the body of the proposed amendments, and shown in Exhibit One, the amendments provided for a series of projects, including reconstruction of key streets, utility systems, pedestrian amenities, parks, cultural and public facilities and affordable housing, that in closing he would like to thank the staff at the City, especially Ralph DeLeon, the Manager of the TIRZ program, all of the Midtown staff who had worked so hard on this and they would like to bring forth a recommendation from the administration that the City Council approve the planned amendment. Council Members Johnson, Costello and Lovell absent.

Upon questions by Council Members, Mr. Douglass stated that yes they were extending the life of the TIRZ by 8 years, that only the City would be the participant in the out years, the other participants, the County and the ISDs had been notified of this but were under no legal obligation to continue after their original time expires in 2025, that as to the justification of continuing as sole participants, this TIRZ, when it was created, had a property value of about

\$250 million, that today it had property values of well over \$1 billion, that was stress on the infrastructure and on the quality of life of everybody who had moved to that area and all of the businesses there had put a stress on the infrastructure that required that it be upgraded in streets, roads and utilities, as well as some amenities, including parks; that the most efficient way to create large capital infrastructure was to sell bonds, that the market buys those bonds, and to do those in big chunks, that it was most efficient and best for the TIRZ and the bond seller that the bonds be in 20 year chunks, that by having 8 more years it allowed for at least one and maybe two more bond sales to accomplish these large infrastructure upgrades, that it would expire in 2025 without this action; that this would keep it until 2033, an additional 8 years. Council Members Gonzalez and Lovell absent.

The City Secretary stated that no one had signed up to speak at the public hearing, and Mayor Parker asked if there was anyone present in the audience who wished to speak to this issue for the public hearing, and seeing no one asked for a motion to close the public hearing. Council Members Gonzalez and Lovell absent.

Council Member Sullivan moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Council Member Adams. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Gonzalez and Lovell absent. MOTION 2011-0456 ADOPTED.

# **MAYOR'S REPORT**

#### CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 4 through 48

#### MISCELLANEOUS - NUMBER 4

4. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment of HONORABLE SYLVIA R. GARCIA, to the INDEPENDENT POLICE OVERSIGHT BOARD and to serve as Chair for a term to expire May 1, 2013 – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Hoang. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Lovell absent. MOTION 2011-0457 ADOPTED.

#### **ACCEPT WORK** - NUMBERS 5 through 7

- 5. RECOMMENDATION from Director General Services Department for approval of final contract amount of \$30,550.00 and acceptance of work on contract with ARC ABATEMENT, INC for Asbestos Abatement, Demolition and Disposal at 815 Dorsett Street 4.95% over the original contract amount <u>DISTRICT I RODRIGUEZ</u> was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Hoang. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Lovell absent. MOTION 2011-0458 ADOPTED.
- 6. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$5,936,158.21 and acceptance of work on contract with HUFF & MITCHELL, INC for 72-inch Water Line along Fuqua from the Existing 96-inch Water Line near Beamer to Stover Street 0.51% under the original contract amount <u>DISTRICT E SULLIVAN</u> was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Hoang. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Lovell absent. MOTION 2011-0459 ADOPTED.
- 7. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$2,367,279.73 and acceptance of work on contract with **RELIANCE CONSTRUCTION SERVICES**, **L.P.** for FY 08 Water Service Line Replacement 0.24% under the original contract amount **DISTRICTS A STARDIG**; **B -**

<u>JOHNSON; E - SULLIVAN; F - HOANG and G - PENNINGTON</u> – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Hoang. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Lovell absent. MOTION 2011-0460 ADOPTED.

# **PROPERTY** - NUMBERS 8 through 10

- 8. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering, reviewed and approved by the Joint Referral Committee, on request from Steven Hicks, Executive Pastor of Ecclesia Church, for abandonment and sale of Kessler Street, from Elder Street east to its terminus, and Girard Street, from Elder Street east to its terminus, North Side Buffalo Bayou Addition, out of the John Austin Survey, A-1, Parcels SY11-022A, SY11-022B, SY11-062, SY11-063, and SY11-064 DISTRICT H GONZALEZ was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Hoang. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Lovell absent. MOTION 2011-0461 ADOPTED.
- 9. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering, reviewed and approved by the Joint Referral Committee, on request from Chris Cahil of Mills Shirley, L.L.P., on behalf of SWS Holdings-Pasadena, L.P., (Sanjay Rao, General Partner), for abandonment and sale of Endor Street, from Frio Street east to its terminus at the Houston Ship Channel, in exchange for the conveyance to the City of a 20-foot-wide storm sewer easement, Harrisburg Addition, out of the J. R. Harris Survey, A-27, Parcels SY11-008 and LY11-013 DISTRICT I RODRIGUEZ was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Hoang. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Lovell absent. MOTION 2011-0462 ADOPTED.
- 10. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering to purchase Parcel AY9-428, located at 8400 and 8430 Long Point Road, owned by NCNB Texas National Bank now known as Bank of America, N. A., formerly known as Nationsbank of Texas, N. A., Judith Lynn Wilkinson, Assistant Vice President, for the LONG POINT RECONSTRUCTION (from Pech Road to Hollister Street) PROJECT DISTRICT A STARDIG was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Hoang. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Lovell absent. MOTION 2011-0463 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated that among the items that they just passed was the confirmation of the appointment of the Honorable Sylvia Garcia to the Independent Police Oversight Board, that she knew Ms. Garcia was not present, but had sent a representative, Ms. Yolanda Navarro Black, and thanked her and asked that she express their congratulations to Ms. Garcia. Council Member Lovell absent.

#### PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS - NUMBERS 11 through 14

- 11. **GRACE INDUSTRIES, INC** for Automated Personnel Accountability and Emergency Signaling System for the Houston Fire Department \$1,200,002.52 Grant Fund was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Hoang. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Lovell absent. MOTION 2011-0464 ADOPTED.
- 12a. **HEWLETT-PACKARD COMPANY** and **DELL MARKETING**, **LP** for Hardware and Software through the City's Master Agreement with the Texas Department of Information Resources for the Information Technology Department \$65,756.25 had been pulled from the Agenda by the Administration, and was not considered. Council Member Lovell absent.

13. HARRIS CORPORATION GOVERNMENT COMMUNICATION SERVICES DIVISION for Covert Surveillance Equipment, Software and Training for the Houston Police Department - \$399,107.00 Grant Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Hoang. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Lovell absent. MOTION 2011-0465 ADOPTED.

# **RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES** - NUMBERS 15 through 48

- 15. RESOLUTION authorizing the filing of applications with the Federal Transit Administration, an Operating Administration of the United States Department of Transportation, for Federal Transportation Assistance authorized by 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53, Title 23 United States Code and other Federal Statutes Administered by the Federal Transit Administration 

  DISTRICTS C CLUTTERBUCK; D ADAMS and I RODRIGUEZ was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. RESOLUTION 2011-0014 ADOPTED.
- 17. ORDINANCE finding and determining that public convenience and necessity no longer require the continued use of a portion of excess, fee-owned Sawyer Street right-of-way, located in the W. R. Baker Addition, John Austin Survey, A-1; waiving compliance with Section 15-1 (A) of the Code of Ordinances to permit the City to enter into a specific contract with a City employee; and abandoning the parcels to Glenwood Cemetery, Inc., and Michael Breazeale, owners, in consideration of their payment to the City of \$60,126.00 and other consideration; approving Special Warranty Deeds <u>DISTRICT H GONZALEZ</u> was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2011-0464 ADOPTED.
- 18. ORDINANCE finding and determining that public convenience and necessity no longer require the continued use of South Lawn Avenue, from Stearns Street to Tierwester Street (Parcel SY9-068A); Alice Street, from Stearns Street east to its terminus (Parcel SY9-068B); and Cadillac Street, from Alice Street north approximately 212.87 feet (Parcel SY9-068C), in the South Lawn Addition or the Southland Addition, Louis Gladitch Survey, A-304, Houston, Texas; vacating and abandoning said tracts to the Lilly Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Houston, Texas, owner, in consideration of its payment to the City of \$139,645.00 DISTRICT D ADAMS was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2011-0465 ADOPTED.
- 19. ORDINANCE authorizing participation with other Entergy Service Area Cities in matters concerning Entergy Texas, Inc. at the Public Utility Commission of Texas and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission during Calendar Year 2011 was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2011-0466 ADOPTED.
- 23. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing agreement to reimburse **FORT BEND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT** for payment of School Crossing Guards from the Child Safety Fund 3 Years was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2011-0467 ADOPTED.
- 25. ORDINANCE establishing the south side of the 3700 block of Parkwood Avenue within the City of Houston as a special minimum lot size requirement area pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas <u>DISTRICT D ADAMS</u> was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2011-0468 ADOPTED.
- 26. ORDINANCE establishing the south side of the 1700 block of Vassar Avenue within the City of Houston as a special minimum lot size requirement area pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas **DISTRICT C CLUTTERBUCK** was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2011-0469 ADOPTED.

- 27. ORDINANCE extending the provisions of SECTION 28-303 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS, to all single-family residential properties within SOUTHERN OAKS SUBDIVISION, SECTION 1 to prohibit the parking of vehicles in the front or side yards of such residences <u>DISTRICT C CLUTTERBUCK</u> was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2011-0470 ADOPTED.
- 28. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and HONEYWELL INTERNATIONAL, INC for Enhanced Software Support Services for the Houston Airport System; providing maximum contract amount 5 years \$ 1,197,410.01 Enterprise Fund <u>DISTRICTS B JOHNSON and I RODRIGUEZ</u> was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2011-0471 ADOPTED.
- 31. ORDINANCE consenting to the addition of 8.9717 acres of land to **HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 55**, for inclusion in its district was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2011-0472 ADOPTED.
- 32. ORDINANCE consenting to the addition of 9.9726 acres of land to **HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 200**, of Harris County, Texas, for inclusion in its district was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2011-0473 ADOPTED.
- 33. ORDINANCE consenting to the addition of 7.020 acres of land to **WEST HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 15**, for inclusion in its district was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2011-0474 ADOPTED.
- 34. ORDINANCE appropriating \$7,623,542.00 out of Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund and \$1,556,458.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract **TOTAL CONTRACTING LIMITED** for Aldine Westfield Paving and Drainage from Tidwell to Little York Street; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering and testing, CIP Cost Recovery, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund and Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund <u>DISTRICT B JOHNSON</u> was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2011-0475 ADOPTED.
- 35. ORDINANCE appropriating \$2,066,920.00 out of Metro Projects Construction Fund and \$138,080.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **CONRAD CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LTD.** for Manchester Street from 97th to Port Terminus and Japhet Street from Clinton Drive to Dick Street; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering, testing, CIP Cost Recovery, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Metro Projects Construction Fund and Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund **DISTRICTS H GONZALEZ and I RODRIGUEZ** was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2011-0476 ADOPTED.
- 36. ORDINANCE appropriating \$2,739,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **INDUSTRIAL TX CORP.** for Lime Feed System at the Northeast Water Purification Plant; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to

the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering, testing, CIP Cost Recovery and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT E - SULLIVAN** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2011-0477 ADOPTED.

- 37. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,161,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to PEPPER-LAWSON CONSTRUCTION, L.P., for Rehabilitation of chlorine scrubbers at the East Water Purification Plant and Southwest Repump Station; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering, testing, CIP Cost Recovery and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund DISTRICTS C CLUTTERBUCK and E SULLIVAN was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2011-0478 ADOPTED.
- 38. ORDINANCE granting to **MIDSTATE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES LP, A Texas Limited Partnership**, the right, privilege and franchise to collect, haul and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions; and making certain findings related thereto **FIRST READING** was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2011-0479 PASSED FIRST READING IN FULL.
- 39. ORDINANCE granting to TEXAS PRIDE SEPTIC, INC, A Texas Corporation, the right, privilege and franchise to collect, haul and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions; and making certain findings related thereto <u>FIRST READING</u> was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2011-0480 PASSED FIRST READING IN FULL.
- 40. ORDINANCE granting to **THERMO FLUIDS, INC, A Texas Corporation**, the right, privilege and franchise to collect, haul and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions; and making certain findings related thereto **FIRST READING** was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2011-0481 PASSED FIRST READING IN FULL.
- 41. ORDINANCE No. 2011-424, passed second reading June 8, 2011 ORDINANCE granting to A-VAC SEPTIC SERVICE, LLC, A Texas Limited Liability Corporation, the right, privilege and franchise to collect, haul and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions; and making certain findings related thereto - <u>THIRD AND FINAL</u> <u>READING</u> — was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2011-0424 ADOPTED THIRD AND FINAL REAIDNG IN FULL.
- 42. ORDINANCE No. 2011-425, passed second reading June 8, 2011
  ORDINANCE granting to **BAY AREA VACUUM SERVICES**, **LLC**, **A Texas Limited Liability Corporation**, the right, privilege and franchise to collect, haul and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions; and making certain findings related thereto **THIRD AND FINAL**

- **<u>READING</u>** was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2011-0425 ADOPTED THIRD AND FINAL REAIDNG IN FULL.
- 43. ORDINANCE No. 2011-426, passed second reading June 8, 2011 ORDINANCE granting to ELTON CHILDS d/b/a A-AFFORDABLE VACUUM SERVICE, A Texas Sole Proprietorship, the right, privilege and franchise to collect, haul and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions; and making certain findings related thereto - <u>THIRD AND</u> <u>FINAL READING</u> – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2011-0426 ADOPTED THIRD AND FINAL REAIDNG IN FULL.
- 44. ORDINANCE No. 2011-427, passed second reading June 8, 2011 ORDINANCE granting to MILSTEAD ENVIRONMENTAL, LLC, A Texas Limited Liability Corporation, the right, privilege and franchise to collect, haul and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions; and making certain findings related thereto - <u>THIRD AND FINAL</u> <u>READING</u> — was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2011-0427 ADOPTED THIRD AND FINAL REAIDNG IN FULL.
- 45. ORDINANCE No. 2011-428, passed second reading June 8, 2011 ORDINANCE granting to PEDRO CISNEROS d/b/a METRO GREASE TRAP, A Texas Sole Proprietorship, the right, privilege and franchise to collect, haul and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions; and making certain findings related thereto - <u>THIRD AND FINAL</u> <u>READING</u> — was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2011-0428 ADOPTED THIRD AND FINAL REAIDNG IN FULL.
- 46. ORDINANCE No. 2011-429, passed second reading June 8, 2011 ORDINANCE granting to WASTEWATER TRANSPORT SERVICES, LLC, A Texas Limited Liability Corporation, the right, privilege and franchise to collect, haul and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions; and making certain findings related thereto -THIRD AND FINAL READING – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2011-0429 ADOPTED THIRD AND FINAL REAIDNG IN FULL.

# MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA WERE CONSIDERED AS FOLLOWS:

#### **PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS**

- 12. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,436,749.00 out of Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund as an additional appropriation to the Court System Management And Resources Technology Implementation Project for the Municipal Courts Department was presented, and tagged by Council Members Bradford and Jones.
- 14. **RUSH TRUCK CENTERS OF TEXAS, L.P.** for Dump Truck through the Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Purchasing with the Houston-Galveston Area Council for the Department of Public Works & Engineering \$134,894.00 Enterprise Fund was presented, and tagged by Council Member Jones.

## **RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

- 16. ORDINANCE authorizing the issuance of City of Houston, Texas, Convention & Entertainment Facilities Department Hotel Occupancy Tax and Special Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2011A and Hotel Occupancy Tax and Special Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2011B; authorizing the Mayor and City Controller to approve certain terms thereof and certain other procedures relating thereto; providing for the payment thereof; authorizing the defeasance, final payment, and discharge of certain outstanding bonds; making other provisions regarding such bonds and matters incident thereto; awarding the sale of the bonds; approving a Preliminary Official Statement and authorizing distribution thereof; approving preparation and distribution of a Final Official Statement; authorizing a Bond Purchase Agreement, an Escrow Agreement and a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Clutterbuck absent. ORDINANCE 2011-0482 ADOPTED.
- 20. ORDINANCE de-appropriating \$1,000,000.00 out of Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Affordable Housing Uptown Series 2004 Fund (Fund 2417) for use in the Workforce Housing Downpayment Assistance Program and appropriating \$1,000,000.00 out of Fund 2417 for use in the Homebuyers Assistance Program was presented, and tagged by Council Member Bradford.
- 21. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing an agreement to voluntarily terminate a contract between the City of Houston and the **TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS** funded under the Texas Neighborhood Stabilization Program **DISTRICT D ADAMS** was presented, and tagged by Council Member Bradford.
- 22. ORDINANCE extending the duration of **REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER TWO, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS (MIDTOWN ZONE)** to December 31, 2033 **DISTRICTS C CLUTTERBUCK; D ADAMS and I RODRIGUEZ** was presented, and tagged by Council Member Clutterbuck. Council Member Rodriguez absent.
- 22a. ORDINANCE approving the fourth amendment to the Project Plan and REINVESTMENT ZONE FINANCING PLAN FOR REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER TWO, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS (MIDTOWN ZONE); authorizing the City Secretary to distribute such plans <u>DISTRICTS C CLUTTERBUCK; D ADAMS and I RODRIGUEZ</u> was presented, and tagged by Council Member Clutterbuck. Council Member Rodriguez absent.
- 22b. ORDINANCE relating to the Fiscal Affairs of the Midtown Redevelopment Authority on behalf of **REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER TWO, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS** (MIDTOWN ZONE); approving the Fiscal Year 2012 Operation Budget for the Authority and Fiscal Years 2012-2016 Capital Improvements Budget for the Zone **DISTRICTS C - CLUTTERBUCK; D ADAMS and I RODRIGUEZ** was presented, and tagged by Council Member Clutterbuck. Council Member Rodriguez absent.
- 24. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2009-392 (Passed by City Council on May 6, 2009) to increase the maximum contract amount and approving and authorizing Change Orders 7 & 8 to the contract between the City of Houston and **TIBURON**, **INC** to add additional functionality, interfaces, software licenses, equipment and third party components for the Automated Records Management System being implemented for the Houston Police Department was presented, and tagged by Council Members Bradford and Jones.

- 29. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2007-1413 passed on December 5, 2007, to increase the maximum contract amount for contract between the City of Houston and FOX, SMOLEN & ASSOCIATES, INC for Audit of Commercial Solid Waste Operators Franchises for the Administration and Regulatory Affairs Department \$124,000.00 General Fund was presented, and tagged by Council Member Jones.
- 30. ORDINANCE awarding contract to **CENTRAL LANDSCAPE & MAINTENANCE**, **INC** for Grounds Maintenance and Landscaping Services for the General Services Department; providing a maximum contract amount 3 years with 2 one year options \$1,165,922.50 General Fund was presented, and tagged by Council Member Jones.

#### **FISCAL YEAR 2012 BUDGET MATTERS**

- 47. 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; authorizing certain transfers; making other provisions related to the subject; containing a repealer and a severability clause was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2011-0483 ADOPTED.
- 48. ORDINANCE related to the Fiscal Affairs of the City; approving the annual budgets of the City of Houston, Texas, for Fiscal Year 2012 including providing for future adjustment to certain fund balances; making various amendments to the proposed budgets; authorizing various other transfers; establishing a cost for copies of the budget; approving the creation of the Parks Golf Special Fund and authorizing a transfer therefor; amending Section 32-7 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; amending the Houston Building Code and/or Houston Fire Code to establish or increase certain fees; authorizing a transfer of certain fund balances in the Convention and Entertainment Facilities Department to the Houston First Corporation; making other provisions related to the subject; making certain findings related thereto; providing a repealing clause; providing for severability was presented, and tagged by Council Members Jones, Bradford and Jones.

Mayor Parker stated that this was the opportunity for amendments to be placed, and if they intended to allow amendments to the budget they needed to remove their tags, and she would allow the tags to be replaced.

Council Members Johnson, Jones and Bradford stated that they would remove their tags so that budget amendments could be made.

Mayor Parker stated that for efficiency sake she would go in order, start with the At Large positions first and asked if they had anything to present and then go through the District Council Members.

Mayor Parker recognized Council Member Sullivan for a point of order, and Council Member Sullivan asked if Mayor Parker could walk them through the process if they had additional budget amendments that they would like to bring forward.

Mayor Parker stated that they would go through a very similar process to what they did last year, they would look at each budget amendment and offer an administrative response, there would be a matrix created and placed before them so that they could all work off of the same matrix for ease of following what was happening, that if there were new budget amendments made next week they would be subject to a tag and the potential of not being considered, but everything that was submitted today would be on the matrix.

Council Member Costello offered the following 7 written motions to amend Item No. 48 as follows:

1.01

City Council requires adequate input and information to address both the short term and long term financial needs of the City. Within 60 days, the administration shall appoint, with Council approval, a Long-Range Financial Management Task Force consisting of at least two Council Members, a representative of the Administration, a representative of the Finance Department, a representative from each of the City's three Labor Unions, a representative from each of the City's three Pension Boards, a representative of the Controller's Office, and five members of the community representing businesses and residents comprised of financial and actuarial experts, business interests and community leaders.

The Task Force will review the City's long-term financial situation and develop recommendations for a long-term plan of action for Council discussion and adoption. The Task Force will address long-range plans to include the City's unfunded liabilities, pension plans, benefit management, long-term indebtedness, the debt model, and all other City financial obligations. The task force shall present its final recommendations to the Council no later than January 31, 2012. The Task Force shall be advisory only, and its existence will terminate when the final report has been issued and submitted to the Mayor and City Council.

1.02

Move all GIS staff from Public Works and Engineering Department to the Planning Department. Planning will designate an appropriate number of GIS staff to be always be on call for Public Works and Engineering projects.

1.03

Reduce number of total FTEs in Project Cost Recovery Fund (1001) to 320. This is to be on line with FY2010 and FY2011 actuals.

1.04

Increase performance measures for the Storm Water Maintenance Division in the Storm Water Fund (2302) Performance measures by 4.6%. (4.6% is equivalent to the increase of FTEs)

1.05

Keep the current number of FTEs in the Street and Drainage Division (281 FTEs) in the Dedicated Drainage & Street Renewal Fund (2310).

1.06

Within 60 days, the Houston Parks and Recreation Department shall make recommendations to: 1)create partnerships with residents, community groups, management districts, and other affected parties for the management and operations of the City's community centers; 2) enhance revenue generating opportunities for the City's community centers; 3) implement best practices based on operational and programmatic models utilized by other cities and counties for their community centers; and 4) increase flexibility to adjust community center operations and programs to meet the needs of the

community.

1.07

Within 120 days, the administration shall implement policy establishing qualifying guidelines for 380 agreements. The City shall give priority to projects aimed at stimulating economic development and addressing socioeconomic issues, such as food access, in underserved communities.

Council Member Lovell stated that in keeping with her tradition she was not submitting any motions to amend Item No. 48.

Council Member Noriega offered the following 3 written motions to amend Item No. 48 as follows:

3.01

City Council requires adequate input and information to address both the short term and long term financial needs of the City. Within 60 days, the administration shall appoint, with Council approval, a Long-Range Financial Management Task Force consisting of at least two Council Members, a representative of the Administration, a representative of the Finance Department, a representative from each of the City's three Labor Unions, a representative from each of the City's three Pension Boards, a representative of the Controller's Office, and five members of the community representing businesses and residents comprised of financial and actuarial experts, business interests and community leaders.

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3.02

Within 90 days, the administration shall create a "Houston Property Tax" Calculator page for the City website. The page will include a graphic representation and listing of the amount of each dollar that the City collects in Taxes is spent in each major category, including as a minimum: Police, Fire, Homeland Security, Solid Waste, Library, Parks, Debt Repayment, Housing, and Health and Human Services. The calculator also shall allow residents to input their address, and have the interactive calculator detail the dollar amount dedicated to each of the same categories from the taxes paid for that address.

3.03

Within 180 days the administration shall create a "Fast Track" service for permits, plan reviews, and other City services. These special "Fast Track" services shall be available for an increased fee which covers all costs associated with the faster service, including additional equipment, personnel, additional training, implementation of best practices and new technology.

Council Member Bradford stated he had no amendments at this time.

Council Member Jones offered the following 8 written motions to amend Item No. 48 as follows:

5.01

Respectfully request in an effort to get the best value for tax payer dollars through competitively bid suppliers, all departments shall make purchases for supplies through authorized vendors as per Strategic Purchasing Agreement, including purchases less than \$50,000 (which are not required to come before City Council for approval).

5.02

Respectfully request that the Administration review and consider the cost to outsource or financially collaborate with other governmental entities (i.e., the county) the duties of the City of Houston jails from the FY '12 Houston Police Department budget or any identified budget surplus.

5.03

Respectfully request that the Administration review and consider the cost to outsource or financially collaborate with other governmental entities (i.e., the county) the duties of the Houston Police Department's (HPD) crime labs (drugs, evidence receiving, firearms, toxicology and serology/DNA) from the FY '12 HPD budget or any identified budget surplus.

5.04

Respectfully request that the Housing and Community Development Department (Department) follow all federal (HUD) and state regulations and that if they do not, the Department face sanctions from the Administration.

5.05

Respectfully request that MWBE goals of 35% be assigned to all City contracts greater than \$100,000.00 and that only money spent on the core component(s)/function(s) of the contract count towards meeting that goal.

5.06

Respectfully request that MWBE mentorship potential/participation be worth "points" when ranking firms during the contract bidding process.

5.07

Respectfully request that all recommendations of the MWDBE Transition Task Force Implementation Plan be implemented within 90 days.

5.08

Respectfully request that other ways be found, including but not limited to examining the City's overtime and DROP policies, to fund all City pools, all community centers, full library hours, all existing park activities/leagues, and the Mayor's Office of Disabilities.

Council Member Stardig stated she had none at this time.

Council Member Johnson stated he had no amendments at this time.

Council Member Clutterbuck stated that she had 2 amendments and they were on the way over and would be submitted before the tag needed to be placed back on, and Mayor Parker stated that they would make sure to get those before they took action.

Council Member Adams offered the following written 7 motions to amend Item No. 48 as follows:

9.01

Within 90 days, the Human Resource Department will have established guidelines in preparing Employee Performance Evaluations (EPE). The policy should explain the timelines and the due dates that all (EPE's) should be given to Supervisors and or Directors. An Audit plan needs to be established in making sure that all EPE' are done and completed. The policy changes should be presented to the appropriate council committee for discussion and review.

9.02

Within 30 days the Neighborhood Services Department will present its budget, operational summary, organizational chart and employee responsibility, to the Neighborhood Protection and Quality of Life Committee

9.04

HPD will develop a written policy within 90 days on how Neighborhood Police Storefronts will be staffed in the absence of the HPD and the Public Safety Officers. All listed times of closures for each storefront will be listed on the HPD website and sent to Members of City Council 90 days of the passing of the 2012 FY Budget

9.05

Recommend that the City Council Members Budget remain as the current Adopted FY 2011 Budget in the amount of \$5,473,508 for this upcoming budget year 2012

9.06

Within the 90 days the administration and the HPD will provide council a policy that would protect the safety of officers on the scene of a traffic accident at the hours of darkness. Recommend that a policy be in place that would establish guidelines that would have crime scene secured to protect the officer's safety on the freeway with the use of an Arrow Board

9.07

Amend Section 5-172 of the Code of Ordinances to increase the annual Game Room permit fee to \$500.00 and monthly Game Room permit to \$40. Cost analysis demonstrates that the City of Houston incurs an administrative and enforcement cost of approximately \$529.11 per permit. The current Game Room permit fee is \$100, resulting in a loss of \$429.11 per permit. 215 Game Room permits have been issued in FY11 to date. Potential revenue increase - \$86,000

9.08

Within 90 days the Houston Planning Department will establish an ordinance/policy for the use of parking lifts. The ordinance should include lift standards, installation and permit fees

Council Member Sullivan offered 17 written motions to amend Item No. 48, and later in the Council meeting presented a list of 27 written motions to amend Item No. 48 and requested it be substituted for the original list as follows:

10.01

Cut City Council Members Pay by Five Percent; Savings of \$41,827.50

10.02

Cut the Mayor's Pay by 5 Percent; Savings of \$10,457

10.03

Eliminate Increase for Mayor's Services Strategy in the ARA Budget; Savings of \$6,227,386

10.04

Cap Audiovisual Supplies allocation to the estimated expenditures in FY2011; Savings of \$167,654

10.05

Cap Food Supplies allocation to the estimated expenditures in FY2011; Savings of \$128,628

10.06

Cap Education and Training allocation to the estimated expenditures in FY2011; Savings of \$509,743

10.07

Cap Contract/Sponsorship allocation to the estimated expenditures in FY2011; Savings of \$881,186

10.08

Cap Tuition Reimbursements allocation to the estimated expenditures in FY2011; Savings of \$128,449

10.09

Cap Building Maintenance Services allocation to the estimated expenditures in FY2011; Savings of \$6,505,969

10.10

Cap Miscellaneous Other Services and Charges allocation to the estimated expenditures in FY2011; Savings of \$3,689,012

Cap Mail/Delivery Services allocation to the estimated expenditures in FY2011; Savings of \$834,207

10.12

Cap Temporary Personnel Services allocation to the estimated expenditures in FY2011; Savings of \$780,092

10.13

Cut Advertising Services allocation by 50 percent; Savings of \$8,649,894

10.14

Cap Furniture Fixtures and Equipment purchases allocation to the estimated expenditures in FY2011; Savings of \$658,784

10.15

Cap Computer Hardware and Developed Software purchases to the estimated expenditures in FY2011; Savings of \$2,406,737

10.16

Limit Infrastructure Budget Item Under Equipment to estimated FY2011 expenditures; Savings of \$2,250,789

10.17

Eliminate Funding for Affirmative Action Monitoring; Savings of \$2,018,421

10.18

Conduct a thorough traffic and mobility study in the Clear Lake portion of District E, similar to the Parsons study conducted in December 2004.

10.19

Maintain funding for Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership at \$100,000 for FY2012.

10.20

Increase funding to HFD so annual inspection of common attics can be made at all multi-family projects.

10.21

Purchase and install thirty-one back-up power generators for Kingwood lift stations.

10.22

Purchase and install fourteen power generators for South-Belt portion of District E.

10.23

Increase quiet zone program 50% of approved and qualifying applications.

10.24

Add one FTE to the Finance Department for the sole purpose of sales tax audit compliance.

10.25

Discontinue the practice of city departments paying permit fees to other city departments

10.26

Review take-home vehicle policy for all non-public safety personnel, and if there have been no after-hours call out within the last 30 days (or pick some other arbitrary period of time) evaluate the need for that employee to continue to take a vehicle home. Consider a vehicle allowance, or reimbursement policy, for any legitimate city business for after hours use as an alternative policy.

10.27

Conduct a performance audit of the Mayor's Citizens Assistance Office, and determine if it is "mission critical" to core city services.

Council Member Hoang stated he had no amendments at this time.

Council Member Pennington offered the following written motion to amend Item No. 48 to co-sponsor the amendment by Council Member Noriega.

12.01

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Council Member Gonzalez stated he had no amendments at this time.

Council Member Rodriguez offered the following written motion to amend Item No. 48.

14.01

The administration will assist the Parks Department in identifying funds to continue operating the Charlton Park Community Center.

Mayor Parker stated that since there were apparently a few more amendments coming across the street could they defer any further action on this item until the end of the agenda, and seeing no objection she asked Ms. Russell to go to the Matters Held, and would take up Item No. 48 at the end of the Matters Held.

# MATTERS HELD - NUMBERS 49 through 55

- 49. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$6,722,706.82 and acceptance of work on contract with PACE SERVICES, L.P. for Edloe Storm Drainage Improvements Project Segment 2 1.77% under the original contract amount <u>DISTRICT C CLUTTERBUCK</u> (<u>This was Item 4 on Agenda of June 8, 2011, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER JONES</u>) was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Hoang. Council Member Jones voting no, balance voting aye. MOTION 2011-0466 ADOPTED.
- 50. RECOMMENDATION from Purchasing Agent to award to VERIZON WIRELESS for Verizon Data (Air Card) Plan through the City's Master Agreement with the Texas Department of Information Resources for the Houston Police Department 1 year \$1,042,825.50 General Fund (<u>This was Item 9 on Agenda of June 8, 2011, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER JONES</u>) was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Hoang. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2011-0467 ADOPTED.
- 51. ORDINANCE authorizing the issuance of City of Houston, Texas Airport System Subordinate Lien Revenue Bonds in one or more series as may be further designated and described herein and providing for the payment thereof; authorizing the Mayor, the City Controller and/or certain other designated City Officials to approve the amount, interest rates, prices, and terms thereof, to determine the Outstanding Bonds or other obligations to be refunded and/or defeased and to approve certain other procedures, provisions and agreements relating thereto; authorizing the refunding and/or defeasance of Certain Outstanding Airport System Bonds and other obligations relating to Special Facilities Bonds; approving the sale of the Bonds and authorizing the execution and delivery of a Bond Purchase Agreement; authorizing the execution and delivery of a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement, one or more Escrow Agreements, and other agreements relating to the Bonds or the security of the same; authorizing a Co-Bond Counsel Agreement and a Special Disclosure Co-Counsel Agreement; authorizing an Official to declare intent to reimburse; approving a form of Agreement with Bond Insurer and Debt Service Reserve Fund Policy Agreement; and making certain findings and other declarations necessary and incidental to the issuance of the bonds; and declaring an emergency - (This was Item 15 on Agenda of June 8, 2011, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS NORIEGA, JONES and GONZALEZ) - was presented. Council Member Rodriguez absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Gonzalez. Mayor Parker stated that the bonds were for major capital projects, the layoffs at the airport had been across the airport in various staff positions, there was no overlap between the two. Council Member Rodriguez absent.

Council Member Lovell stated that they presented this at the TIA Committee meeting yesterday and she made a commitment to HOPE that they would convene a meeting, that she knew it could be very confusing that they were moving forward with construction and bond money and yet people were being laid off, they wanted to have the opportunity to explain the process to them, but thought also an understanding that these kind of projects actually generated jobs and the more the airport expanded the more opportunities there were for positions, that she would like to know the people that were laid off at the airport and if in the future as they moved forward with these projects and the companies needed people that they would give the City's employees a first glance and bring them back into the system. Council Member Rodriguez absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she wanted to thank Council Member Lovell for stepping up and doing that, that these bonds would fund major construction projects across the airport, and certainly if there were folks that had been doing staff jobs inside the airport system that were qualified for these that would be a great opportunity.

After further discussion by Council Members, a vote was called on Item No. 51, a vote was called on item No. 51. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Rodriguez absent. ORDINANCE 2011-0484 ADOPTED.

- 52. ORDINANCE appropriating \$43,907,904.02 out of Tax Increment Funds for Reinvestment Zone Number One, City of Houston, Texas (Lamar Terrace Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Two, City of Houston, Texas (Midtown Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Three, City of Houston, Texas (Main Street/Market Square Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Four, City of Houston, Texas (Village Enclaves Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Five, City of Houston, Texas (Memorial Heights Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Seven, City of Houston, Texas (Old Spanish Trail/Almeda Corridors Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Eight, City of Houston, Texas (Gulfgate Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Nine, City of Houston, Texas (South Post Oak Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Eleven, City of Houston, Texas (Greater Greenspoint Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Twelve, City of Houston, Texas (City Park Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Thirteen, City of Houston, Texas (Old Sixth Ward Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Fourteen, City of Houston, Texas (Fourth Ward Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Fifteen, City of Houston, Texas (East Downtown Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Sixteen, City of Houston, Texas (Uptown Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Eighteen, City of Houston, Texas (Fifth Ward Zone), and Reinvestment Zone Number Nineteen. City of Houston. Texas (Upper Kirby Zone), for affordable housing, administrative expenses, payment of project costs, payments to Houston Independent School District, Spring Independent School District, Houston Housing Finance Corporation, and certain redevelopment authorities as provided herein - (This was Item 17 on Agenda of June 8, 2011, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER COSTELLO) - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2011-0485 ADOPTED.
- 53. ORDINANCE appropriating \$59,280,370.16 out of Tax Increment Funds for Reinvestment Zone Number One, City of Houston, Texas (Lamar Terrace Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Two, City of Houston, Texas (Midtown Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Three, City of Houston, Texas (Main Street/Market Square Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Four, City of Houston, Texas (Village Enclaves Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Five, City of Houston, Texas (Memorial Heights Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Seven, City of Houston, Texas (Old Spanish Trail/Almeda Corridors Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Nine, City of Houston, Texas (South Post Oak Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Ten, City of Houston, Texas (Lake Houston Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Eleven, City of

Houston, Texas (Greater Greenspoint Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Twelve, City of Houston, Texas (City Park Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Thirteen, City of Houston, Texas (Old Sixth Ward Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Fourteen, City of Houston, Texas (Fourth Ward Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Fifteen, City of Houston, Texas (East Downtown Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Sixteen, City of Houston, Texas (Uptown Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Seventeen, City of Houston, Texas (Memorial City Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Eighteen, City of Houston, Texas (Fifth Ward Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Nineteen, City of Houston, Texas (Upper Kirby Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Twenty, City of Houston, Texas (Southwest Houston Zone), Reinvestment Zone Number Twenty-One, City of Houston, Texas (Hardy/Near Northside Zone), and Reinvestment Zone Number Twenty-Two, City of Houston Texas (Leland Woods Zone), for payment of affordable housing costs, payment of administrative expenses, payment of project costs, payment to Houston Housing Finance Corporation, and payments to certain redevelopment authorities as provided herein - (This was Item 18 on Agenda of June 8, 2011, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER COSTELLO) - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2011-0486 ADOPTED.

- 54. ORDINANCE appropriating \$125,000.00 out of Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Affordable Housing Fund; approving and authorizing an Interlocal Funding Agreement between the City of Houston and the HOUSTON GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL for the creation of a Regional Plan for Sustainable Development \$20,000.00 General Fund (This was Item 20 on Agenda of June 8, 2011, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER JONES) was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2011-0487 ADOPTED.
- 55. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,576,000.00 out of Metro Projects Construction Fund as appropriation to the Interlocal Contract between the City of Houston and the TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION for Construction of a Joint Bikeway Project (Approved by Ordinance Nos. 1995-1290, 1997-0935, and 2007-1276); providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction financed by the Metro Projects Construction Fund <u>DISTRICTS D ADAMS; H GONZALEZ and I RODRIGUEZ</u> (<u>This was Item 31 on Agenda of June 8, 2011, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER COSTELLO</u>) was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2011-0488 ADOPTED.
- 48. ORDINANCE related to the Fiscal Affairs of the City; approving the annual budgets of the City of Houston, Texas, for Fiscal Year 2012 including providing for future adjustment to certain fund balances; making various amendments to the proposed budgets; authorizing various other transfers; establishing a cost for copies of the budget; approving the creation of the Parks Golf Special Fund and authorizing a transfer therefor; amending Section 32-7 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; amending the Houston Building Code and/or Houston Fire Code to establish or increase certain fees; authorizing a transfer of certain fund balances in the Convention and Entertainment Facilities Department to the Houston First Corporation; making other provisions related to the subject; making certain findings related thereto; providing a repealing clause; providing for severability was again before Council.

Mayor Parker asked if there were any more items for Item No. 48 that had been delivered.

Council Member Clutterbuck offered the following 2 written motions to amend Item No. 48.

8.01

After all alternative public and private funding sources have been applied to Parks and Recreation Community Centers Operation Division, the remaining funding necessary to keep all community centers open shall be taken from cost centers 1000010001,

1000010002, and 1000010004 at the administration's discretion. This amendment shall not impact the employment status of classified officers of the Houston Police Department

8.02

City Council requires adequate input and information to address both the short term and long term financial needs of the City. Within 60 days, the administration shall appoint, with Council approval, a Long-Range Financial Management Task Force consisting of at least two Council Members, a representative of the Administration, a representative of the Finance Department, a representative from each of the City's three Labor Unions, a representative from each of the City's three Pension Boards, a representative of the Controller's Office, and five members of the community representing businesses and residents comprised of financial and actuarial experts, business interests and community leaders.

The Task Force will review the City's long-term financial situation and develop recommendations for a long-term plan of action for Council discussion and adoption. The Task Force will address long-range plans to include the City's unfunded liabilities, pension plans, benefit management, long-term indebtedness, the debt model, and all other City financial obligations. The task force shall present its final recommendations to the Council no later than January 31, 2012. The Task Force shall be advisory only, and its existence will terminate when the final report has been issued and submitted to the Mayor and City Council

Council Member Sullivan stated that they passed out a revised budget list that contained 27 items and would like to substitute it for the list that was submitted a few moments ago, and moved to amend Item No. 48 with Amendment 10.28 as follows:

Conduct a thorough inspection, report, recommended repairs and timeline for all Houston fire stations, this to be accomplished within 6 months of adoption of the 2012 Fiscal Year Budget, seconded by Council Member Bradford.

Mayor Parker stated that 10.28 would be added to Council Member Sullivan's list of budget amendments.

Mayor Parker asked if there were any other amendments and seeing none stated that she would recognize Council Members Jones, Bradford and anyone else who wished to tag the item.

Council Members Jones, Bradford and Johnson tagged Item No. 48 and the proposed amendments as well.

Mayor Parker stated that it was time for Council Member presentations, that there was an electronic bond bid going on and it would come down as soon as they got it done, that if City Council got done to early she may have to call them back into session to accept it when it came in, they were checking with the Controller's office.

Mayor Parker stated that as a prelude to the Council Member presentations she wanted to note the passing of her uncle, Lloyd Gene Parker, last week, that his service was going to be tomorrow afternoon, that she knew that every firefighter and police officer on the Eastside knew Gene Parker, that they were not having a funeral service, they were having a gathering of friends tomorrow afternoon from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., that they had posted it at the fire stations and the police sub stations, that his hobby over the last few years had been running emergency calls, that he was always involved in Citizens on Patrol, that he was just a heck of a nice guy, that to the many police officers who had called and offered their condolences she

would thank them for that, that Uncle Parker, as they had been referring to him since her election, appreciated their friendship over the years and since they all knew that they were losing the greatest generation she did not know, until sitting with her cousins and reading his obituary, her Dad and his brothers all served in the military, her uncle was in the Air Force and served on Kwajalein Island and worked on the planes that delivered the A Bomb, that he never talked about that, that she would invite those who knew him to join them tomorrow afternoon.

# MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Lovell stated that she wanted to offer her sympathies to her family, that she thought that it would be great fun and a great service to follow their public safety officers, and Mayor Parker stated that Constable Trevino, Precinct 6, actually made her uncle a reserve deputy and he had full equipment in his vehicle. Council Member Lovell further stated that there would be a meeting of the Development and Regulatory Affairs Committee in the Council Chamber at 10:00 a.m.; that she wanted to offer congratulations to the Woodlands High School Lady Highlanders Varsity Softball Team, their neighbor to the north, for winning the 5A State Championship by defeating San Antonio Northside O'Connor, 7 to 5, in the title game at the University of Texas, that they finished the season with a 44 and 1 record and also earned the number 1 national ranking in a poll for ESPN RISE, the high school sports magazine. Council Members Adam and Hoang absent.

Council Member Johnson stated that he wanted to wish Mayor Parker condolences to her and her family; that on June 16, 2011 the Houston Parks Board would hold it's annual Father's Day Father/Son Charity Golf Tournament at the Wild Cat Golf Club, 12000 Almeda Road, that it was a great cause to raise money for The First Tee Program; that on Saturday, June 18, 2011, the Acres Homes Juneteenth and Centennial Celebration Parade would take place at 10:00 a.m.; the Kashmere Gardens Super Neighborhood Council would be hosting a Community Festival in honor of Juneteenth at Hutchinson Park, 5400 Lockwood Drive; that he would be the Chair for the 21st Annual Houston International Jazz Festival on Friday, August 5, 2011 at the House of Blues and then Saturday and Sunday at Discovery Green, that on Sunday they would have the Mayor's Jazz Brunch at the Wortham Theater. Council Members Hoang and Lovell absent.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that he wanted to give his condolences to Mayor Parker and her family. Council Members Hoang and Lovell absent.

Council Member Noriega stated that tonight they were having a meeting at Ripley House about the over under issue, that it was a great separation upgrade meeting about the rail line and the issues at Harrisburg, that her colleagues Council Members Gonzalez and Rodriguez and the head of Metro, George Greanias, would be there to talk about it, that it would be at 4419 Navigation, Ripley House, at 7:00 p.m.; that she wanted to congratulate the Brazoswood High School, in Clute, Lake Jackson, had won the State 5A Baseball Championship Title, they won in Round Rock with a score of 10 to 3 against the Lubbock Coronado High School, that several of the players had been recruited to play for the University of Houston, they wanted to congratulate all of these fine young men and their Coach, Bobby Williams. Council Members Hoang and Lovell absent.

Council Member Adams stated that she wanted to give her sympathy to the Mayor and her family during this time of mourning; that she wanted to thank the Johnson Family for wonderful Extreme Green Birthday Bash last Thursday in the South Union Community; that on Friday Juneteenth they held their annual District D Movie Night at the Miller Outdoor Theater and she wanted to thank the Miller Outdoor Theater, Magic 102 and HEB for providing a birthday cake to feed the constituents who came out to view the movie; that on Saturday, June 11, 2011, they had the Smoke Detector Get an Alarm Day, that it was a great day to install smoke detectors in

the District D Community to make sure their constituents remained safe in lieu of fire safety, that she would encourage everyone to check their batteries, that she wanted to thank the Houston Fire Department, the Public Affairs Department and all of the firefighters who came out and supported the great event, that it was kicked off at Emancipation Park; that she wanted to thank Windsor Village and Jillian Gabriel who hosted a wonderful family day and event on Thursday at Worthing High School, that she wanted to thank the Food Bank and all who came out to offer prayers and bring the community together about having a better quality of life, no gang violence; that she wanted to say congratulations to Pastor Suzette T. Caldwell for receiving Author of the Year, that she had the opportunity to celebrate with her and Pastor Kirbyjon Caldwell on Sunday, the title of her book was "Praying to Change Your Life"; that on Friday at Townwood Park there would be a ribbon cutting for the pool at 3403 Simmsbrooks for those who lived in the Hiram Clarke Community; that on Sunday the Convention and Visitors Department and her office would be sponsoring the annual Juneteenth Celebration that was usually hosted by Al Edwards; that on June 25, 2011 at the Texans Y.M.C.A. they would have the Gridiron Classic. that she was a celebrity coach for the flag football team, that they would welcome NFL players from all over to come down and celebrate and raise money for the Y. Council Members Sullivan and Lovell absent.

Council Member Clutterbuck stated that she wanted to add her condolences to Mayor Parker and her family for the loss of Uncle Parker, that she counted herself fortunate to know her other uncle who occasions the Chamber and was well known for his Geo Cashing talents through the City of Houston, that they were both great examples of how to get involved in Houston in retirement and to enjoy the amazing City that they had; that around this time in June she liked to tip her hat to several people who were celebrating their wedding anniversaries, that Barbara and Stanley Hite, from her office, just celebrated 49 years of marriage, that this week Sharon and Jim Shanahan would celebrate 40 years of marriage and they still liked to consider Mr. Tim Douglass as still part of the District C team, that Tim and Judy, this week, would celebrate 30 years of marriage, that including the other married individuals in the office they had 110 years of continuous marriage in the District C office. Council Member Lovell absent.

Council Member Hoang stated that joining with his colleagues he wanted to give his condolences to Mayor Parker and her family. Council Member Lovell absent.

Council Member Stardig stated that she wanted to give her condolences to Mayor Parker and her family; that she wanted to tag on to her colleague, her parents would be celebrating 51 years of marriage; that on Monday she joined Crime Stoppers, Capitol One, HPD and Council Member Gonzalez in a press conference to promote an identity theft initiative, that Crime Stoppers and Capitol One had set on this education initiative to raise public awareness regarding this type of theft, for preventative tips please visit the Crime Stopper Web Site or call 713-521-4600, that she wanted to ask her colleagues to tag onto this and get the word out for awareness sake because a lot of the seniors were targeted; that yesterday she met with Consulate General Luis Malpica y de Lamadrid of Mexico and his staff, that she was able to learn more about the consulate as he began his first year and the programs that he would hopefully implement within her district and partner with her, that she looked forward to working with his group; that she would be attending the Indo American Chamber of Commerce Small Business Reception tomorrow night in City Hall, that since 1999 the Indo American Chamber had encouraged business growth within the Indian American market; that they made the paper on their movie night, that it was a girl scout troop that was out at their first movie night and it was a nice positive experience, that the movie night series would take place again this Friday.

Council Member Pennington stated that he would also express his sympathy to Mayor Parker on the death of her uncle, Gene Parker, that he also had an uncle who was in the Air Force and wounded over Germany; that he attended the Crime Stoppers Luncheon last week, that they provided a unique service to help solve and prevent serious crime and did a great job

of it, that they had a capital campaign right now, they acquired at a good price a piece of land in Midtown and were trying to raise money to rehap the building and to consolidate their operations; that he played in the golf tournament organized by Council Member Rodriguez to benefit Gus Wortham Park, that Council Member Rodriguez and his staff and the friends of the park did a great job and he was glad to support that; that tomorrow he looked forward to attending the opening of the Outer Loop Trail at Memorial Park, which he was sure Mayor Parker would speak at and Council Member Costello, who had been President of the Memorial Park Conservancy, that he knew Council Member Costello spent many hours working to get that outer loop implemented and it would be a great resource for the many joggers who used Memorial Park; that he also had the opportunity to visit with the Consul of Mexico, who was a very distinguished Law Professor in Mexico, that they had sent a Rice intern that they had who was Spanish speaking and talked to them about some of their local programs and they would be glad to work with the Mayor's office if there was any way they could benefit their operations; that he wanted to congratulate HPD Captain Jennifer L. Evans, that she was just promoted to Captain and was now the commander of District 8, the Midwest Patrol District, which included the middle part of his district from north to south, that she received a BA in Criminal Justice from Sam Houston State University in 2001, an MS in 2004 and was a graduate of the FBI National Academy and had served with HPD for 15 years and her husband was a lieutenant in HPD, that they were glad to have her and looked forward to working with her.

Council Member Jones stated that she wanted to tag onto two things that previous colleagues had said and dittoed their sentiments that the new Consulate of Mexico was great, that they had a lot of plans and he seemed really committed; that she wanted to commend the Indo American Chamber of Commerce of Greater Houston, that chamber in particular had done a lot to help, particularly in the southwest side of Houston; that she would also like to offer condolences to the Mayor because death was always a difficult thing; that she was hopeful, particularly related to the Housing Department, that they, in short order, revise some policies so that they would not have the type of issues that they had with Bayou Bend and it was her hope that they could hurry up and resolve that issue, that she was hoping that they would de-obligate the money today so that they could give it back to TDHCA so that they would not have to come and take it, but that obviously did not happen, that she was hopeful that they could fix the things that were not working over there so that they could get in better with HUD and TDHCA; that June was always a good month for her, that one, her grandmother always had a birthday and she just turned 92 years old, that her Dad's birthday would have been June 16th, that her Dad was a Marine and served in Laos; that she would be attending the Texans Together Annual Luncheon tomorrow; that she was looking forward to a reception tonight for Carlicia Wright of the OBO office. Council Members Johnson, Gonzalez, Lovell and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she wanted to make clear that the Bayou Bend Project was conceived under a previous Housing administration and those who orchestrated that deal were no longer working for the City of Houston. Council Members Johnson, Gonzalez, Lovell and Noriega absent.

Council Member Costello stated that he wanted to give his condolences as well to her family; that he wanted to point out an item that he thought was kind of unique, that they all participated in numerous charities and one that he was currently involved in, at the urging of a couple of their former colleagues was called Playworks and was currently chaired by former Congressman Chris Bell and also on the Board was Sheriff Adrian Garcia, that Playworks was a national organization, where they just started up in Houston to bring light to the benefits of physical activities during school days and was actually designed to help underserved communities and underserved schools, that what Playworks did was jointly fund a trainer or someone who would orchestrate activities during recreational periods and it helped young kids to develop social skills and interaction with their friends rather than having them sit in front of a television or play video games, that it was a great program and they had their initial fund raiser

which was a kick ball tournament, which was one of the activities that the kids did during these recreational activities and the kickball tournament, which was won by their team, was sponsored by Garcia, Hamilton and Associates and he wanted to personally thank them for that, that his staff was part of the team, as well as one of Mayor Parker's former staff member Sanjay Patab, as well as Jonathan Newport, of Council Member Clutterbuck staff, that he wanted to thank everyone for participating in the program, that the Playworks activity and Playworks Organization was something new to Houston and he hoped to help bring it to Houston so that they could provide services to many school districts and schools in the Houston area. Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Lovell and Noriega absent.

Council Member Bradford stated that he wanted to give Mayor Parker condolences on the loss of Uncle Parker, that he wanted to give thanks for what her family had done for a number of years to assist safety services in the area and many of them who knew Mr. Parker knew that he was truly committed to making a difference in the safety services arena; that Officer A. V. Young had passed away this past Sunday, that Officer Young was out of Police Cadet Class No. 2 back in 1948, that he served more than 40 years with the Houston Police Department and retiring in 1989, that he was very special in that he founded, as well as was president, of the Afro American Police Officers League, that Officer Young helped to improve officer training and negotiated several instances where officers were able to acquire additional protected gear and safety equipment, that he helped with establishing Civil Service Guidelines for Police Officers and many of the community police, that practices that they operated under today in Houston and across America, A. V. Young, as an officer, was involved in and helped implement some of those practices, that he wanted to offer his condolences to Office Young's family and honor Officer Young and the many years of service that he provided to the City of Houston and the Houston Police Department. Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Lovell and Noriega absent.

Council Member Rodriguez stated that he wanted to offer his condolences as well to Mayor Parker for her uncle, that he was a fixture of the East End and he had the pleasure of knowing him for quite some time, that it seemed that every time he was on a ride along in the East End rolling up to a scene her uncle was already there, that he was sometimes first on the scene, that he had a lot of fond memories of him in his big SUV with the spotlight, that he would make sure that he shined it on a house or in an alleyway to make sure their officers were safe and secure, that he was going to miss that, that he always got a kick out of seeing him because his maternal grandfather and her uncle shared a resemblance, that he lost his grandfather a few years back and when he would see her uncle it would always make him feel good because he felt he could still see his grandfather, and Mayor Parker stated that he looked a lot like her dad so she had the same feeling; that he wanted to say Happy Father's Day to all of the fathers on City Council and all of the fathers in District I and the rest of the City; that he wanted to thank Council Members Pennington and Johnson and the Mayor for being a part of the Gus Wortham Golf Classic, they had a successful event and he appreciated their braving the elements. Council Members Stardig, Johnson and Noriega absent.

Council Member Sullivan stated that he wanted to thank GSD and Director Scott Minnix, Ms. Waynette Chang and Steve Girardi for responding to Fire Station No. 101 in Kingwood, that yesterday their air conditioner went out, that Mr. Minnix corrected it and fixed and got the men taken care of, that was what drove him to offer the verbal budget amendment because as he looked around the fire station he saw a number of things that he thought the firemen had gotten used to, but thought that if he or the Mayor walked off the street that they would be concerned that little things had gotten off of hand, that it was not a criticism of GSD or the Fire Department, it was just an observation on his part, so what he hoped to accomplish with the filing of the amendment this morning was that they have some type of standards for their fire stations, that they may very well exist, but if they did then there was a problem, that if it was funding, which it most likely was he knew they could not correct everything over night but maybe they could begin a process where they could get caught up and get their fire stations brought up to a

standard, that they should look at their police stations as well, that the Kingwood Fire Stations were unique in that they were built as volunteer Fire Department Stations, so their facilities were not built to City of Houston standards with respect to Fire Departments, that for years when a fire station had been built in the City it had been built to City standards, the Fire Department standards, functionality and repetitive processes that they had, like a radio room or a watch room, etc., that what these volunteer fire stations were free standing metal buildings and nothing more, that this was probably not anything that he would be able to accomplish while he was on Council but he would like for them to develop a plan where they could bring these stations up to some type of standard that was in line with the other stations, that he thought there were probably other stations throughout the City and other Council Districts that might need the same thing, so that was what drove him to ask for that verbal amendment; that he wanted to congratulate Lone Star College Kingwood for the grand opening of a satellite campus in the Atascocita area, that while it sounded like it might not be important to them it was because it would serve the SPA and LPA area agreements that they had with Summerwood residents and then the physical location of the campus, while it was a satellite location it actually lay within the City of Houston along West Lake Houston Parkway, that it was at the front door of the Lake Shore Subdivision, they had a ribbon cutting grand opening for it yesterday; that the Hurricane Preparedness Townhall meeting that he had last week at the University of Houston Clear Lake the crowd was small but the message was strong and important, that he wanted to thank City employees and representatives from City Departments, and other partners, Harris County OEM, the United Way and TranStar for coming out and participating; that they had some fire calls in Kingwood this weekend that he thought bared mentioning, Rescue No. 42 and Station No. 102 in Kingwood responded to a drowning in the San Jacinto River on Saturday, that he went to the scene with the District Chief and was able to watch the deployment of all of the equipment they had, the jet skis in the Fire Department, the inflatable boats and watched the firefighters out on the river searching for the drowning victim, that he was able to stay and watch the recovery of the body where the HPD Dive Team was deployed and to watch all of these departments and individuals and shifts work together to try to serve the public gave him an opportunity to see things first hand and hopefully come back and make informed decisions at the Council table; that Sunday was followed by a fairly good size grass fire in Kingwood that the Fire Department was able to prevent coming over to some homes, that he just could not emphasize the importance of what their public safety departments were doing and he wanted to thank them. Council Members Stardig, Johnson and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she appreciated his comments about the fire stations, this was actually something that Council Member Noriega worked on last year where Sherry Weesner was visiting the fire stations and doing an inventory of the conditions, it was one of the first things she said to Scott Minnix, Director, General Services Department, that she wanted them to get on a preventive maintenance program with all of their City facilities instead of these reactive repairs that they had done for years to get ahead of the curve on this, that budget amendment was very well taken and thought it was something that she thought they already had, an inventory, but she was looking forward to responding to that. Council Members Stardig, Johnson and Noriega absent.

Council Member Lovell stated that she wanted to mention that on the Today Show Al Roker had lent a hand and came to Houston and gave \$2.7 million to Casa de Esperanza, that Casa de Esperanza had provided for the last 29 years a safe place for more than 3,000 infants and young children in crisis, they cared for kids whose lives had been disrupted by abuse, neglect and poverty, that she also had a great affection for Casa de Esperanza because in the late 70's and early 80's when AIDS hit and many children were affected a lot of people were afraid to take care of children and Casa de Esperanza, which she wanted to say congratulations to Sister Cathy, she was not a nun any more, and Bill Jones built that organization from some homes on Windburn off of Almeda, which then was not Midtown, where retired nuns came and stayed in the houses and took care of babies who no one else would take care of or were afraid

to hold, they reached out to her community who were not afraid of taking care of people with AIDS, and one of the great joys during that terrible time was to go to the homes and sit with those children and take care of them and many of them ended up in homes in their community and as they found out later on a lot of the children just carried the anti bodies from their mothers, they really did not have AIDS, and many of them were living, that due to the fact of this wonderful group of nuns and then Bill and Sister Cathy, who moved on to a larger facility and then moved on again, there was not any better group that deserved this kind of support and she was so pleased, that if they went to the Today Show there was a whole list of companies that had donated and people here in town, that she just wanted to say to them that when they did good works, when they had moments of grace, at times it came back in big ways to reward them, so congratulations to them and she thanked them so much for teaching all of them about being courageous and having great compassion, that in the mean time she thought that Sister Cathy adopted about five of her own children, she used to run into her at Payless on Wheeler and Bill Jones ended up adopted a couple of children to, that congratulations to them and thank you to the Today Show, that it was a great gift and they would put it to great use. Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Adams and Noriega absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she was with Al Roker and the Today Show team at 5:00 a.m. on site, that it was a little early but was interviewed by Al live, that there were a ton of community supporters out there, that they could not do the big reveal until 7:30 a.m., but it was a great organization and did fine work. Council Members Johnson, Adams, Sullivan and Noriega absent.

Council Member Lovell stated that it was an incredible loving environment and in fact Sister Cathy left the convent because she was taking care of this child, Therese, who had been in a fire and with a blood transfusion contacted AIDS and had lived in East Texas and her family could not keep her so Sister Cathy wanted to adopt her and the convent said no that she could not because she was a nun, she left the convent so she could adopt this young women and consequently she died from HIV, but she lived much longer than she ever would have and had incredible love while she was living and it was one of those things that you look at some one and say "wow", what great compassion and love, what a great example of moments of grace, that she was so pleased for them, and Mayor Parker stated that it was a beautiful residential complex, and Council Member Lovell stated that now it was very much different. Council Members Johnson, Adams, Sullivan and Noriega absent.

Council Member Stardig stated that she wanted to say congratulations to Mayor Parker for that and for representing the City of Houston, that she thought it was a very important part of her job, to outreach to the Nation and give a positive image of their City; that she wanted to agree with her colleague, Council Member Sullivan, on the differences and the accommodations at the fire stations, as well as the maintenance schedule and the things they needed to accomplish, she thought that they were not there yet when air conditioners went out for days at some of these locations and they were coming back from being out in the field, she did not think that was fair to those dedicated fire fighters, so if they could look at ways of also furnishings and the maintenance, that she thought there were some things that they needed to look at as far as City standards across the board to make sure it was equitable as well as the maintenance because she thought that was a huge issue. Council Members Johnson, Adams, Sullivan, Rodriguez, Lovell and Noriega absent.

Council Member Jones stated that she had been advocating for equity at the fire stations since she did some twenty four hour shifts at a number of fire stations in the City, that she had the opportunity to be called by various fire fighters at various fire stations and had the opportunity to get about 8 air conditioning systems in place, some of the air conditioning units had not worked for years off and on, that some fire stations heating systems had not worked for years, which was amazing to her, that some fire stations had raw sewage in their restrooms,

that some fire stations had raw sewage outside the fire station and she had the opportunity to help get those repaired, that when they had the rolling black out earlier in the year they had a fire station that did not have electricity for 8 hours and the backup generator did not work so she thought more than just looking at the maintenance schedules and getting the buildings up to par, that they needed to make sure that all of the fire stations had generators that worked, that after lke she had to bring a fire station a hot plate just so the firefighters could have something to eat, that they had fire stations throughout the City that the conditions were deplorable, that the fire fighters she knew were pretty much soldiers so if they had to work in a fire station that did not have all of the amenities they were just used to it and dealt with it, that she had spoken to Director Minnix a lot about this issue, so far as the maintenance of the fire stations, which was why when Council Member Noriega, last year, her budget amendment talked about trying to figure that out she was absolutely supportive of it. Mayor Parker and Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Adams, Sullivan, Pennington, Rodriguez, Lovell and Noriega absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

At 10:22 a.m. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that they had an item that was making it's way down to the Council Chamber and would be there within 10 minutes. Mayor Parker and Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Adams, Sullivan, Pennington, Rodriguez, Lovell and Noriega absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mayor Parker stated that if they could take a very brief recess they were waiting for the Controller, that they could take a 10 minutes recess. Council Members Stardig, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Adams, Sullivan, Pennington, Rodriguez, Lovell and Noriega absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

#### **APPROXIMATELY 10:30 A. M.**

At 10:44 a.m. Mayor Parker stated that they had one item left and recognized Mr. Ronald Green, City Attorney. Council Member Johnson absent.

3. Announcement by City Controller of the results of the electronic auction-style bidding for the sale of \$220,000,000.00 Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes, Series 2011 – was presented. Council Member Johnson absent.

Mr. Ronald Green, City Controller, stated that this morning they did an on-line competitive sale of \$220 million of Tax Revenue Anticipation Notes, they had before them in writing the results of the sale along with the results of the on-line bid process; that once they look at the information the high bidder was Wells Fargo, which was a very impressive 1.750% on the coupon rate, but true interest cost below 20 basis points, which was very good in this climate, .19770 was the true interest cost and would ask that they approve this, and Mayor Parker stated that technically it was the winning bidder with the low bid, and Mr. Green stated that the winning bidder with the low bid.

3a. MOTION awarding the Sale of \$220,000,000.00 Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes, Series 2011, based on the lowest true interest cost, ratify and confirm the use of the Preliminary Official Statement provided to prospective bidders in connection with the offering for sale of the Notes, and authorize the distribution of the Official Statement – was presented.

Council Member Gonzalez moved to adopt the recommendation and to award the Sale of \$220,000,000.00 Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes to Wells Fargo with a True Interest cost of 0.19770%, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Johnson absent. MOTION 2010468 ADOPTED.

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There being no further business before	Council,	the City	Council	adjourned	at 1	10:46	a.m.
Council Member Johnson absent.							

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MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

/S/Anna Russell	
Anna Russell, City Secretary	