

AGENDA - COUNCIL MEETING - TUESDAY - JUNE 12, 2012 - 1:30 P. M.
COUNCIL CHAMBER - SECOND FLOOR - CITY HALL
901 BAGBY - HOUSTON, TEXAS
with notes of action taken

MOTIONS – 2012-0423 to 2012-0451
ORDINANCES – 2012-0539 2012-0567
RESOLUTION – None

2012-0422-1

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Council Member Christie

1:30 P. M. - ROLL CALL

ADOPT MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

2:00 P. M. - PUBLIC SPEAKERS - Pursuant to City Council Rule 8, City Council will hear from members of the public; the names and subject matters of persons who had requested to speak at the time of posting of this Agenda are attached; the names and subject matters of persons who subsequently request to speak may be obtained in the City Secretary's Office

Motion 2012-0423 – Procedural motion
Motion 2012-0424 – Procedural motion
Motion 2012-0425 – Procedural motion

5:00 P. M. - RECESS

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WEDNESDAY - JUNE 13, 2012 - 9:00 A. M.

DESCRIPTIONS OR CAPTIONS OF AGENDA ITEMS WILL BE READ BY THE
CITY SECRETARY PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT

MAYOR'S REPORT

APPROXIMATELY 10:30 A. M.

1. Announcement by City Controller of the results of the electronic auction-style bidding for the sale of \$180,000,000.00 Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes, Series 2012
 - a. **Motion 2012-0449**
MOTION awarding the Sale of \$180,000,000.00 Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes, Series 2012, 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
Awarded to Citigroup TIC – 0.15002%

CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 2 through 56

MISCELLANEOUS - NUMBERS 2 through 9A

2. Motion 2012-0426

CONFIRMATION of the appointment or reappointment to the **HOUSTON CENTER FOR LITERACY (Formerly HOUSTON READ COMMISSION)**, for three-year staggered terms:
Position 19 - **MS. ADRIANA TAMEZ**, reappointment
Position 22 - **MS. SHELLI MIMS LINDLEY**, appointment

3. Motion 2012-0427

REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the reappointment of the following individuals to the **COASTAL WATER AUTHORITY'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for terms to expire March 31, 2014:
Position One - **MS. GITI ZARINKELK**
Position Two - **MR. JOHN ODIS COBB**

4. Motion 2012-0428

REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment of **MR. CLYDE R. LEUCHTAG**, to serve as **MUNICIPAL COURT ADJUDICATION HEARING OFFICER, Part-Time**, for a two year term

5. Motion 2012-0429

REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment of **MS. MEGAN A. MCLELLAN**, to serve as **MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE**, for a two year term

6. Motion 2012-0430

REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following individuals to serve as **Associate Judges of Municipal Courts**, for two year terms:
JUDGE JOSHUA H. BROCKMAN
JUDGE RONI M. MOST
JUDGE BERTA ALICIA MEJIA

7. Motion 2012-0431

REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment of the following individuals to the **PLANNING COMMISSION**, for terms to expire March 31, 2013:
Position Ten - **MR. KENNETH J. BOHAN**
Position Thirteen - **MS. EILEEN SUBINSKY**

8. Council Members Green Noriega and Bradford tagged

RECOMMENDATION from Director Finance Department to approve the Fiscal Year 2013-2017 Capital Improvement Plan and establish a charge of \$75.00 plus postage for the adopted CIP documents and a charge of \$5.00 plus postage for CD version

9. Ordinance 2012-0539

ORDINANCE appropriating \$259,458.50 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF as an additional appropriation to Construction Award Contract between the City of Houston and **HUFF & MITCHELL, INC** for Airline Drive Drainage Improvements Segment 1 (Tidwell Outfall) (Approved by Ordinance No. 2011-544); providing funding for construction of facilities financed by the Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF - **DISTRICT H - GONZALEZ**

a. Motion 2012-0432

RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$259,458.50 for Airline Drive Drainage Improvements Segment 1 (Tidwell Outfall) - **DISTRICT H - GONZALEZ**

ACCEPT WORK - NUMBERS 10 through 17

10. Motion 2012-0433

RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$5,067,188.60 and acceptance of work on contract with **SER CONSTRUCTION PARTNERS, LTD.** for Crestmont Park and South Acres Drainage Improvements - 9.41% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICT D - ADAMS**

11. Motion 2012-0434

RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$6,418,716.97 and acceptance of work on contract with **TOTAL CONTRACTING LIMITED** for Neighborhood Street Reconstruction 455 - 2.57% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICT C - COHEN**

12. Motion 2012-0435

RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$7,570,812.31 and acceptance of work on contract with **TRIPLE B SERVICES, L.L.P.** for Pinemont Drive from T. C. Jester to Ella Boulevard - 0.75% over the original contract amount and under the 5% contingency amount - **DISTRICT C - COHEN**

13. Motion 2012-0436

RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$856,942.72 and acceptance of work on contract with **JERDON ENTERPRISE, L.P.** for Intersection Improvements Construction Contract - 4.72% over the original contract amount and under the 5% contingency amount - **DISTRICTS A - BROWN and K - GREEN**

14. Motion 2012-0437

RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$5,296,091.41 and acceptance of work on contract with **REYTEC CONSTRUCTION RESOURCES, INC** for South Braeswood Reconstruction from Kirby to Stella Link - 4.66% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICT K - GREEN**

15. Motion 2012-0438

RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$2,966,704.83 and acceptance of work on contract with **DURWOOD GREENE CONSTRUCTION, L.P.** for Generic Citywide Asphalt Overlay Project: Clinton Drive Rehabilitation and Overlay - 1.38% over the original contract amount and under the 5% contingency amount - **DISTRICTS E - SULLIVAN and I - RODRIGUEZ**

16. Motion 2012-0439

RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$918,629.70 and acceptance of work on contract with **CAAN CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, INC** for Safe Routes to School Program - 3.64% over the original contract amount and under the 5% contingency amount - **DISTRICTS H - GONZALEZ and I - RODRIGUEZ**

17. Motion 2012-0440

RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$9,548,922.25 and acceptance of work on contract with **INDUSTRIAL TX CORPORATION** for Sims Bayou North Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements 2.32% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICT I - RODRIGUEZ**

PROPERTY - NUMBERS 18 and 19

18. Motion 2012-0441

RECOMMENDATION from Director General Services Department to appoint Gerald A. Teel and Samuel Jarrett independent appraisers and David R. Dominy alternate appraiser to determine the fair market value of approximately 1.47 acres of land and improvements located at 1200 Travis **DISTRICT I - RODRIGUEZ**

19. Motion 2012-0442

RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering, reviewed and approved by the Joint Referral Committee, on request from Jignesh Batani, for the declining of the acceptance of, rejecting, and refusing the dedication of Wendel Road, from Dockal Road south to its terminus, East Houston Gardens Section Number Two Subdivision, out of the J. L. Stanley Survey, Parcel SY12-088 - **DISTRICT B - DAVIS**

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS - NUMBERS 20 through 26

20. Ordinance 2012-0553

ORDINANCE appropriating \$3,098,537.24 out of Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund and \$134,718.76 out of Fleet/Equipment Special Revenue Fund for Purchase of Firefighting Trucks for the Houston Fire Department

a. Motion 2012-0446

METRO FIRE APPARATUS SPECIALISTS, INC for Firefighting Trucks through the Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Purchasing with Houston-Galveston Area Council for the Houston Fire Department

21. Motion 2012-0443

JOHNSON CONTROLS, INC for final payment for Emergency HVAC Services at the Julia Ideson Building for the General Services Department - \$23,790.00 - General Fund

22. Motion 2012-0447

3M COGENT, INC for 3M Cogent Fingerprint Software, Hardware and Services for the Houston Police Department - \$486,472.24 - Grant Fund

23. Ordinance 2012-0554

ORDINANCE appropriating \$22,852.95 out of Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund for Purchase of a Cargo Van for Houston Fire Department

a. Motion 2012-0448

CALDWELL AUTOMOTIVE PARTNERS, LLC d/b/a CALDWELL COUNTRY CHEVROLET for Utility Vehicles through the Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Purchasing with Houston-Galveston Area Council for the Houston Police Department - \$230,006.00 - Enterprise, Grant and Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund

24. Not Received - Not Considered

ORDINANCE appropriating \$343,908.00 out of Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund for purchase of Microsoft Enterprise Agreement for Mobile Data Computers for Houston Police Department

a. Not Received - Not Considered

DELL MARKETING, L.P. for Microsoft Enterprise Agreement for Mobile Data Computers through the Texas Department of Information Resources for the Houston Police Department - 3 Years \$1,031,724.00 Total - General and Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Funds

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS - continued

25. Motion 2012-0444

CALDWELL AUTOMOTIVE PARTNERS, LLC d/b/a CALDWELL COUNTRY FORD - \$64,691.00 and **TOMMIE VAUGHN MOTORS, INC** - \$70,926.00 for Medium-Duty Cabs & Chassis and Truck Bodies for Department of Public Works & Engineering - Dedicated Drainage & Street Renewal Fund

Motion 2012-0451 – Written motion to amend Item 26 as follows:

“All Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) purchases must adhere to the City of Houston MWBE purchasing guidelines”

26. Motion 2012-0451

APPROVE spending authority for Purchase of Tech-Related Products/Services through the Texas Department of Information Resources for Various Departments in an amount not to exceed \$120,000,000.00 - Various Funds

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES - NUMBERS 27 through 56

27. Council Member Rodriguez tagged

RESOLUTION approving the creation of the **HARRISBURG REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**; approving the Certificate of Formation and the Bylaws thereof; confirming the appointment of the initial Directors and Chairperson - **DISTRICTS B - DAVIS; H - GONZALEZ and I - RODRIGUEZ**

28. Ordinance 2012-0540

ORDINANCE finding and determining that public convenience and necessity no longer require the continued use of a fire hydrant easement in the Gables West Avenue Subdivision, A.C. Reynolds Survey, A-61, Harris County, Texas; vacating and abandoning the easement to LG West Avenue II LLC, abutting owner, in consideration of its payment to the City of \$14,250.00 and other consideration - **DISTRICT C - COHEN**

29. Ordinance 2012-0555

ORDINANCE appropriating \$49,908.86 out of Fund 7511 (OST/Almeda Redevelopment Fund) for payment to the **OST/ALMEDA CORRIDORS REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY** - **DISTRICT D - ADAMS**

30. Council Members Sullivan, Adams, Brown, Noriega and Bradford tagged

ORDINANCE authorizing the sale of a partial interest in 801 Gillette Street, Houston, Texas, to **COASTAL WATER AUTHORITY** for Environmental Remediation purposes in consideration of its payment to the City of \$11,000,000.00, management of the environmental remediation of the property, and other consideration; approving a Purchase Agreement and a Co-ownership Agreement; designating a fund for excess remediation costs - **DISTRICT C - COHEN**

31. Council Member Brown tagged

ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2011-274 to increase the maximum contract amount; approving and authorizing first amendment to contract between the City and **FIRST SOUTHWEST COMPANY** for Financial Advisory Services - \$171,052.63 - General Fund

32. Ordinance 2012-0556

ORDINANCE approving and authorizing a first amendment and Loan Modification Agreement between the City of Houston and **THE ARROW PROJECT, INC**

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES - continued

33. Ordinance 2012-0557

ORDINANCE approving and authorizing first amendment to contract between the City of Houston and **COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS OF HOUSTON/HARRIS COUNTY**, providing an additional \$16,649.00 in Homeless Prevention Rapid Re-Housing Program ("HPRP") Funds, under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, for the operation of a Client Database for persons assisted through the HPRP

34. Ordinance 2012-0558

ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Single Family Home Repair Contract between the City of Houston, as the Repair Agency acting on behalf of a homeowner, and **ALTURA HOMES DFW, LP**, as contractor, and providing up to \$115,489.00 in Community Development Block Grant Funds (including a 10% contingency of \$10,499.00) for Demolition and Reconstruction Work (Tier III) under the first Amended and Restated Administrative Guidelines for the Single Family Home Repair Program - **DISTRICT B - DAVIS**

35. Council Member Sullivan tagged

ORDINANCE authorizing the creation and execution of Industrial District Agreements by and between the City of Houston, Texas, and various property owners located in and around the Ship Channel Navigation District and Jacintoport Areas within the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City **DISTRICTS E - SULLIVAN and I - RODRIGUEZ**

36. Ordinance 2012-0559

ORDINANCE awarding contract to **DR. DORI H. HERTEL, dba D-J VETS** for Veterinary Services for the Houston Police Department; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$275,000.00 - General Fund

37. Council Member Brown tagged

ORDINANCE appropriating \$297,479.00 out of General Improvement Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding construction contract to **GULF COAST LANDSCAPE SERVICES, INC** for Miller Outdoor Theatre Irrigation Improvements; 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 services, construction management, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by General Improvement Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT D - ADAMS**

38. Ordinance 2012-0541

ORDINANCE appropriating \$4,300,000.00 out of HAS Consolidated 2000 AMT Construction Fund; \$1,121,197.31 out of HAS Consolidated 2001 AMT Construction Fund; \$910,000.00 out of HAS FAA Grants Fund; and \$2,449,900.69 out of Airports Improvement Fund, all as an additional appropriation for the Design Build Agreement between the City of Houston and **SPAWGLASS CONSTRUCTION CORP** approved by Ordinance No. 2011-678 for Central Plant Upgrades at George Bush Intercontinental Airport/Houston (Project No. 621) - **DISTRICT B - DAVIS**

39. Council Member Green tagged

ORDINANCE appropriating \$600,000.00 out of Airports Improvement Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Architectural/Engineering Services Agreement between the City of Houston and **PARSONS ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE GROUP** for Job Order Contracting Support for the Houston Airport System (Project 516H) - **DISTRICTS B - DAVIS; E - SULLIVAN and I - RODRIGUEZ**

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES - continued

40. Ordinance 2012-0560

ORDINANCE appropriating \$464,351.00 out of Airports Improvement Fund and approving and authorizing Amending No. 1 to contract between the City of Houston and **JACOBS ENGINEERING GROUP, INC** for Electrical Power Distribution System for the Houston Airport System (Project No. 634) - **DISTRICTS B - DAVIS; E - SULLIVAN and I - RODRIGUEZ**

40-1 Ordinance 2012-0542

ORDINANCE appropriating \$15,000.00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF as an additional appropriation for an Advance Funding Agreement between the City of Houston and the **TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION** for the Reconstruction and widening of Almeda Road Paving and Drainage from MacGregor to Old Spanish Trail (Approved by Ordinance No. 2011-0713); providing funding for construction of facilities financed by the Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF; approving and authorizing an amendment to the contract - **DISTRICT D - ADAMS**

41. Ordinance 2012-0543

ORDINANCE appropriating \$140,650.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **HARRIS COUNTY** for the Waterline Adjustment along West Montgomery Road from West Gulf Bank to the boundary between Harris County Commissioners' Precincts One and Four near Breen Street; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT B - DAVIS**

42. Ordinance 2012-0561

ORDINANCE appropriating \$6,517,000.00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF and \$1,163,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **ANGEL BROTHERS ENTERPRISES, LTD.** for Whiteheather Drainage and Paving Sub-Project IV; 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 Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF and the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT K - GREEN**

43. Ordinance 2012-0544

ORDINANCE appropriating \$8,781,688.60 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF and \$1,725,260.66 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **SER CONSTRUCTION PARTNERS, LLC** for Neighborhood Street Reconstruction Project 449, 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 services, CIP Cost Recovery and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF and Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS A - BROWN and B - DAVIS**

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES - continued

44. Ordinance 2012-0545

ORDINANCE appropriating \$6,580,000.00 out of Federal State Local - PWE Pass Through DDSRF, \$2,196,800.00 out of Metro Projects Construction DDSRF, \$1,022,857.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, \$21,043.00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF, awarding contract to **SER CONSTRUCTION PARTNERS, LLC** for Yale Road Paving and Drainage from West Tidwell Road to West Parker Road, 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 Federal State Local - PWE Pass Through DDSRF, Metro Projects Construction DDSRF, Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, and the Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF - **DISTRICT H - GONZALEZ**

45. Ordinance 2012-0546

ORDINANCE appropriating \$3,792,408.00 out of Metro Projects Construction DDSRF, \$1,070,528.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, \$651,064.00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF; awarding contract to **MAR-CON SERVICES, LLC** for Long Point Reconstruction: Hollister Road to Pech Road; 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, construction management, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Metro Projects Construction DDSRF, Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, and the Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF - **DISTRICT A - BROWN**

46. Ordinance 2012-0547

ORDINANCE appropriating \$5,447,685.00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF and \$992,315.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **MAR-CON SERVICES, LLC** for Reconstruction of Harvey Wilson Drive from Lockwood Drive to Clinton Drive; 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 & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF and Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT H - GONZALEZ**

47. Ordinance 2012-0548

ORDINANCE appropriating \$2,853,422.00 out of Metro Projects Construction DDSRF, \$382,742.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, \$3,484,136.00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF awarding contract to **TRIPLE B SERVICES L.L.P.** for Hayes Road Paving and Drainage from Briar Forest Drive to Wilcrest Drive; 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 DDSRF, Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, and the Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF - **DISTRICT G - PENNINGTON**

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES - continued

48. Ordinance 2012-0549

ORDINANCE appropriating \$2,706,600.00 out of Miscellaneous Capital Projects/Acquisitions CP-Series E Fund, awarding contract to **CAAN CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, INC** for Streetscape Enhancements along Light Rail Lines; 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 services, CIP Cost Recovery, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Miscellaneous Capital Projects/Acquisitions CP-Series E Fund - **DISTRICT H - GONZALEZ**

49. Ordinance 2012-0562

ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,131,000.00 out of Metro Projects Construction DDSRF, awarding contract to **SCR CONSTRUCTION CO., INC** for Bridge Rehabilitation Broadway Blvd at Brays Bayou; 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 Metro Projects Construction DDSRF - **DISTRICT I - RODRIGUEZ**

50. Ordinance 2012-0550

ORDINANCE appropriating \$503,400.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **CONGO LLC** for Wastewater Substitute Service Program - Norhill Heights; 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 - COHEN; H - GONZALEZ and I - RODRIGUEZ**

51. Ordinance 2012-0551

ORDINANCE appropriating \$2,918,100.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **SCOHIL CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, LLC** for Water Line Replacement in Timbergrove Area; 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, construction management and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT C - COHEN**

52. Ordinance 2012-0552

ORDINANCE appropriating \$2,338,533.50 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **METRO CITY CONSTRUCTION, L.P.** for Water Distribution System Rehabilitation and Renewal; 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, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES - continued

53. Ordinance 2012-0563

ORDINANCE appropriating \$2,479,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **BLASTCO TEXAS, INC** for Rehabilitation of Water Storage Tanks; 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 - (WBS S-000600-0038-4) - **DISTRICTS B - DAVIS; F - HOANG and G - PENNINGTON**

54. Ordinance 2012-0564

ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,967,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **BLASTCO TEXAS, INC** for Rehabilitation of Water Storage Tanks; 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 - (WBS S-000600-0041-4) - **DISTRICTS A - BROWN; C - COHEN and G - PENNINGTON**

FISCAL YEAR 2013 BUDGET MATTERS

55. Ordinance 2012-0565

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

56. Council Member Gonzalez tagged

ORDINANCE related to the Fiscal Affairs of the City; approving the annual budgets of the City of Houston, Texas, for Fiscal Year 2013, including provisions for future adjustment to certain fund balances; making various amendments to the proposed budgets; authorizing certain transfers; designating a Cash Reserve in the Fund Balance; amending Section 11-77 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas relating to Burglar Alarm Fees and Penalties; validating and ratifying certain City fees; establishing a cost for copies of the budget; making other provisions related to the subject; making certain findings related thereto; providing a repealing clause; providing for severability

Written motions submitted by Council Members Costello, Burks, Noriega, Christie, Brown, Davis, Cohen, Adams, Sullivan, Pennington, Gonzalez and Rodriguez to amend Item 56 were all tagged by Council Member Gonzalez

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

MATTERS HELD - NUMBERS 57 through 59

57. Ordinance 2012-0566

ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **AIDS FOUNDATION HOUSTON, INC**, to provide \$507,750.51 in Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Funds for the administration and operation of A Friendly Haven and the Help House, two community residences, along with the provision of supportive services

TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN

This was Item 16 on Agenda of June 6, 2012

58. Ordinance 2012-0567

ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **AIDS FOUNDATION HOUSTON, INC**, to provide \$467,804.00 in Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Funds for the administration and operation of the Bures Street Apartments and Chupik House, two community residences, along with the provision of supportive services

TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN

This was Item 17 on Agenda of June 6, 2012

59. Motion 2012-0450 – Postpone one (1) week

ORDINANCE awarding contract to **HOWARD TREY RON DISTRIBUTORS, INC** for Ice Machine Rental Services for Various Departments; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$1,234,665.60 - General, Enterprise and Special Revenue Funds

TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER COSTELLO

This was Item 22 on Agenda of June 6, 2012

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS - Council Member Gonzalez first

ALL ORDINANCES ARE TO BE CONSIDERED ON AN EMERGENCY BASIS AND TO BE PASSED ON ONE READING UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, ARTICLE VII, SECTION 7, CITY CHARTER

NOTE - WHENEVER ANY AGENDA ITEM, WHETHER OR NOT ON THE CONSENT AGENDA, IS NOT READY FOR COUNCIL ACTION AT THE TIME IT IS REACHED ON THE AGENDA, THAT ITEM SHALL BE PLACED AT THE END OF THE AGENDA FOR ACTION BY COUNCIL WHEN ALL OTHER AGENDA ITEMS HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED

CITY COUNCIL RESERVES THE RIGHT TO TAKE UP AGENDA ITEMS OUT OF THE ORDER IN WHICH THEY ARE POSTED IN THIS AGENDA. ALSO, AN ITEM THAT HAS BEEN TAGGED UNDER CITY COUNCIL RULE 4 (HOUSTON CITY CODE §2-2) OR DELAYED TO ANOTHER DAY MAY BE NEVERTHELESS CONSIDERED LATER AT THE SAME CITY COUNCIL MEETING

6/12/2012 - **Council Members Pennington and Costello absent on personal business**
Council Member Burks absent due to being ill

6/13/2012 - **Council Member Costello absent on personal business**

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Line Number	Amendment Number	Amendment	Council Member
	1.01	If fiscal year 2013 general fund revenues exceed the projected \$1,890,624,430, the first \$2,000,000 in excess revenues shall be used to fund an independent third-party analysis of citywide process improvements and all Long-Range Financial Management Task Force suggestions related to pension sustainability. Based on this analysis, the independent third party will also provide a plan for implementation of recommended process improvements and steps to strengthen the financial security of the City's three pension systems.	Costello (1)
	1.02	Provide \$160,000 for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) outreach. Within 90 days, the City of Houston will contract with the Houston Food Bank to increase the number of SNAP participants in Houston. The Houston Food Bank is the only State-certified subcontractor (outside a State field office) eligible to issue SNAP electronic benefits transfer cards. Funds will be used to pay for trained staff to identify, assist, and distribute benefits to eligible SNAP participants. This is intended to be a one-time source of funding to pay for staff salaries for a period of one year until such time the Houston Food Bank may apply for Community Development Block Grant funding. The source of funds for this purpose will be grant/private funding to be determined by the administration.	Costello (1)
	2.01	Consolidate all City Department FTE's that provide IT services into the Information Technology Department while increasing the ITD Budget with the corresponding and appropriate funding. There shall also be periodic reporting to the TTI Committee regarding the progress towards this goal.	Burks (2)

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2.02	The Ethics, Elections, and Council Governance Committee (EECG) shall create a Charter Amendment ballot proposition for consideration by City of Houston voters that would increase the current two year term of Mayor and Councilmembers to a four year term, without changing the effect of term limits. This action would reduce the Operating Budget every two years by at least \$3,000,000.	Burks (2)
3.01	The IT Department shall evaluate methods and the cost/savings to the City's general fund to provide electronic delivery of Agenda and Committee documents. Electronic access must be available to Council Members and staff 24 hours a day and at all City Council and Committee meetings. The Director of IT shall provide his findings and recommendations to the TTI Committee and the Administration no later than November 16, 2012.	Noriega (3)
5.01	If the combination of property tax and sales tax revenues in Fiscal Year 2013 exceeds the projected \$1,477,570,000, all revenues over projection must be applied towards funding the City's general fund contributions to the Governmental Accounting Standards Board actuarially required contribution for the Houston Municipal Employees Pension System; the Houston Police Officers' Pension System; and the Houston Firefighters Relief and Retirement Fund.	Christie (5)
5.02	All Departments – General Fund: The Department of Finance shall monitor all budgeted civilian vacancy FTEs, including full-time, part-time, and over-time positions, and their corresponding annualized salaries, on a monthly basis and will adjust the department budgets accordingly. The adjustments shall be reflected in the Monthly Financial Operations Report to Council.	Christie (5)

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5.03	All Departments – General Fund: Any FTE position that has gone unfilled for more than 3 months as of July 1, 2012 shall be eliminated. Reinstatement of the position will be made only with written justification and budgetary impact to be submitted to the Mayor or the Mayor's designee for approval.	Christie (5)
6.01	Outsource EMS 120003 , which would immediately free \$372,411,448 from our budget which is approximately 19.13%.	Brown (6)
6.02	Consolidate HPD support operations 100003 of \$136,059,344 and investigative operations 100005 of \$137,228,928 into Harris County Sheriff department thus saving the city an estimated \$273,288,272 which is approximately 14.04%.	Brown (6)
6.03	Take Parks and Recreation 360001, 360002, 360004, 360007, 360008, 360009, 360013, and 360015 and relinquish control over to county, citizens, or private sector. This would save \$64,402,537 or approximately 3%.	Brown (6)
6.04	Terminate the Housing and Community Development 32002 and 32004 for \$2,429,478 (which is a 392% increase from the FY2012 budget and mainly all for salaries).	Brown (6)
6.05	Default on the City's contribution to the Pension Plans 501070, 501080, and 501090 for a total of \$243,704,464 (xv-29) so that the issue will be moved before the Texas Supreme Court to bring to question the state constitutionality of forcing a municipality into bankruptcy by obliging them to maintain an unsustainable pension plan.	Brown (6)
6.06	Suspend the issuance of all General Obligation Bonds until the budget is balanced and all (both pension and general funds) accumulated deficits are liquidated.	Brown (6)
6.06	Default on all Tax Bonds for a total of \$244,561,336 (xiv-6). It is the fiduciary responsibility of investment banks and advisors to know their financial risk before taking them.	Brown (6)

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6.07		The City will take on or commission one or more independent consulting firms to perform efficiency and effectiveness audits to cover the cities entire operations. They should focus on a cost benefits approach, doing a realistic inventory of city-wide needs then attack on a needs first basis. (These firm(s) should be barred from contracting work with the City as a result of their recommendations.)	Brown (6)
6.08		On page vii the Organization Chart shows the citizens at the top in charge of the city supported by equal positions of City Council, Mayor, and City Controller. In reality, the city currently is run by Public Sector Unions, supported by a mayor who has sole authority and dictates the agenda which is then voted on by the City Council who is bullied into loyalty and/or criticized and/or ostracized. We must either change the organization chart within the budget to reflect the true nature of the City or the City must change her operation to reflect the proposed Organization Chart. I propose we fund a study as to the feasibility of changing the City Charter to provide a professional City Manager.	Brown (6)
6.09		The Pay 500010, 500020 500030, 500040, 500060, 500070, 500090, 500110, 500120, 500150, 500160, 500170, 500180, 500190, 500210, and Benefits 503010, 503015, 503020, 503025, 503040, 503050, 503060, 503061, 503070, 503080, 503090, 503100, 503110, of City, Fire, and HPD employees should be comparable to those provided in the private sector.	Brown (6)
6.10		Approximately 2/3 of all employees live outside city limits – the city will look into possibly requiring or only hiring first responders who live within the city limits so that they have “skin-in-the-game!”	Brown (6)
6.11		Increase the over-65/disabled exemption by \$9,138 to \$80,000.	Brown (6)
6.12		Decrease the water rate 20%.	Brown (6)

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7.01	<p>The Houston Police Department will allocate a portion of the revenue generated in the Asset Forfeiture Fund to the Environmental Investigations Unit in order to meet the unit's present need for additional resources to address their manpower shortage. Funding should be used for overtime pay or technology options that will address the unit's current need for additional manpower to combat illegal dumping throughout the city. Council will work with the Administration, Houston Police Department, and the Environmental Investigations Unit to determine the actual funding amount to be allocated from the Asset Forfeiture Fund to the Environmental Investigations Unit.</p>	Davis (7)
8.01	<p>I respectfully request that the administration place an item on the next available council agenda to amend Chapter 28 of the Code of Ordinances by adding a new Article XI which will implement the Sexual Assault Forensic Evaluation ordinance with the goal of clearing the rape kit backlog. The ordinance will establish a \$5 fee on operators of adult entertainment establishments. The revenue generated will be used to fund the processing of pending Houston Police Department sexual assault kits and excess funds, if any, shall be dedicated to fund the ongoing processing of sexual assault kits at the Houston Forensic Science Center.</p>	Cohen (8)
9.01	<p>Within 90 days the Legal Department will work with the Planning Department to present the Model Deed Restriction Program, as approved by council during 2011 budget year. The Legal/Planning Department will provide a set of legally enforceable deed restrictions language for neighborhoods to choose in order to renew or implement deed restrictions in the City of Houston neighborhoods</p>	Adams (9)

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9.02	Within 90 days, the Department of Neighborhoods and the Legal Department shall coordinate to establish an ordinance and registry program which will address all rental properties in the City of Houston which do not require a certificate of occupancy. The ordinance and registry program is intended to increase the ability of the City of Houston to enforce code violations in rental properties and prevent the properties from creating dangerous conditions for the inhabitants. The program would require owners to register their rental properties with the City and give the City the authority to inspect the premises.	Adams (9)
9.03	Legal will review terms limits to two four year terms for City Council and Mayor.	Adams (9)
9.04	HPD will budget for five PSO's out of the 28 new hires for the 2013 Budget. The PSO will be responsible for staffing Police Store Fronts.	Adams (9)
9.05	In 90 Days HPD will view cost to have Technology for Houston Sobering Center to communicate with the Homeless Information Management Systems to track the return of clients who frequently are detained in the center and referred out to various agencies.	Adams (9)
9.06	ARA and Legal will view the current regulations on 8 Liner Operators. Provide information on whether 8 Liner Establishments can be regulated to certain hours of operations.	Adams (9)
9.07	DON has funding for 5 Community Outreach Employees. Total funding for these positions are 334, 624.00. Requesting DON Director to reclassify these positions to include a Council Liaison.	Adams (9)

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9.08	In 90 Days HFD will present to Public Safety Committee an update on All Hazard Response to see if the change in how HFD response to emergencies decreased or increased the response times. Also review the current policy on the use of the 8 BLS units that were removed from out of service 2010 budget year and the cost of overtime saved.	Adams (9)
10.01	Require all libraries to be open for full service on Saturdays with a minimum of four hours.	Sullivan (10)
10.02	Provide staffing for the Proclamation Office, which will allow a two week turnaround on proclamations.	Sullivan (10)
10.03	Exempt the Kingwood community trails and parks from all costs and fees associated with Proposition 1/ Renew Houston / Rebuild Houston, aka: Drainage Fee.	Sullivan (10)
10.04	Require all organizations securing a parade permit to pay for Houston Police Department services at 100% reimbursement cost.	Sullivan (10)
10.05	Reduce City Council pay by five percent.	Sullivan (10)
10.06	Reduce Mayor's pay by five percent.	Sullivan (10)
10.07	Purchase three utility carts and trailers, similar to utility cart #103, and deploy in each quadrant of the Houston Fire Department.	Sullivan (10)
10.08	Cap Audiovisual Supplies allocation to the actual expenditures in FY11.	Sullivan (10)
10.09	Cap Education and Training allocation to the estimated expenditures in FY12.	Sullivan (10)
10.10	Cap Contract/Sponsorship allocation to the estimated expenditures in FY12.	Sullivan (10)
10.11	Eliminate funding for Tuition Reimbursements.	Sullivan (10)
10.12	Cap Building Maintenance Service allocation to the FY12 Current Budget.	Sullivan (10)
10.13	Cap Miscellaneous Other Services and Charges allocation to the estimated expenditures in FY 12.	Sullivan (10)
10.14	Cap Mail / Delivery Services allocation to the estimated expenditures in FY12.	Sullivan (10)
10.15	Cap Temporary Personnel Services allocation to the FY11 proposed budget.	Sullivan (10)

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10.16	Cut Advertising Services allocation by fifty percent.	Sullivan (10)
10.17	Cap Computer Hardware and Developed Software purchases to FY11 actual expenditures.	Sullivan (10)
10.18	Limit Infrastructure Budget Item under Equipment to estimated FY12 expenditures.	Sullivan (10)
10.19	Eliminate Funding for Affirmative Action Monitoring.	Sullivan (10)
10.20	Conduct a thorough traffic and mobility study in the Clear Lake portion of District E, similar to the Parsons study conducted in December 2004.	Sullivan (10)
10.21	Maintain Funding for Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership at \$100,000 for FY13.	Sullivan (10)
10.22	Increase funding to HFD so annual inspection of common attics can be made at all multi-family projects.	Sullivan (10)
10.23	Purchase and install thirty-one back-up power generators for Kingwood lift stations.	Sullivan (10)
10.24	Discontinue the practice of city departments paying permit fees to other city departments.	Sullivan (10)
10.25	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.	Sullivan (10)
10.26	Restore staffing levels of 3-1-1 service to provide 24/7 services to the public.	Sullivan (10)
10.27	Provide staffing in Sign Administration Department for 7 days per week enforcement personnel.	Sullivan (10)

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12.01	<p>As early as it is practicable during FY2013 and to the extent there are funds available, the Administration shall, with the approval of City Council where necessary, hire one or more experienced private firms to conduct a review and audit of the City's three Pension systems, the City's Health Care benefits, and conduct performance and process improvement audits for each city department.</p> <p>The Pension Systems and Health Care audits shall include information on benefits paid by governmental units and private businesses of similar size and which exist in similar economic conditions such as cost of living, level of education, and training required.</p> <p>The department audits shall include, but not be limited to, reviewing information on the appropriate ratio of management personnel to employees, appropriate salaries for the duties required, the possibility of using volunteers or part time employees to perform duties, determining whether certain city services can be performed more economically through outsourcing, and any other review deemed necessary for the City to perform its duties as efficiently and cost-effectively as possible when the City does not already have that current data. The consultant's work shall include in-person interviews with employees at multiple levels of employment to ascertain the overall attitude of the department personnel regarding efficiency and the appropriateness of pay for a particular position.</p>	Pennington (12)
12.02	<p>Reprogram \$2,000,000 to the Parks Department for the buffalo bayou erosion control project near Memorial Park. The Administration shall make a recommendation within 90 days to determine the funding source.</p>	Pennington (12)

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	<p>13.01 Office of Efficiency & Effectiveness <i>Independent Review & Establishment of Performance Measures for All Departments</i></p>	<p><i>Explanation:</i> Create an office that will be tasked with the explicit goal of increasing efficiencies and effectiveness within each department. The office will report directly to the mayor and will ensure an unbiased view of the departments where all aspects of operations are quantified and measured. The office will be tasked with: identifying performance measures that will coincide with department objectives; creating a business process to collect performance measures; creating performance targets based on best practices; diagnose and help correct performance issues on an as-needed basis; prediction and planning for 5, 10, and 20 years in the future to ensure that city is prepared for population and geographical growth. This may begin with one (1) FTE and could be done through an empowerment of Director Dowe's Performance Management group.</p> <p><i>Motion:</i> I move to reconfigure at least one (1) FTE from Director Dowe's Performance Management group. This motion will expand their role beyond financial analysis and will allow them to conduct departmental performance evaluations and ensure that departments are meeting performance measures, are operating efficiently, and are planning for the future growth of the City of Houston. No additional funding should be necessary, as the performance management group already exists.</p>	<p>Gonzalez (13)</p>
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	<p>13.02 Development Project Liaison <i>Coordinate information between Super Neighborhoods, the Department of Neighborhoods, the Permitting Center, Developers, and the Public Works and Engineering Department.</i></p>	<p><i>Explanation:</i> It appears that there are gaps in coordination between departments during the platting/permitting/building process of new/existing properties. This liaison, one (1) FTE should be involved in communication between the departments, developers, and the community, and their efforts should commence at the point of application. As developers agree to comply with restrictions/guidance from platting/permitting, continued enforcement and oversight is important. This liaison shall be tasked with monitoring projects and their impact on the communities.</p> <p><i>Motion:</i> I move to change/expand the responsibilities of one (1) FTE from within one of the affected city departments to act as a liaison between the Public Works Department, the Permitting Center, the Planning Department, developers, and the community commencing from the point of application of new development projects to the completion of said projects.</p>	<p>Gonzalez (13)</p>
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	<p>13.03 Updating the Department of Neighborhoods Technology for Inspections and Public Service <i>Change the data entry process for inspectors in the field.</i></p>	<p><i>Explanation:</i> Currently inspectors in the field manually fill-in (paper and pen method) the form to report property violations under Chapter 10. With today's technology the inspectors should be able to use tablets/mobile devices/iPads and enter all of the data electronically which would then be submitted immediately to a central database. In this way, information would be available more quickly and it would eliminate a second step of data entry. This would free up more FTEs to be out in the field instead of doing clerical data entry in the office. Elimination of paper use and paper processing time should be more than sufficient to offset the cost of purchase of these mobile devices. It would be helpful if the Department of Neighborhoods could also submit this information to individual council offices to help monitor violations in their districts.</p> <p><i>Motion:</i> I move to amend the Department of Neighborhoods' process of manually recording information and direct them towards implementing the use hand-held devices. This will increase their efficiency and save dollars as we transition away from paper-and-pen. Funding for this motion should come from any excess revenue the City of Houston attains beyond the dedicated funding of the FY 2013 adopted budget General Fund and any realized savings from the switch to digital recording of information.</p>	<p>Gonzalez (13)</p>
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	<p>13.04 Chronic Consumer Stabilization Initiative <i>Continue to proactively find help for those with frequent need of public services.</i></p>	<p><i>Explanation:</i> CCSI commenced in 2009 and is the result of collaboration between the Houston Police Department, the Mental Health Mental Retardation Authority of Harris County (MHMRA) and the City of Houston Health and Human Services Department. This amendment would ask for up to two (2) additional case managers with a total cost of \$121,675. A funding option would be to use funds that were previously allocated to paying for office space for HPD's Mental Health Unit, prior to the approval of their new office location at the Sobering Center. These two additional case managers could help provide care for another 30-40 frequent users of public services. The results of CCSI have been clear – a decrease in acute care service utilization and fewer contacts with law enforcement.</p> <p><i>Motion:</i> I move to reallocate previously committed office space funds from the HPD Mental Health Unit towards funding two (2) additional case managers for the Chronic Consumer Stabilization Initiative. Additional funding, if needed, should come from any excess revenue the City of Houston attains beyond the dedicated funding of the FY 2013 adopted budget General Fund.</p>	<p>Gonzalez (13)</p>
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<p>13.05 Block Permitting of Tax Delinquent Citizens/Developers <i>Ensure all dollars owed to the City of Houston are paid prior to issuance of new permits to a citizen or developer.</i></p>	<p><i>Explanation:</i> Operating, construction or occupancy permits should not be granted to citizens or developers who have outstanding (delinquent) property taxes, business property back taxes, fees, and fines owed to the City of Houston. Applicants should be granted an appeal/protest process should they disagree with the city's finding, but during tough economic times, we must ensure that we are maximizing our revenue generating streams. These include collection of fines and fees; anyone applying for a permit should be an upstanding citizen in good standing with the City of Houston.</p> <p><i>Motion:</i> I move to create a process that only grants construction or occupancy permits to individuals who are up to date with all their property taxes, business property back taxes, fees, and fines owed to the City of Houston. These tasks should be completed by at least one (1) existing FTE within the affected departments. Additional funding, if needed, should come from any excess revenue the City of Houston attains beyond the dedicated funding of the FY 2013 adopted budget General Fund.</p>	<p>Gonzalez (13)</p>
<p>13.06 Certificate of Compliance for Residential Construction <i>Insure that contractor/builder or developer has all final sign-off on all residential permits when home is ready for sale.</i></p>	<p><i>Explanation:</i> Before a single family residence can be sold all red tags, citations and fees must be cleared with a final inspection. The final inspection will ensure everything is in order with the property before it is sold at which time a certificate of compliance would be issued by the city. All mortgage lenders should require that they receive a certificate of compliance before closing on a property.</p> <p><i>Motion:</i> I move that the Administration take to committee and work to implement a process that requires homes that will be sold to disclose all liens, and ensure compliance with city regulations and applicable ordinances. This should be accomplished within one (1) year from the date that this amendment is passed.</p>	<p>Gonzalez (13)</p>

	<p>13.07 Tracking of Permit Violations Red Tag, Citations, Stop Work Orders <i>In order to insure that red tags and other citations are tracked and monitored.</i></p>	<p><i>Explanation:</i> Periodically red tags are overlooked and remain in the system until a request for permit is applied for. At this time a red tag must be cleared, but many times this does not happen because the violator has no reason to make the correction. In order to remedy this I suggest that a better online tracking system is created for inspectors to be reminded that the offending party has not come in to get the proper permit. Also, I request that the city institutes a better collection policy for citations to deter violations.</p> <p><i>Motion:</i> I move to implement a system that tracks red tag violators and informs inspectors of offenders who have not corrected their violations within the specified time. I request that this data be added to EGIS using current Planning Department FTEs. Additional funding, if needed, should come from any excess revenue the City of Houston attains beyond the dedicated funding of the FY 2013 adopted budget General Fund.</p>	<p>Gonzalez (13)</p>
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	<p>13.08 Apprentice Jobs on Major Capital Projects <i>Include apprentice positions for major city capital projects</i></p>	<p><i>Explanation:</i> As our city continues to grow, the demand for highly skilled jobs will also expand. In order to continue to have well trained workers and firms, an apprenticeship program (when appropriate) should be created/expanded by contractors who are awarded our major capital projects. This would allow for citizens to learn a skill and will expand the number of qualified workers in our city's job pool. There should be a strong consideration of union apprenticeship programs which are already structured and work well.</p> <p><i>Motion:</i> I move that when major capital project contracts are awarded, the implementation of an apprenticeship program should be created or expanded by the contractor. Current sources of apprentices, like trade unions, should be reviewed for pertinent projects. I request that existing FTEs from the affected departments be used to implement this proposal. Additional funding, if needed, should come from any excess revenue the City of Houston attains beyond the dedicated funding of the FY 2013 adopted budget General Fund.</p>	<p>Gonzalez (13)</p>
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	<p>13.09 Music/Entertainment Office <i>Work within ARA or MOSE to provide services and education to our city's developing music and entertainment scene.</i></p>	<p><i>Explanation:</i> There should be specially trained staff to work with music/entertainment businesses; this could be the repurposing of one (1) FTE from either affected department. This FTE should help the entertainment industry work through the permitting process and ensure their understanding of city ordinances and requirements. This FTE should act as a liaison and troubleshooter between the entertainment community and the associated departments. The entertainment industry generates millions of dollars for our city and we should maximize that economic impact. At the same time, we should make sure that businesses, residents, and entertainment guests have the best atmosphere possible. A model to follow in the future would be the San Francisco Entertainment Commission which oversees entertainment related permit applications.</p> <p><i>Motion:</i> I move that one (1) FTE be repurposed from either ARA or MOSE to act as a liaison between music/entertainment businesses and the affected departments. This liaison should help ensure compliance and understanding of city code and ordinances. Additional funding, if needed, should come from any excess revenue the City of Houston attains beyond the dedicated funding of the FY 2013 adopted budget General Fund.</p>	<p>Gonzalez (13)</p>
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	<p>13.10 Plastic Bag Phase Out <i>Follow the example of cities like Austin and Brownsville, which have phased out the use of plastic bags.</i></p>	<p><i>Explanation:</i> Plastic bags are littering our bayous, neighborhoods, parks, schools, and our entire city. They are harmful to the natural and man-made environment. In District H, Moody Park has trees that are completely coated in plastic bags due to littering and waste. For a one (1) year period, we would encourage our local businesses to phase out the use of plastic bags and turn to paper and re-usable options. During the one (1) year period, in coordination with businesses, residents, and environmental advocates, staff should begin to gather information for a possible ordinance enforcing this proposed ban, should it be deemed necessary.</p> <p><i>Motion:</i> I move that the Administration work to phase out plastic bags in the City of Houston. This can be accomplished by taking this proposal to the appropriate committee for proper vetting and consideration. A draft ordinance should be prepared within one (1) year of the approval of this amendment. The appropriate committee should include businesses, residents, and environmental advocates in their discussion of this concept. No additional funding should be necessary at this time.</p>	<p>Gonzalez (13)</p>
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	<p>13.11 Innovation and Technology Advisory Board <i>Encourage innovation and technological development in the City of Houston.</i></p>	<p><i>Explanation:</i> Put together an Innovation and Technology Advisory Board to consider and make recommendations to the mayor. The long-term goal is to make Houston an international hub for the creative class. The duty of the board will be to consider methods and means to help continue to transform Houston into a thriving "Creative Class" metropolis and making city resources more accessible to innovative entrepreneurs. Official support from the city will give legitimacy to the creative economy and help draw even more entrepreneurs, thought-leaders, and innovators to our city. The board will facilitate better relations among entrepreneurs, service providers, organizations, and others within Houston's Innovation and Technology ecosystem. The board will review and advise on community policies, programs and actions with respect to Innovation and Technology; and will recommend policy, program changes, and new directions as needed. This board shall advise the Administration and serve as advocates/ambassadors for the creative economy.</p> <p><i>Motion:</i> I move that the Administration create an Innovation and Technology Advisory Board. This group of volunteers shall advise the mayor and make recommendations to ensure the growth and development of the creative class in the City of Houston. This advisory board will act as advocates and ambassadors for our city, and help draw in entrepreneurs, thought-leaders, innovators. Their goal will be to help make Houston an international hub for innovation and technology. No additional funding sources should be necessary at this time. This panel will be comprised of volunteers with an expertise in the relevant fields.</p>	<p>Gonzalez (13)</p>
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	<p>13.12 City Contracts Review Process <i>Ensure that all City of Houston contracts are reviewed 6 months before their expiration date.</i></p>	<p><i>Explanation:</i> The City of Houston shall review major contracts six (6) months before their expiration date. The review should look at potential added efficiencies and cost-savings during the remaining contract term. It should also assess the contract's success to consider renewing the contract or to lay out a strategy to find a replacement contractor. This amendment is intended to ensure that the city starts planning a course of action on major contracts with plenty of time before their expiration; this should eliminate 'rush' items to City Council.</p> <p><i>Motion:</i> I move that major contracts must be reviewed six (6) months before their expiration date in order to look for efficiencies and cost savings before their conclusion. This mandatory review will help guide the city when considering whether they should renew service contracts or search for a new contractor. This amendment would make contract review mandatory unless a written request for exemption is submitted to the Administration. This amendment should require no additional funding; existing FTEs should be assigned to this task.</p>	<p>Gonzalez (13)</p>
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	<p>13.13 Parklet Program <i>Allow adoption of marked parking spaces to convert into small urban parks.</i></p>	<p><i>Explanation:</i> Allow the adoption of marked parallel parking spaces to create small urban parks or pocket parks. The city should create an application process for businesses to 'adopt' a small space and turn it into a parklet at their own expense. Parklets are designed to provide a public space for citizens to relax and enjoy the city atmosphere around them. They help 'soften' the concrete and provide incentives for street life activities. Parklets may be designed to be temporary in order to accommodate future changes in parking/roadway needs. Program to be administered by Planning and Development Department; department can assist with basic design.</p> <p><i>Motion:</i> I move that the city adopt a 'Parklet Program' to help create small urban parks when appropriate. Businesses will be able to apply for permission to adopt marked parallel parking spaces and at their own expense, create small green spaces. This amendment should require no additional funding; the program should be administered by existing FTEs within the Planning Department, which may offer basic design assistance when appropriate.</p>	<p>Gonzalez (13)</p>
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	<p>13.14 Complete Streets <i>Houston should commit to build 'complete streets' when possible and appropriate.</i></p>	<p><i>Explanation:</i> As we rebuild our streets and infrastructure, the City of Houston should commit to implement a 'complete streets' policy, where appropriate. Streets that are welcoming and safe to multiple modes of transportation for all users are good for our communities and improve the quality of life. The City of Houston should consider wider sidewalks, bike lanes, safe crossing opportunities, median islands, curb extensions, roundabouts, and more.</p> <p><i>Motion:</i> I move that the City of Houston adopt a 'complete streets' policy, where appropriate. Streets that create the ability for safe transportation for all users should be encouraged and considered as we move forward in the replacement of our infrastructure. This amendment should require no additional funding; the adoption of a 'complete streets' policy, where appropriate, can be administered by existing FTEs.</p>	<p>Gonzalez (13)</p>
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	<p>13.15 Implement Regulation of Group Homes <i>Ensure oversight of 'group homes' to protect disadvantaged populations.</i></p>	<p><i>Explanation:</i> Currently, the City of Houston does not track or regulate group homes. These group homes can host any number of people and currently do not have any standards or regulations to govern the quality of life in these facilities. The population of group homes tends to be elderly, mentally ill, disabled, or recovering addicts. This population is vulnerable and often victimized. We should outline types of housing and health standards group homes must meet. We should also allow for residents to report abuses, and ensure that they have a way to file complaints.</p> <p><i>Motion:</i> I move that we amend the code of ordinances to include the regulation of group homes in the City of Houston. The city should craft a policy that allows these homes to be identified and create a set of standards which must be met. This amendment should require no additional funding as it can be administered by existing FTEs in the appropriate departments.</p>	<p>Gonzalez (13)</p>
	<p>14.01</p>	<p>Increase funding to HFD FY 2013 Budget to include replacement of 7 ambulance units back in service that were taken out in December 2010 due to budget shortfall. As mentioned in the FD 2013 budget report, the cost of this amendment is \$240,000.00 per unit per year.</p>	<p>Rodriguez (14)</p>

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15.01	Allocate \$300,000 from Chiefs Command, Fund 1000/100001, to Investigative Operations, Fund 1000/100005, for the training of FTEs to conduct investigations regarding vice related crimes, including, but not limited to, Sexually Oriented Businesses (SOB). Currently there are no FTE's dedicated to enforcing SOBs as those officers involved in that program do not have the expertise or knowledge to conduct investigations regarding Sexually Oriented Businesses. This amendment shall not impact the employment status of classified officers of the Houston Police Department.	Laster (15)
15.02		Laster (15)
15.03		Laster (15)
16.01	Respectfully correct the impaired Hiram Clarke Multi-Service Center. The needed repairs are more important than bringing the Hiram Clarke MSC up to LEED certification.	Green (16)
16.02	Respectfully outline the 30 new projects for street and drainage improvements valued at approximately \$250 million for FY13	Green (16)
16.03	Respectfully use funds from the Mobility Response Team Fund that's transferred to the General Fund to hire civilian staff for the various Houston Police Dept. storefronts.	Green (16)
16.04	Respectfully maintain the current tax rate for the City of Houston at 63.875 cents per \$100 of taxable value.	Green (16)
16.05	Respectfully coordinate with Public Works Dept. to reinstate the 1% funding allocation for planting trees from CIP street and bridge projects.	Green (16)
16.06	Respectfully incorporate additional senior programming during the summer months. A departmental collaborative effort of the Parks, Health, and Library Depts.	Green (16)
16.07	Respectfully incorporate Public Works Dept. fleet of vehicles within the newly created Fleet Management Dept.	Green (16)

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16.08	Respectfully limit purchasing of the number of non-gas efficient vehicles (i.e. Ford Explorers); especially for one department over another department.	Green (16)
16.09	Respectfully increase game-room fees from its current rate.	Green (16)
16.10	Respectfully revise Fire Dept. FY2013 objective from four (4) "fast track" training classes to include two (2) "fast track" training classes and two (2) standard training classes.	Green (16)
16.11	Respectfully include the Hiram Clarke Multi-Service Center as <u>one</u> of the seven (7) renovated City facilities for maintenance totaling 171,119 square feet scheduled for FY13 totaling \$625,000.	Green (16)
16.12	Respectfully combine the real estate section of the Public Works Dept. and General Services Dept. <u>under</u> the General Services Dept. to efficiently track progress and perfect the appraisal selection process for sale of City land/interest.	Green (16)
16.13	Respectfully further outreach efforts of the Houston Library Department for youth and adults in school support, literacy advancement, technology, access and instruction and workforce development among Houston area schools districts and area community colleges and other paraprofessional institutions.	Green (16)
16.14	Respectfully provide FREE staff development courses via the E.B Cape Center without being charged back to the respective department (such as diversity and cultural sensitivity training, business grammar, business writing, etc.).	Green (16)
16.15	Respectfully increase three (3) FTEs for contract compliance officer positions within the Office for Business Opportunity.	Green (16)

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16.16	Respectfully strengthen City's enforcement to maintain compliance with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) permits for wastewater collection systems operations and industrial wastewater treatment (i.e. better enforcement TCEQ control at existing Alameda-Sims Wastewater Treatment Plant).	Green (16)
16.17	Respectfully increase the maintenance, mowing and desilting of off-road and esplanade ditches, drainage easements and for mowing and herbicide application in the City's right-of-ways via the Storm Water Fund. The Combined Utility System transfer funds to the Storm water Fund to support storm water drainage operation and maintenance activities.	Green (16)
16.18	Respectfully offset expenditure through the BARC Special Revenue Fund to the General Fund relating to animal assistance provided to the Houston Police Dept. to expedite the round-up of stray animals continually roaming neighborhoods.	Green (16)
16.19	Respectfully create a stand-alone Department for the Office of Business Opportunity. Afford this separate entity the opportunity to introduce their own budget (set-aside form the Mayor's Office) and justify their assistance separate from the authority of the Mayor's Office.	Green (16)
16.20	Respectfully further expand the WeCAN Digital Inclusion (DI) network <u>beyond</u> the launch of three (3) super neighborhoods.	Green (16)
16.21	Respectfully expand City's recycling program to include multi-family dwellings. Coordinate this initiative via the Solid Waste Dept. with area TIRZs, management districts, and the Houston Apartment Association. This will forge a new partnership with multi-family owners to divert waste from landfills and further implement recycling programs.	Green (16)

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16.22	Respectfully increase recruitment efforts for the Houston Fire Dept. to include graduating high school seniors, community colleges, and vocational institutions throughout the Houston metropolitan area.	Green (16)
16.23	Respectfully increase penalty and fine for operators of illegal food vendors.	Green (16)
16.24	Respectfully further expand project Saving Smiles to other area school district within the Houston city limits other than the Houston Independent School District (i.e. Aldine, North Forest, Klein, Alief, Spring Branch, Clear Creek, Pasadena, Channelview, Galena Park, Katy, Fort Bend, and Cy-Fair ISDs).	Green (16)
16.25	Respectfully reorganize the Dept. of Neighborhoods to include the Education Initiatives and Volunteer Initiatives under the umbrella of the Citizens Assistance Office.	Green (16)
16.26	Respectfully add Five (5) FTEs to the Administration and Regulatory Affairs Purchasing Division to deal with the consolidation of the Fleet Management Dept. and Information Technology Dept. to purchasing. The five (5) FTEs will consist of two (2) FTEs for Fleet Management Dept. purchasing and three (3) for Information Technology Dept. purchasing.	Green (16)