

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, March 11, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 11, 2014, Mayor Annise Parker presiding, with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Ellen R. Cohen, Dwight Boykins, Dave Martin, Richard Nguyen, Oliver Pennington, Edward Gonzalez, Robert Gallegos, Mike Laster, Larry V. Green, Stephen C. Costello, David W. Robinson, Michael Kubosh, C. O. "Brad" Bradford and Jack Christie, D.C.; Mr. Harlan Heilman, Division Chief, Claims & Subrogation Division; and Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director, and Ms. Stella Ortega, Agenda Office, present. Council Member Jerry Davis out of the city on city business.

At 1:42 p.m. Mayor Parker called the meeting to order and called on Council Member Green for a Council presentation. Council Members Stardig, Pennington, Gallegos, Laster, Robinson and Kubosh absent.

Council Member Green stated that this week, March 11 through 15, 2014, Houston was proud to host the Men and Women 2014 Southwestern Athletic Conference Basketball Tournament, and presented a proclamation to the SWAC Men & Women Basketball Tournaments, and Mayor Parker stated therefore, she, Annise D. Parker, Mayor of the City of Houston, hereby proclaimed the week of March 11 through 15, 2014, as SWAC Basketball Week in Houston, Texas, that they were proud to make this announcement last year and now they were proud to host the tournament, that she wanted to thank everybody for being present and invited Dr. John Rudley, from their hometown team, who would be playing, to the podium. Council Members Stardig and Kubosh absent.

Dr. Rudley stated that this was a true partnership, that all of them who were TSU graduates were working hard to make sure that nine other teams come and appreciate Houston, Texas, that this was the first opportunity for their athletes to play football and basketball in professional stadiums, that as they knew they had the football championship in Houston and they had 30,000 visitors and hoped the basketball championship would be just as favorable in terms of attendance. Council Members Stardig and Kubosh absent.

Mr. Kenny Friedman, Houston Sports Authority, stated that the sports authority had been pursuing the SWAC Championships for about 5 years, that it took a vote of the presidents of all the schools to move it from Birmingham, Alabama, to Houston and they were delighted to have it in Houston, that they were most pleased about the cooperation they had with people all across the community to help send over 1,000 kids to the Toyota Center to participate in the College Fair from each of the schools, that they appreciated the support of the Mayor and City Council. Council Members Stardig and Kubosh absent.

Council Members Pennington, Boykins and Bradford congratulated Texas Southern University and the Sports Authority. Council Members Stardig and Kubosh absent.

At 2:02 p.m. Mayor Parker recognized Council Member Christi for the invocation and pledge of allegiance, and Council Member Christi invited Pastor Steve Wells, South Main Baptist Church, for the invocation, and Council Member Christi led all in the pledge of allegiance. Council Member Kubosh absent.

At 2:05 p.m. The City Secretary called the roll. Council Member Davis out of the city on city business. Council Member Kubosh absent.

Council Members Gonzalez and Bradford moved that the minutes of the previous meeting be adopted. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Davis out of the city on city business. Council Member Kubosh absent. MOTION ADOPTED.

Council Member Pennington moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing from Ms. Donna Freedman, Ms. Virginia Gregory and Ms. Roberta Prazak out of order following Mr. David Mark Koogler, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Davis out of the city on city business. Council Member Kubosh absent. MOTION 2014-0212 ADOPTED.

Council Member Gonzalez moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing from Mr. Michael Payne and Mr. Dan Morgan, out of order at the top of the one minute non agenda speakers list, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Davis out of the city on city business. Council Member Kubosh absent. MOTION 2014-0213 ADOPTED.

Council Member Laster moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing from Mr. Jim Bigham out of order at the top of the three minute agenda speakers list, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Davis out of the city on city business. Council Member Kubosh absent. MOTION 2014-0214 ADOPTED.

Council Member Stardig moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of adding Mr. Victor Alvarez to the top of the three minute agenda speakers list, following Mr. Jim Bigham, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Davis out of the city on city business. Council Members Gonzalez and Kubosh absent. MOTION 2014-0215 ADOPTED.

Council Member Gallegos moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing from Mr. Emile Landry, Ms. Debbie Wilson and Mr. Marcus Owings out of order after Mr. Paula Paust, seconded by Council Member Pennington. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Davis out of the city on city business. Council Members Gonzalez and Kubosh absent. MOTION 2014-0216 ADOPTED.

Council Member Green moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing from Ms. Linda Scurlock at the end of the one minute agenda item speakers list, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Davis out of the city on city business. Council Members Gonzalez and Kubosh absent. MOTION 2014-0217 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated that they had 186 minutes on the speakers list and recognized Ms. Anna Russell. Council Members Gonzalez and Kubosh absent.

Ms. Russell stated that under the rules of Council, Chapter 2, Rule B, under 2-2, if the total speaker time was greater than 150 minutes they shall announce that each speakers time shall be one minute, furthermore, when the provisions of this subsection was invoked, the question time for City Council Members should be limited to a cumulative total of one minute for each speaker, so the time had been reduced to one minute with the Council time collectively one minute. Council Members Gonzalez and Kubosh absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she knew some of them had signed up for three minutes speaking time, but because of the volume of speakers, under the Rules of Council, previously adopted, limited everyone to one minute. Council Members Gonzalez and Kubosh absent.

Ms. Katherine Aubin, 8506 Merlin, Houston, Texas 77055 (713-299-1713) announced from the audience that she would pass on her speaking time. Council Members Gonzalez and Kubosh absent.

Mr. Kerwin Tregre, 10355 Fleming Drive, Houston, Texas 77013 (832-654-3441) appeared

and stated that he wanted to address Resolution 10E, that he was not totally against low income housing, but did not think this was the correct location for it. Council Members Gonzalez and Kubosh absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Laster, Mr. Tregre stated that it was in District I, the Hurstbourne Crossing. Council Members Gonzalez and Kubosh absent.

Ms. Karen Marti, 2701 West Lane Drive, Houston, Texas 77027 (713-665-1165) announced from the audience that she would pass on her speaking time. Council Members Gonzalez and Kubosh absent.

Mr. Joe Redden, 3765 Robinhood, Houston, Texas 77005 (713-668-5688) appeared and stated that his wife Karen was President of the Advisory Board of the Women's Home, they had the support of the local civic association and the super neighborhood council, in order to make the project viable the home needed their support in order to qualify for housing credits. Council Members Boykins, Gonzalez and Kubosh absent.

Mr. David Mark Koogler, 26302 Oak Ridge Drive #100, Spring, Texas 77380 (281-906-4460) appeared and stated that he was present on Item 10B, the East End Lofts to request that they consider the East End Lofts for a resolution of support. Council Members Gonzalez and Kubosh absent.

Ms. Donna Freedman, 11930 Surry Lane, Houston, Texas 77024 (713-461-1830) appeared, presented information, and stated that was present regarding TIRZ 17, recently they asked them to be part of an inter action group from the local community and she joined, but they were given a failed veiled threat from one of the board members saying if they made their way downtown they would get nothing, nothing from the TIRZ because they would try to dissolve it, and if they did good luck trying to get anything from the Houston City Council, that she was present on behalf of herself and her neighborhood, the Memorial neighborhood, which still did not have any detention ponds and the contract was 15 years old, that the Spring Branch area had 10 detention ponds, there was something wrong and they were trying to equalize it. Council Members Gonzalez and Kubosh absent.

Mayor Parker stated that the TIRZ could not dissolve itself, they could all resign and she would just keep appointing more, and Ms. Freedman stated that they could not threaten them either, and Mayor Parker stated no. Council Members Gonzalez and Kubosh absent.

Ms. Virginia Gregory, 9806 Westview Drive, Houston, Texas 77055 (713-465-5814) appeared, presented information, and stated that in 1999 TIRZ 17 was organized and they consulted with Walter P. Moore, a bunch of maps and engineering drawings were submitted showing multiple detention ponds and certain roads were going to be widened, last week there was a TIRZ meeting on the fifth and at that board meeting, John Rickels, the TIRZ board representative from the south side, who was also the Senior Vice President and CFO of Group One Automotive, stated that not all board members were informed about actions before and by the Chairperson Executive Director, apparently they had put a hard hold on a piece of property at Town and Country Way called 909, since that period of time it had come to their attention that another property was also purchased in the same manner, secretly, in 2011, those documents were there, the original stated goals of TIRZ 17 had been pushed aside, the Chairperson and Executive Director actions were contrary to the rules. Council Member Kubosh absent.

Ms. Roberta Prazak, 606 Attingham Drive, Houston, Texas 77024 (713-461-2860) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Member Kubosh absent.

Ms. Linda Scurlock, 4747 Knotty Oaks, Houston, Texas 77015 (713-433-5737) appeared and stated that she was the President of the South Houston Concerned Citizens Coalition, an alliance of 22 civic clubs and homeowners associations in the Hiram Clarke area, that it seemed as though everyone was interested in New Hope Housing at Reed, they the community opposed it, in her opinion they were being used to push poor people further south, beyond the loop. Council Member Kubosh absent.

Mr. Walker Barnett, 4627 Waring, Houston, Texas 77027 (713-830-2111) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Member Kubosh absent.

Ms. Martha Alfaro, 202 Windrift, Sugarland, Texas 77479 (832-282-4812) appeared and stated that she was present in favor of the Women's Home apartment housing, they were the architects working on the development. Council Member Kubosh absent.

Ms. Brenda White, 7626 Twin Hill Drive, Houston, Texas 77071 (713-703-4142) appeared and stated that she currently served as President of the Governing Board of the Women's Home and was present to ask for their support of approval of their tax credit application where they could proceed with building in Spring Branch, they were trying to build another facility to serve families, they felt like it was a huge need in the community, and they needed the tax credits to go forward with it.

Ms. Barbara Higley Staley, 2809 B West Lane, Houston, Texas 77027 (832-6060912) appeared and stated that she would like to speak to the Women's Home project that was to be built on Hammerly and Jacqueline, that as a volunteer it was a wonderful organization and professionally run and a good steward of funds and also an organization that had proven itself, that she would ask for their support of the project.

Ms. Priscilla Sanders, 1370 Afton #776, Houston, Texas 77055 (281-799-5700) appeared and stated that she had been a resident of Spring Branch for nearly 20 years, that having appropriate and affordable housing for women and children was a great need in their community, that the disadvantaged and advantaged should be able to live in the same community.

Council Member Stardig stated that she appreciated everything that Ms. Sanders did, that her location was where they had their PIP meetings and she did a great deal for their community.

Ms. Gerry Thielemann, 7610 Hammerly Blvd., Houston, Texas 77013 (713682-9634) appeared and stated that she volunteered at the Women's Home, that she had been in various committees for quite a few years and would urge the City Council to allow them to build Phase II.

Ms. Karen George, 2328 Rice Blvd., Houston, Texas 77005 (713-682-3441) appeared and stated that she was a Board Member of the Women's Home and Co-Chair of the Capital Campaign for the project, that they had support of the neighborhood school, and shared a letter written by the Principal of Treasure Grove Elementary School, and she appreciated the fact that they had sought her advice specifically about the After School and Summer School Enrichment Programs that the center would offer.

Council Member Stardig stated that the school was Treasure Forest Elementary School, and Ms. George stated that the letter was signed by Ms. Blanca Reyes, the principal, and Council Member Bradford asked that Ms. George finish reading the letter.

Mr. Bob Dyer, 58 Sugarberry Circle, Houston, Texas 77024 (832-630-5013) appeared and

stated that he served as a Member of the Board of Directors of the Women's Home and was present to encourage their support with their Phase II Capital Expansion to provide additional, affordable and safe housing in the Spring Branch area.

Ms. Denise Grisby, 1839 Jacquelyn, Houston, Texas 77055 (713-818-8403) appeared and stated that she lived at the Jane Cizik Garden Place Complex, the current Women's Home Facility and was in favor of the Women's Home Phase II.

Ms. Katherine Von Haefen, 50 Waugh Drive, Houston, Texas 77077 (713-685-2846) appeared and stated that she was a Senior Program Manager at United Way of Greater Houston and was present on the behalf of United Way of Greater Houston to express full support of the Women's Home Phase II Development Project in Spring Branch.

Ms. Jo Reid, 5100 San Felipe #274E, Houston, Texas 77056 (713-582-6150) appeared and stated that she was a community supporter for the Women's Home and also served on the Board of Directors, and would like to encourage them to support the Women's Home and its application to obtain the tax credits for the Phase II Housing Project.

Mr. Jim Bigham, 7911 Sharpview Drive, Houston, Texas 77074 (713-568-8124) appeared and stated that he was present to talk about Chapter 6 and the proposed changes to the Animal Ordinance, that there were two issues with animals in the City of Houston, one, they had too many stray, lose and dangerous animals dogs, and two, BARC, the entity responsible for enforcement was underfunded and understaffed, in their view the changes to the ordinance, while sweeping, were cosmetic, they would not address the underlying dangerous dog, public health and public safety issue. Council Member Martin absent.

Mayor Parker asked Mr. Bigham what was it that he objected to or would like to see happen, was he asking for a breed specific ban. Council Member Martin absent.

Mr. Bingham stated that they would like to see the ordinance as presented withdrawn, so that they could revisit with BARC and address the fundamental issues of dangerous dogs and not worry about the cosmetic issues that were included, and Mayor Parker stated that she thought they had dealt with dangerous dogs. Council Member Martin absent.

Upon discussion Council Member Laster stated that a number of Council Members had been waiting for the ordinance, he would be speaking at Council tomorrow and would be moving to tag the ordinance, that he thought the Council needed some time to digest what was being put before them, and moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending time for questions of Mr. Jim Bingham, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Davis out of the city on city business. Council Member Martin absent. MOTION 2014-0218 ADOPTED.

Council Member Gallegos stated that he agreed with Council Member Laster and was willing to tag the item so they could revisit it and see what else they needed to do. Council Member Martin absent.

Mr. Victor Alvarez, 7817 Betty Jane, Houston, Texas 77055 appeared and stated that he was a long time resident of Spring Branch and was present in opposition of 9J, the tax subsidized apartments in Spring Branch, that more affordable housing was not exactly what Spring Branch needed, that he was not against the mission of the Women's Home, but he had raised the question, out of the homeless women in Spring Branch how many had attended Phase I. Council Member Martin absent.

Ms. Paula Paust, 13057Kingsride Lane, Houston, Texas 77079 (713-328-1955) appeared,

presented information, and stated that she was the Executive Director of the Women's Home, and they were present to ask for their support of their tax application for their next phase of housing, that she wanted to point out that this was in line with the Mayor's initiative to end homelessness.

Council Member Cohen stated that she had great respect for what they did and for the kind of changes they had made in the community, that she wanted people to know that the quality of services they rendered was spectacular. Council Members Boykins and Green absent.

Mr. Emile Landry, 10814 Filey Lane, Houston, Texas 77013 (713-673-7478) appeared and stated that he was present against the proposed new housing project off of Oates Road, that it was a very unsafe place and there was no place for kids to walk properly, they had no sidewalks in their subdivision on that side and they did not want them to cut through their neighborhood to go to school. Council Members Boykins, Green and Bradford absent.

Ms. Debbie Wilson, 10427 Dunvegan Way, Houston, Texas 77013 (713-675-6206) appeared and stated that she was past President of the Songwood Civic Association and was present to speak on the Hurstbourne Projection, they were present last year for the same issue, same developer, same site and same proposal, that Council at that time voted it down 100%, it was voted down because it was not a good location, and she would respectfully ask the City Council to vote against this again this year. Council Members Boykins, Green and Bradford absent.

Council Member Gallegos stated that he understood they had their civic club meeting last Thursday, he had a staff member present and understood they voted against the project, and Ms. Wilson stated yes, and understood that Council Member Gallegos office had invited the developer to come that night and he did not show up, and Council Member Gallegos stated that he did call after the fact and did show up, and he understood they did not meet where they normally met and the developer said he went by there, but he did not know the new location. Council Members Boykins, Pennington, Gonzalez, Green and Bradford absent.

Mr. Marcus Owings, 10214 Valencia Drive, Houston, Texas 77013 (713-672-8075) appeared and stated that he was present in opposition of Resolution 10E, Valencia Drive was near the proposed project, which was not built for heavy traffic and had no sidewalks. Council Members Boykins, Pennington, Gonzalez, Green and Bradford absent.

Ms. Roberta Prazak, 606 Attingham Drive, Houston, Texas 77024 (713-461-2860) appeared and stated that she was present on TIRZ 17, the Memorial City TIRZ, governance issues, that she had a video tape that she would like to share with Council Members Pennington and Costello. Council Members Boykins, Pennington, Gonzalez, Green and Bradford absent.

Ms. Marlen Trujillo, 1615 Hillendahl, Houston, Texas 77055 (281-702-6540) appeared and stated that she was the CEO of the Spring Branch Community Health Center, and was present in full support of the Women's Home. Council Members Boykins, Pennington, Laster and Green absent.

Council Member Stardig stated that she had worked with all of them for many years and they all worked very well together, that no one was taking away from the fact of the work the Women's Home had done, they appreciated all they had done. Council Members Boykins, Pennington, Laster and Green absent.

Ms. Jo Lightsey, 2203 Counter Point, Houston, Texas 77055 (713-851-6925) appeared and stated that she was the President of the Old Spring Branch Civic Association, that although

they were not exactly crazy about apartments in the area, they were in support of the Women's Home Projects. Mayor Parker, Council Members Boykins, Cohen, Pennington, Laster and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Council Member Stardig thanked Ms. Lightsey for all she did and stated that she deserved all of the recognition for all the work she had done in her community. Mayor Parker, Council Members Boykins, Cohen, Pennington, Laster and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. Bart Harris, 7011 Housman, Houston, Texas 77055 (713-303-0762) appeared and stated that he was the President of Spring Branch East Super Neighborhood Council, Inc. and was present in support of the Women's Home Phase II Project, their Super Neighborhood Council voted to issue a letter of support. Mayor Parker, Council Members Boykins, Cohen, Pennington, Laster and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Council Member Stardig thanked Mr. Harris for all he did for the super neighborhood. Mayor Parker, Council Members Boykins, Cohen, Pennington, Laster and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Reverend Michael Shirl, 711 Main #402, Houston, Texas 77002 (713-252-8812) appeared and stated that he was the Chief Operating Officer for the Women's Home and one of his areas of responsibility was to engage the local community in understanding the role and mission of their organization and engaging their support, and read a letter from Terrace United Methodist Church located on Wirt Road, the heart of Spring Branch, in support of the programs of the Women's Home. Mayor Parker, Council Members Cohen, Pennington and Laster absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Council Member Boykins stated that he wanted to compliment the project, it was going to be a beautiful facility in their neighborhood. Mayor Parker, Council Members Cohen, Pennington and Laster absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Ms. Marci Tapp, 4124 Fernwood Drive, Houston, Texas 77021 (832-236-8611) appeared and stated that she was the Director of Resource Development at the Women's Home and was in favor of the project, and read a letter of support from former Council Member Gordon Quan. Mayor Parker, Council Members Nguyen, Pennington and Laster absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Ms. Penny Patton, 1839 Jacquelyn Drive #322, Houston, Texas 77055 (832-483-9019) appeared and stated that she had lived at Jane Cizik Garden Place for two years on and off, they had beautiful grounds and landscaping, women had managed to go from crisis to self-sufficiency and she was one of them and was all for Phase II at Hammerly and Jacqueline. Mayor Parker, Council Members Boykins, Martin, Nguyen and Pennington absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Ms. Sandra Bernal, 3125 Crestadale #1543, Houston, Texas 77080 (281-617-6758) appeared and stated that she was the property manager at Jane Cizik Garden Place, she had been a property manager for over 10 years and their community had maintained a feeling of comfort and security, they were responsive to the neighborhood, much more than any other community that she had managed. Mayor Parker, Council Members Boykins, Martin, Nguyen and Pennington absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Ms. Julianne Mahler, 6506 Cypress Point Drive, Houston, Texas 77069 (281-580-2460) appeared and stated that she was a Member of the Board of the Women's Home and also an Executive with Exxon Mobile, they had a long standing volunteer relationship with the Women's

Home and was present to speak in favor of allowing the Women's Home to expand. Mayor Parker, Council Members Boykins, Martin, Nguyen and Pennington absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Ms. Cynthia Diegel, 1839 Jacquelyn #303, Houston, Texas 77055 (832-816-0858) appeared and stated that she was a graduate of the Women's Home and would thank them for their consideration. Mayor Parker, Council Members Boykins, Martin, Nguyen and Pennington absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. Rafael Ucerro, 401 Strafford, Houston, Texas 77006 (214-769-3284) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Boykins, Martin, Nguyen and Pennington absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. Charles J. O'Connell, 10915 Wickline, Houston, Texas 77024 (713-569-1400) appeared and stated that as past Board Chair of the Coalition for the Homeless of Houston Harris County he wanted to stress to them the importance of the Women's Home permanent support of housing project for women and children and would urge the Council to support the Women's Home and its application for tax credits needed for the important project. Mayor Parker, Council Members Martin, Nguyen and Pennington absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Ms. Barbara Vaughn, 10694 Beinhorn, Houston, Texas 77024 (713-819-3640) announced from the audience that she would pass on her speaking time. Mayor Parker, Council Members Martin, Nguyen and Pennington absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. Jim Drew, 5431 Inwood, Houston, Texas 77056 (713-822-3732) appeared and stated that he was present to speak on behalf of the Women's Home, in addition to it being a Class A property for the neighborhood, they would also add a stable, supportive parent group to the Treasure Forest Elementary School, one of the problems their schools had was that students changed schools because of parents changing their living arrangements. Mayor Parker, Council Members Martin, Nguyen and Pennington absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Upon questions by Council Members Stardig and Cohen, Mr. Drew stated that he was the past President of the Women's Home, that the land value in Spring Branch had increased as a result of Phase I having been built, but did not know the percentage, but would be happy to provide that. Mayor Parker, Council Members Martin, Nguyen and Pennington absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Ms. Judy Gilbert, 259 Chimney Rock, Houston, Texas 77024 (713-857-8044) appeared and stated that she was so touched by the women who were residing at Jane Cizik Garden Place and was happy to represent the Women's Home, she was almost a 30 year volunteer, that she was a school teacher in the Spring Branch Independent School District as an elementary and middle school teacher. Mayor Parker, Council Members Martin, Nguyen and Pennington absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Council Member Christi stated that on behalf of the City of Houston he wanted to thank Ms. Gilbert for her 30 years of service. Mayor Parker, Council Members Martin, Nguyen and Pennington absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Council Member Stardig asked Ms. Gilbert at which schools she had taught and Ms. Gilbert stated Westchester Middle School, Westchester Elementary, Spring Oaks and Spring Forest. Mayor Parker, Council Members Martin, Nguyen and Pennington absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.



Mr. Jorge Aguirre, 247 N. Westmonte Drive, Altamonte Springs, Florida 32714 (407-575-2463) appeared and stated that he worked with a concerned real estate group and was present to speak to Item 10J, Seminole Ridge, in District F, they had been working for several months doing a lot of outreach and through multiple meetings they secured local support from the Alief Super Neighborhood, and would urge the City Council to consider them for a resolution of support. Mayor Parker, Council Members Martin, Nguyen and Pennington absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

After discussion by Council Members Robinson and Laster, Council Member Laster moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending time for questions of Mr. Jorge Aguirre, seconded by Council Member Boykins. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Davis out of the city on city business. Mayor Parker, Council Members Martin, Nguyen and Pennington absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. MOTION 2014-0219 ADOPTED.

Upon discussion and questions by Council Members Stardig and Laster, Mr. Aguirre stated that he was present on Seminole Ridge; that he was the developer of the property, that they had support of Council Member Nguyen and were in conversation with the State Representative. Mayor Parker, Council Members Martin, Nguyen and Pennington absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Ms. Joy Horak-Brown, 1117 Texas Avenue, Houston, Texas 77002 (713-222-0290) appeared and stated that she was the Executive Director of New Hope Housing, they had almost 1,000 units of single room occupancy housing in Houston, Texas, and was present to seek support for 140 units of family housing on Reed Road, on a site that they had been asked to develop by Star of Hope. Mayor Parker, Council Members Martin, Nguyen and Pennington absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

After discussion Council Member Boykins moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending time for questions of Ms. Joy Horak-Brown, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Davis out of the city on city business. Mayor Parker, Council Members Martin, Nguyen, Pennington and Laster absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Council Member Boykins stated that he was not a fan of tax credits for certain types of projects, especially when they came into District D, the multi-family units, what they were putting together, he thought, was a model that should be copied around the City and the Country, because they were doing it from a spiritual perspective and were giving them an opportunity to transition from Star of Hope to New Hope Housing that this was a great opportunity and truly hoped that District D would not miss this opportunity. Mayor Parker, Council Members Martin, Nguyen, Pennington and Laster absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Council Member Cohen stated that she wanted to echo what Council Member Boykins stated and add that she was also familiar with New Hope and the work they had done. Mayor Parker, Council Members Martin, Nguyen, Pennington and Laster absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. Michael Fowler, 1117 Texas Avenue, Houston, Texas 77002 (713-222-0290) appeared and stated that he was the Board Chair of New Hope Housing and was present to make sure that the silence was not taken as lack of support, they intended to build a 140 unit apartment complex at Reed Road, they were invited by the Star of Hope to partner with them and were buying a little over six acres from them, they were moving their Women and Children's Center to the Reed Road location.

Council Members Costello, Boykins and Robinson thanked Mr. Fowler for all he did. Mayor Parker, Council Members Martin, Nguyen, Pennington and Laster absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Ms. Chrishelle Palay, 13330 West Road #1236, Houston, Texas 77041 appeared and stated that she was present with Texas Low Income Housing Information Service and was present in regards to the support and no objection for the 9% low income housing tax credit proposals, that as an entitlement jurisdiction for Housing and Community Development Funds from HUD, the City had an obligation not only to refrain from discrimination, but to affirmatively further fair housing and insure that all families had choices about where they lived and equal access to public resources and services, that the City decided, with community support, to target the CDBG Disaster Recovery Funds, both housing and infrastructure, into three community revitalization areas, and this commitment was also to make ongoing substantive commitments of resources to those areas to insure they were racially, ethnically and economically integrated neighborhoods with equal access, that because of this commitment of non-housing funds they believed that the investment of affordable housing in the three CRAs did affirmatively further fair housing. Mayor Parker, Council Members Martin, Nguyen, Pennington and Laster absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Ms. Sherri Huggins, 10122 Lafferty Oaks, Houston, Texas 77013 (713-674-8800) appeared and stated that she was present to speak against Item 10E, Hurstbourne Crossing, that the proposed site for them was not feeding a need, it was creating problems, not solving them, there was no need or desire for it and it had a lot of things working against it. Mayor Parker, Council Members Martin, Nguyen, Pennington and Laster absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. Justin Hartz, 7600 E. Houston, Houston, Texas 77026 (502-931-5795) appeared and stated that he was with the developer, LDG Development, owner representative, that he thought overall there had been a misconception in the last two years, that he thought the neighborhood was within the boundaries of the Songwood Civic Organization and actually when they looked at the boundaries they were not, they felt that their site was very suitable for the area. Mayor Parker, Council Members Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Laster and Kubosh absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

After discussion and questions by Council Members Gallegos and Bradford, Mr. Hartz stated that they attempted to go to the civic club meeting last week, but it was moved to a different location; that what was different this year than previously was that they had reached out to the community, showing their previous experience of building affordable housing, their track record and previously they had been working with the City of Houston Neighborhood Division, they were trying to extend their involvement in the community, that between their sites there was a drainage easement that went completely around their property, so that was a natural buffer, and on the other side to the east of the drainage ditch there was about an acre and a half of natural vegetation buffer. Mayor Parker, Council Members Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Laster and Kubosh absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Ms. Zandra Anderson 7941 Katy Freeway #412, Houston, Texas 77024 had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Laster and Kubosh absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. Austin Briscoe, 4750 Benning Drive, Houston, Texas 77035 (713-907-7034) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Laster and Kubosh absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding..

Ms. Charlotte Bennett, 1510 Colquitt, Houston, Texas 77006 appeared, presented information, and stated that she was in favor of the Section 6 Ordinance updates as written, that tagging the ordinances would mean more dead animals, allowing BARC to have a clear title to transfer to rescue groups allowed more animals to live, if not rescues would be forced to redeem animals from other venues. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Cohen, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Laster and Kubosh absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez asked Ms. Bennett if she was in support of the proposed changes and Ms. Bennett stated absolutely, it cost a quarter of a million last month just to kill animals. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Cohen, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Laster and Kubosh absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. Brett Cooke, 1221 McKinney, Houston, Texas 77010 (832-289-7039) appeared and stated that he was a Patent Attorney with Haynes and Boone and had been involved with animal rescue for a decade, and was present to speak in support of the proposed revisions to Chapter 6 of the Houston City ordinances. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Cohen, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Laster and Kubosh absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. Michael Payne, 3215 Albans, Houston, Texas 77005 (832-819-2453) appeared, presented information, and stated that he was the Executive Director of Bike Houston, that Houston had the potential of being one of the best biking cities in the Country, that today's economy was now more than ever a knowledge based system where corporations must attract and retain the best and brightest employees in order to be competitive, the evidence was clear that this creative clear that drove real value was interested in a City which supported outdoor recreational activity, if they wanted to compete for those resources they needed to make Houston the most desirable City in the United States, if they were concerned that their constituents would say that they could not afford a master bike plan or to invest in separated bikeways, please tell them they had tried living without them and they simply could not afford the medical costs associated with their current behavior. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Laster and Kubosh absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. Dan Morgan, 1614 Prairie Grove, Houston, Texas 77007 (979-248-2886) appeared and stated that he was present to talk about allocation of resources to impact cycling safety, there was a lot of discussion about a certain monthly ride that drew a lot of attention, they were having regular meetings with the City and HPD since September 2013, for those who were not aware of it, there was one citation for safe passage written in all of 2013, he did not know how many had been written this year, but it was not many, that once a month ride was a protest specifically designed to create a safe space for cyclists on the road, the ride had a ten year history of safety and not a single accident that had sent a car into a cyclist and sent a cyclist to the hospital, in ten years, it was very safe, the resources they had were very limited, the City was on a tight budget, they had to spend money where it was going to make a difference, speeding was rampant in relative bike lanes, cyclists were literally getting killed in the bike lanes, they had examples of that, that safe passage needed to be enforced. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Laster and Kubosh absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Dr. Alkebu Motapa, 5022 Cosby, Houston, Texas 77021 (713-741-5150) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Laster and Kubosh absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. Mike Pendleton, 204 E. 8<sup>th</sup>, Houston, Texas 77007 (256-479-3148) appeared and stated that he was present in cycling gear, that it raised hackles with probably them and

everybody behind him when they were in cars, that he rode his bicycle to work every single day, he did not own a vehicle, that every day there were City employees in marked buses and police vehicles that passed him well within the three feet passing law, it was dangerous for him, he worried that he was going to die doing that. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Laster and Kubosh absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Ms. Glenola Hines, 3814 Lyons Avenue #130, Houston, Texas 77020 (281-865-3774) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Laster and Kubosh absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. John Cieslewicz, 1250 DuBarry, Houston, Texas 77018 (713-906-1725) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Laster and Kubosh absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. Jemel Muse, 3810 Main, Houston, Texas 77002 (832-887-7240) appeared, presented a CD, and stated that he was present to speak about the Montessori School of Downtown, where he worked for more than 10 years, the buildings were in bad shape, and reviewed information provided on the CD. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington and Laster absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that the information they had was that in April 2013, Public Works Code Enforcement Branch inspectors went to the site and did not find any structural issues, they went today and inspected both the interior and exterior and did not find any City Code infractions, however, the Public Works and Engineering Utility Customer Service Branch inspectors would visit the site to determine if there were any Utility Code Ordinance violations, that he would ask that he speak with Mr. Gary Norman, Public Works, first, and would connect him with the Health Department to make sure they were doing their due diligence, so if he would visit with Mr. Norman and let him know his concerns. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington and Laster absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. William Beal (did not wish to give address and phone number) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington and Laster absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. Joseph Ballard, 6302 Rocky Nook, Humble, Texas 77396 (281-850-0388) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington and Laster absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. David Williams, 12903 Brantrock Drive, Houston, Texas 77082 (832-687-1609) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington and Laster absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. Griff Griffin, 5327 Winding Way, Houston, Texas 77091 (713-503-8064) appeared, presented information, and stated that he was present about the Saint Patrick's Parade, they were saluting the First Responders. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Laster and Green absent.

Mayor Parker asked Mr. Griffin if it was all laid out in the information he presented, and Mr. Griffin stated yes, if any of them could send someone down they would appreciate it. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Laster and Green absent.

Ms. Michelle Harris, 12731 Braeswood Glen Lane, Houston, Texas 77072 (832-876-0339) appeared and stated that she was present on behalf of unemployment in their community, a few weeks ago she heard the President of the United States say he was going to be reaching out to large companies to hire the unemployed, that she went to the Texas Workforce Commission and asked what were they doing to work with the State of Texas to hire unemployed individuals, but she wanted to ask the City of Houston to put forth an initiative to maybe hire the unemployed people in their community. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Gonzalez, Laster and Green absent.

Mr. Ebrahim Ulu, 5750 Gulfton, Houston, Texas 77081 (713-367-8303) appeared, presented information, and stated that he was present on behalf of Houston Taxi Cab Drivers Association, he was the President of the organization and represented about 560 drivers, the organization had all taxi cab drivers working in Houston, that since 2011 their organization was established, they met with the City and the response was good, but they had serious issues, but their right to assembly and to their expressions was violated by the cab companies. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Gonzalez, Laster and Green absent.

Council Member Kubosh asked what was Mr. Ulu wanting them to do, and Mr. Ulu stated that they needed the City of Houston protection in terms of their right to work and the freedom to express themselves, and Council Member Kubosh stated that he would talk to them in his office. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Laster, Green and Christie absent.

Mr. William Ator, 6019 Maypine Ln., Houston, Texas 77085 (713-469-8727) appeared and stated that he was a member of the Taxi Association, they as taxi drivers knew they were performing a very significant role in a business in the City of Houston, but they were facing a lot of challenges, they did not have enough protection from the City, that the companies working with them did not give drivers a lease agreement to know exactly what they needed from the drivers and what the drivers needed to perform from their side, and they did not have enough protection from the City. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Laster, Green and Christie absent.

Council Member Kubosh asked that he come and see him with Mr. Ulu. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Laster, Green and Christie absent.

Mr. Paulinus Okoro, 9950 Club Creek Dr., No. 1204, Houston, Texas 77036 (832-884-4813) appeared and stated that he was present to represent the cab drivers in Houston, they were suffering a lot, that the reason for that was that the cab companies and the owners of the medallions put high the lease of the medallion, that they suffered a lot because of little money. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Laster, Green and Christie absent.

Mayor Parker stated that Council Member Kubosh was inviting everybody to visit with him, and Council Member Kubosh stated that all of them could come and meet with them and try to understand what their issues were. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Laster, Green and Christie absent.

Council Member Bradford stated that he thought Mr. Okoro's issue had to do with the medallion distribution process, and his inquiry was that at some point Mayor Parker stated that she was going to advance the issue concerning the mobile aps, would this issue be within the purview of what she was going to advance to Council for discussion, and Mayor Parker stated that as was discussed at the recent Council committee they had the issue of the aps and then they had a comprehensive overhaul of the taxi industry in general, it would be in the latter, the issue of the aps did not directly affect Mr. Okoro's issue, they did want to end the practice of the

secondary market for the ability to operate a cab in the City, they had always tried to crack down on it, they were going to try to tighten that up, and Council Member Bradford stated that he had meetings with their organization before and there was one scheduled and would talk further then. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Laster, Green and Christie absent.

Ms. Patricia Martin, 10802 Kingspoint, Houston, Texas 77075 - 832-276-6470 - had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Laster, Green and Christie absent.

Ms. Susan Miller, 13507 Taylorcrest, Houston, Texas 77079 (832-452-8447) appeared, presented information, and stated that their community was asking for installation of "no parking" signs across the back exit of Twin Peaks to form a sort of buffer and reduce the risk to children and other pedestrians. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Laster, Green and Christie absent.

Council Member Kubosh stated that they were working on that issue and knew they were diligent, they were keeping it in front of them and they would do everything they could to help them. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Laster, Green and Christie absent.

Ms. Shirley Wallace, 334 FM 1010 Cleveland, Texas 77327 appeared, presented information, and stated that she wanted to see if she could get some help, her son came up missing on January 17, 2014 and the Houston Police Department had failed to do things that should have been done, he son was reported on January 18, 2014, they did not report him nationwide or with the Texas Department of Public Safety until February 11, 2014, almost a month later, that they were supposed to do DNA tests within two or three days after her son was missing, they did not do it until the past Friday, that she reached out to the State Representative to try and get some help, she talked to Ms. Christine Weaver and she said that the Houston Police Department said that her son was not a main priority to them because he had a warrant for his arrest, that she called his attorney's office and they said that was not true, that she had a meeting on Friday with HPD and they were supposed to have somebody else for them to talk to, by the time she had the DNA test done on Friday with her two granddaughters they never got a card or anything for whoever else they were supposed to speak to, that people tried to call and give information about her son and they did not take it, she was asking for some help. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Laster, Green and Christie absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she was going to ask her to visit with Sargent Herndon, who was present, to see if they could catch her up, that because her son was an adult unless there was some evidence as to why he might be missing it was sometimes handled differently than say a child that was missing, but she would ask that she visit with the Sargent, did she have reason to believe that her son had met with foul play of some kind. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Laster, Green and Christie absent.

Ms. Wallace stated that he was picked up at a friend's house, he left with another friend, and he had never been seen again, the guy that he left with, they had never seen him again, he and his wife had moved, and it looked like there was foul play, and people had been saying different things, but nobody had never done anything, the Houston Police Department had not done anything, and Mayor Parker stated that they did not know what the Houston Police Department had done and they may not have adequately conveyed to her, but would ask that she meet with Sargent Herndon, that she appreciated her concern as a mother. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Laster, Green and Christie absent.

Ms. Lindsey Noah, 2901 Vance, Texas City, Texas 77590 (409-771-6299) appeared and

stated that she was present to voice her concerns about the Houston Police Department and what they had or had not done in regards to Jacob Wallace, who had been missing, that they asked about foul play, they did have a lot of circumstantial evidence that pointed them to foul play, but there was no hard proof, the man he left with was seen going into Mexico approximately two days after Jacob left with him, and he came back out in a cab, that he called his vehicle stolen while he was in Mexico, that the missing report on him had been taken off, but no one had seen or talked to Jacob since, that the family of the guy that he left with had moved from the home they lived in for several years in Texas City and they were hiding, that they had admitted to people that they were hiding because they were afraid of what may happen to them if they came forward, that they did believe there was foul play and the Houston Police Department would not even allow them to give them some of the information. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Laster, Green and Christie absent.

Mayor Parker stated that as she had indicated there was a Sargent who would sit with them and see if they could move this forward, and Ms. Noah stated that they had talked with him. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Laster, Green and Christie absent.

Council Member Bradford stated that as the Mayor had indicated, in cases of adults, unless there was clear evidence of foul play, HPD responds differently, that he would try to look into it as well and see that HPD was involved and doing what they could do, that he would be happy to meet with them as well and see what they could determine. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Laster, Green and Christie absent.

Mr. Joshua Baker, 6700 Dairy Ashford, No. 410, Houston, Texas 77072 (979-221-6356) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Laster, Green and Christie absent.

President Joseph Charles, Post Office Box 524373, Houston, Texas 77052-4373 (713-928-2871) appeared and stated that he was requesting more time, and continued to expressed his personal opinions until his time expired. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Laster, Green and Christie absent.

Ms. Bridget Alexander McDaniel, Post Office Box 53993, Houston, Texas 77052-4373 (713-987-3854) appeared and stated that Metro Police had been under surveillance by the Houston Police Department, and continued to express her concerns. Council Members Stardig, Cohen, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Laster, Green and Christie absent.

Mr. Joe Roache, 501 Lubbock, Houston, Texas 77006 – 303-396-4408 – appeared and stated that he was present to speak about delaying a Southwest Airlines issue, he believed that Council Member Pennington had tagged it recently and he strongly disagreed with that because Southwest Airlines marketed themselves in the late 1970s and 1980s as Houston's other hometown airline and with the loss of Continental they were their hometown airline. Council Members Stardig, Cohen, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Laster, Green and Christie absent.

Mayor Parker stated that they hoped to pass it tomorrow. Council Members Stardig, Cohen, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Laster, Green and Christie absent.

Ms. Kitessa Turi, 6220 Alder Dr., Houston, Texas 77081 (713-664-4266) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Cohen, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Laster, Green and Christie absent.

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. Council Members Stardig, Cohen, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Laster, Green and Christie absent.

At 3:59 p.m. Mayor Parker stated that the City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 12, 2014. Council Member Davis out of the city on city business. had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Cohen, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Laster, Green and Christie absent.

The Houston City Council reconvened at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 12, 2014, Mayor Annise Parker presiding, with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Ellen R. Cohen, Dwight Boykins, Dave Martin, Richard Nguyen, Oliver Pennington, Edward Gonzalez, Robert Gallegos, Mike Laster, Larry V. Green, Stephen C. Costello, David Robinson, Michael Kubosh, C. O. "Brad" Bradford and Jack Christie, D.C.; Mr. Dave Feldman, City Attorney; and Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director, and Ms. Stella Ortega, Agenda Office, present. Council Member Jerry Davis out of the city on city business.

At 8:28 a.m. The City Secretary read the descriptions or captions of items on the Agenda.

At 9:10 a.m. Mayor Parker called the meeting to order and recognized Council Member Boykins for a procedural motion. Council Members Stardig and Martin absent.

Council Member Boykins moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of considering Item Numbers 2 and 3 out of order, seconded by Council Member Pennington. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Davis out of the city on city business. Council Members Stardig and Martin absent. MOTION 2014-0221 ADOPTED.

Council Member Boykins moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of considering Item Number 16 out of order, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Davis out of the city on city business. MOTION 2014-0221-A ADOPTED.

2. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment of **MR. PATRICK WALSH** as Director of the **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Davis out of the city on city business. MOTION 2014-0222 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated that they had just affirmed the appointment of Mr. Patrick Walsh as Director of Planning and Development Department, that three days after Mr. Walsh had come on board the Director of Planning and Development formally announced her retirement from the City of Houston, but he certainly done an excellent job and distinguished himself, that she wanted to thank him for the work he was doing, that she understood he had him mom present.

Mr. Walsh stated that he wanted to thank Mayor Parker, Mr. Andy Icken and his predecessor, Ms. Marlene Gafrick, for their confidence in him and looked forward to continuing to earn their confidence and trust, that he also would like to thank the Members of City Council for their support and looked forward to working with all of them, that he was pleased to be a part of the Planning and Development Department, who he saw as an outstanding staff and had done some great work, and introduced his mother, Ms. Eleanor Walsh, and asked that she stand and be recognized.

Council Members Robinson, Gonzalez, Boykins, Costello, Pennington, Nguyen and Cohen congratulated Mr. Walsh on his appointment.

Mayor Parker stated that this was a good day to bring his mother because everybody said nice things about him, that may not always be the case when he was in the Chamber, but they



were happy to have him and welcome aboard and congratulations.

3. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following individuals to the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GREATER EAST END MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**, for terms to expire June 1, 2017:

- Position One - **MARY MARGARET HANSEN**, reappointment
- Position Two - **REX MORAN**, reappointment
- Position Three- **SALLY LEHR**, appointment
- Position Four - **DONALD ROZUM**, appointment
- Position Five - **DOMENIC LAURENZO**, appointment
- Position Six - **KAREN S. NIEMEIER**, appointment

- was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Davis out of the city on city business. MOTION 2014-0223 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated that they had affirmed and reaffirmed the appointment of the Board of Directors of the Greater East End Management District, they had two new appointees present, Mr. Domenic Laurenzo and Ms. Karen Niemeier, present in the audience and asked that they come forward, and stated that the Greater East End, as they knew, was growing like crazy, new things were happening, the light rail would be a wonderful addition, they needed folks who had a vision for the area and appreciated their willingness to step up and serve, that the Laurenzo Family name was well known in Houston and the business community and knew that Ms. Niemeier had been very involved in civic activities for a long time.

Council Members Gonzalez, Gallegos, Star and Pennington, congratulated Mr. Laurenzo and Ms. Niemeier on their appointments and thanked them for their service to the City of Houston.

Mayor Parker stated that the area, Navigation, the esplanade, wanted to be a Sunday Streets location very soon, that they made a note of that, that she wanted to thank them for the time they were going to devote to the City of Houston, they appreciated that.

16. ORDINANCE appropriating \$2,658,987.90 out of Police Consolidated Construction Fund; approving and authorizing Interlocal Agreement between the City of Houston and **HARRIS COUNTY** for the purpose of completing the Design Phase of the proposed Law Enforcement Central Processing Center to be utilized by the City of Houston and Harris County; providing a maximum contract amount – was presented.

After discussion by Council Members Green, Bradford, Kubosh, Christie, Gallegos and Gonzalez, Mayor Parker stated that an LGC was somewhat under the City's control, Harris County Commissioners Court was not, so this was a negotiation of equals, they could not impose, although she knew there would be MWBE participation, it would not be under the City of Houston's standards, which were admittedly high, and they were proud of those, but they looked forward to a good project and appreciated their support, that it was Mr. Andy Icken who finalized the deal.

A vote was called on Item No. 16. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Davis out of the city on city business. ORDINANCE 2014-0193 ADOPTED.

Council Member Boykins moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of considering Item Number 13 out of order, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Davis out of the city on city business. MOTION 2014-0224 ADOPTED.

13. ORDINANCE relating to employment terms and conditions of classified Fire Fighters of the City of Houston; ratifying the 2014 Interim Agreements between the City of Houston and the **HOUSTON PROFESSIONAL FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, also known as the INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS, AFL-CIO-CLC, LOCAL UNION 341**, containing provisions relating to wages of classified fire fighters and containing other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; suspending the operation of certain ordinances – was presented.

After a lengthy discussion by Members of the City Council, Mayor Parker stated that this was just Phase One of negotiations, they were still at the bargaining table, they were already at the bargaining table when the overtime issue came up, that while they did as the administration, put some money on the table, which they were already negotiating for, they would not be here today if the Fire Department and the firefighters had not said they would make sacrifices as well, and made changes to help them through the rough patch.

A vote was called on Item No. 13. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Davis out of the city on city business. ORDINANCE 2014-0194 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated they would move to the public hearing.

Mayor Parker stated that Mr. Sky-Eagle, Fire Union President, was still present in the Council Chamber and she wanted to acknowledge the hard work that he did and the efficiency of his voting process, they had an electronic voting process that was extremely efficient and effective and they looked forward to be back at the negotiating table for some spirited discussions.

#### **HEARING - 9:00 A.M.**

1. **PUBLIC HEARING** on a proposal for the City of Houston to annex certain territory in the vicinity of Aldine Westfield southeast of Richey Road, in Harris County, Texas - **DISTRICT B – DAVIS** – was called.

The City Secretary stated that no one had reserved time to appear and be heard at the public hearing, and Ms. Nicole Smothers, Planning Department, would make the remarks on the hearing.

Ms. Smothers stated that on October 18, 2013, the Planning and Development Department received a petition from Sicom Business Park USA, LLC requesting the general purpose annexation of one tract of land totaling 4.9095 acres, the tract was located immediately northwest of the full purpose City limit line just west of Aldine Westfield Road, between Farrell Road and Richey Road, there were no residents on the property, one commercial building would be constructed totaling approximately 30,000 sq. ft. that would house a high end machine shop, the property was located entirely within Harris County, currently, HCAD estimated the appraised value of the undeveloped annexation tract at \$218,855, that at full build-out the property would have a taxable value of approximately \$3 Million, the value was expected to increase as the area continued to develop, the projected ad valorem revenue was approximately \$19,162 annually, that Sicom Business Park USA, LLC estimated that as many as 70 jobs would eventually be created at this site, public safety services for the area were currently being provided by volunteer fire departments and the County Sheriff's office, that upon annexation those services would be provided by the City in accordance with the Service Plan, that the petitioners had also requested annexation of the property into the Northwood MUD, that should Council decide to approve this annexation request, an ordinance from Public Works recommending the annexation of this area into the Northwood MUD would likely follow on a

subsequent agenda, that in anticipation of this annexation, the petitioners had begun improvements to the annexation site, the building should take approximately 8 to 9 months to complete, this annexation would benefit the City in the following ways, increased ad valorem taxes for the City, expansion of the water sewerage and drainage facilities in the area due to the annexation of this area into the Northwood MUD, an in-city MUD operating in northeast Houston for 28 years, that it had been determined by Public Works that the annexation of this property into the Northwood MUD and into the City was in keeping with their plans for improved and expanded water, sewerage and drainage infrastructure in this part of the City, this annexation would pave the way for much needed new development in the northeast portion of the City, that the first reading of the annexation ordinance was tentatively scheduled for April 2, 2014, and the second reading of the annexation ordinance and the opportunity for Council to pass the annexation ordinance, while simultaneously adopting the service plan, was tentatively scheduled to be on Council's agenda on May 7, 2014. Council Members Martin, Laster and Kubosh absent.

Mayor Parker stated that this was a full annexation, not a limited or special purpose, and she believed the service plan was posted on the website, and Ms. Smothers stated that it was posted on the Planning Department's website under annexations. Council Members Martin, Laster and Kubosh absent.

Council Member Christi stated that in round numbers Ms. Smothers said that the approximate valuation of \$3 million plus, annual revenues to the City of \$19,000 per year, that sounded kind of low, was that because of undeveloped or agricultural, and Mayor Parker stated that it was undeveloped land today. Council Members Martin and Kubosh absent.

Mayor Parker asked if there were any members of the public who wished to speak to the issue, and hearing none asked for a motion to close the public hearing. Council Members Martin and Kubosh absent.

Council Member Costello moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Council Member Stardig. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Davis out of the city on city business. Council Members Martin and Kubosh absent. MOTION 2014-0225 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated that they would move to the consent agenda.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

### **CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 2 through 30**

#### **PROPERTY - NUMBER 4**

4. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering, reviewed and approved by the Joint Referral Committee, on request from SLS Realty, Inc., declining the acceptance of, rejecting, and refusing the dedication of: 1) a ±819-square-foot common area easement; 2) a ±3,803-square-foot common area easement; and 3) a ±399-square-foot common area easement, all located within the residue of Lots 3, 4 and 5, Block 71, W.R. Baker Addition (unrecorded), out of the Obedience Smith Survey, A-696, Parcels SY13-085A, SY13-085B and SY13-085C - **DISTRICT C – COHEN** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Davis out of the city on city business. Council Members Martin and Kubosh absent. MOTION 2014-0226 ADOPTED.

#### **PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS - NUMBERS 5 through 8A**

5. **NILFISK-ADVANCE, INC** for Scrubbers and Burnishers through the Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Purchasing with the Houston-Galveston Area Council for the Houston Airport System \$69,878.00 - Enterprise Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Davis out of the city on city business. Council Members Martin and Kubosh absent. MOTION 2014-0227 ADOPTED.
6. **LEVEL INFRASTRUCTURE, LLC** to provide Structural Remediation at the Police Department's Training Academy for the General Services Department - \$89,900.00 and contingencies for a total amount not to exceed \$98,890.00 - In House Renovation Revolving Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Davis out of the city on city business. Council Members Martin and Kubosh absent. MOTION 2014-0228 ADOPTED.
7. **TIMES CONSTRUCTION, INC** for construction of a New Bulkhead for the Department of Public Works & Engineering - \$196,575.00 - Enterprise Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Davis out of the city on city business. Council Members Martin and Kubosh absent. MOTION 2014-0229 ADOPTED.
8. ORDINANCE appropriating \$283,996.00 out of Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund for purchase of Computers and Installation Services for Various Departments – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Davis out of the city on city business. Council Members Martin and Kubosh absent. ORDINANCE 2014-0195 ADOPTED.
- 8a. APPROVE spending authority in an amount not to exceed \$283,996.00 to **HEWLETT-PACKARD COMPANY** to purchase Computers and Installation Services through the Texas Department of Information Resources for Various Departments – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Davis out of the city on city business. Council Members Martin and Kubosh absent. MOTION 2014-0230 ADOPTED.

**RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES** - NUMBERS 15 through 30

15. ORDINANCE relating to the retail electric rates of **ENTERGY TEXAS, INC** within the City of Houston, Texas; denying the rate increase request of Entergy Texas, Inc.; setting just and reasonable rates; requiring filing of tariffs; declaring an effective date; containing findings and other provisions relating to the foregoing subject - **DISTRICT E - MARTIN** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Davis out of the city on city business. Council Members Martin and Kubosh absent. ORDINANCE 2014-0196 ADOPTED.
21. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Amendment No. 3 to Subaward Agreement between the City of Houston and the **UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN** to revise the statement of work and extend the period of performance for research services pertaining to a National Institute of Justice Grant Award for a project titled Strategic Approaches to Sexual Assault Kit Evidence – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Davis out of the city on city business. Council Members Martin and Kubosh absent. ORDINANCE 2014-0197 ADOPTED.
24. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **PRA GOVERNMENT SERVICES, LLC d/b/a MUNISERVICES** to conduct Compliance Reviews

of certain telecommunications providers and other franchise fee payment review services; providing a maximum contract amount – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Davis out of the city on city business. Council Members Martin and Kubosh absent. ORDINANCE 2014-0198 ADOPTED.

25. ORDINANCE establishing the north side of the 1600 block of Cherryhurst Street within the City of Houston as a special minimum lot size block pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT C - COHEN** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Davis out of the city on city business. Council Members Martin and Kubosh absent. ORDINANCE 2014-0199 ADOPTED.
26. ORDINANCE establishing the north and south sides of the 1800 block of Haver Street within the City of Houston as a special minimum lot size block pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT C - COHEN** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Davis out of the city on city business. Council Members Martin and Kubosh absent. ORDINANCE 2014-0200 ADOPTED.
29. ORDINANCE appropriating \$346,333.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund for the City of Houston's share of the Blackhawk Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvement Project Package B and disbursement to **GULF COAST WASTE DISPOSAL AUTHORITY - DISTRICT E - MARTIN** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Davis out of the city on city business. Council Members Martin and Kubosh absent. ORDINANCE 2014-0201 ADOPTED.
30. ORDINANCES granting to the following listed as A through E, 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. Council Member Davis out of the city on city business. Council Member Martin absent. ORDINANCE No. 2014-202 to 2014-206 PASSED FIRST READING IN FULL.  
**COREY PETERS dba AFFORDABLE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE**, a Texas Sole Proprietorship (2014-202)  
**AMIR BENJAMIN dba JAYCO VACUUM SERVICES**, a Texas Sole Proprietorship (2014-203)  
**DANIEL RODRIGUEZ dba A-HAWK GREASE TRAP**, a Texas Sole Proprietorship (2014-204)  
**ADAM HUMBERTO BELMONT dba BETOS HYDRO SANITATION**, a Texas Sole Proprietorship (2014-205)  
**C4 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, LLC**, a Texas Limited Liability Company (2014-206)

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

**RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

9. RESOLUTION confirming support for the proposed development as affordable rental housing of approximately eleven properties, each located in the City of Houston, Texas, or its extraterritorial jurisdiction, and the submittal of applications for housing tax credits for such developments  
**AVENUE TERRACES**, 4300 Irvington Blvd. - **DISTRICT H - GONZALEZ**  
**BELLFORT PARK**, 4135 Bellfort - **DISTRICT K - GREEN**  
**CLEME MANOR**, 5300 Coke - **DISTRICT B - DAVIS**

**CYPRESS CREEK at WAYSIDE**, NW Corner S. Wayside & Beltway 8 - **DISTRICT D - BOYKINS**  
**NHH at REED**, 2620 Reed Road - **DISTRICT D - BOYKINS**  
**PALM PARQUE**, 5330 Griggs Road - **DISTRICT D - BOYKINS**  
**RUSHCREEK OAKS RANCH**, 1100 block of Hugh St. - **DISTRICT B - DAVIS**  
**SELINSKY STREET**, 6013 Selinsky - **DISTRICT D - BOYKINS**  
**VILLAGE ON HARVEST TIME**, SE Corner Imperial Valley & Harvest Time - **DISTRICT B - DAVIS**  
**WOMEN'S HOME PHASE II**, 7600 Hammerly - **DISTRICT A - STARDIG**  
**TIDWELL LAKES RANCH**, 14500 block of Tidwell

- was presented. Council Member Martin absent.

Council Member Laster stated that as the Council knew before them were two separate sets of tax credits for low income housing that had been processed through the Housing Committee, that the City was in a unique situation, the State had changed its point process and now they had a little bit more of an input into the process, but they had frontend loaded it and everything was on a short leash, so they had apologized profusely to the community and to Council Members that this had moved as quickly as it possibly had, that he wanted to thank the development community in Houston and Harris County for applying for some of the tax credits, it was a competitive process and there were many stake holders involved, and the outcome would be known soon, that agenda Item No. 9 were seeking resolutions of support, which carried with it a 17 point designation, and Item No. 10 were resolutions of no opposition, which carried with it a 14 point designation, that there was one property designated in the ETJ on Item No. 9 and four designated in the ETJ on Item No. 10, that the Housing Department had asked for letters of support from the County, and he understood that communications had come to the City, that there were levels of support from the Commissioners, but he did not think they had yet received those letters of support, he thought they were forthcoming, so they had made that effort, if there were any Council Members to which there was an ETJ item that they had a concern about they could speak to that, they had worked very closely with Marta Crinejo and developed a process by which Council Members would be able to put forth a motion to pull certain items out for separate consideration.

Mayor Parker stated that she wanted to thank Council Member Laster for laying out so well what they were going to attempt, that the strong preference was that they vote on the items as a block, just as they did a consent agenda, but if there were individual items that Council Members wanted to pull for tags, speak to, or vote for or against individually, it would be appropriate to make a motion for separate consideration.

Council Member Stardig moved to divide the question to remove Item 9J for separate consideration, seconded by Council Member Gallegos, and Mayor Parker stated that would be the Woman's Home Phase II, that if they would just tell her what they wanted to do they would do one motion for separate consideration, and asked if there were any other items they wished to have separate consideration for.

Council Member Green stated 9B and 9E for separate consideration.

Mayor Parker stated that would be 9B, 9E and 9J, Bellfort Park, NHH at Reed and Woman's Home Phase II.

A vote was called on the remainder of Item No. 9. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Davis out of the city on city business. Council Member Martin absent. RESOLUTION 2014-0006 ADOPTED.

After discussion a vote was called on Item No. 9B, Belfort Park. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Davis out of the city on city business. Council Member Martin absent. RESOLUTION 2014-0006 ADOPTED.

A vote was called on Item No. 9E, NHH at Reed. Council Member Green voting no, balance voting aye. Council Member Davis out of the city on city business. Council Member Martin absent. RESOLUTION 2014-0006 ADOPTED.

After discussion by Council Members Stardig, Gonzalez, Bradford and Kubosh, Mayor Parker stated that the administration strongly supported the project and disagreed that they did not need the tax credits, obviously they had a strong philanthropic base, but moving capital dollars into this project took money from the programming that they would do in the community and she would encourage a vote. Council Member Martin absent.

After further discussion by Council Members Pennington and Boykins, Council Member Pennington stated that it would also be helpful, he thought, if they had a matrix of information that was ordinarily provided for these things, maybe the Council Committee got it, but just the RFQ, did not have all of that information, and Mayor Parker stated that they did put a FAQ list out on this particular project, although not a matrix. Council Member Martin absent.

Council Member Boykins stated that he would tag Item 9J just so he could get more information on it. Council Member Martin absent.

10. RESOLUTION confirming no objection to the proposed development as affordable rental housing of approximately ten properties, each located in the City of Houston, Texas, or its extraterritorial jurisdiction, and the submittal of applications for housing tax credits for such developments

**CATALON**, Queenston Blvd. & Coventry Park

**EAST END LOFTS**, 3300 Harrisburg - **DISTRICT H - GONZALEZ**

**FORESTWOOD LODGE**, 6501 Purple Sage

**GREENS at BRENTFORD**, SW Corner Beechnut & Brentford

**HURSTBOURNE CROSSING**, NW Corner Oates & Interstate 10 - **DISTRICT I -**

**GALLEGOS**

**LAFAYETTE PARK**, 10500 block of Synott - **DISTRICT F - NGUYEN**

**LODGE at HUFFMEISTER**, approximately 12423 Huffmeister

**MONARCH**, 8500 S. Sam Houston Pkwy East - **DISTRICT D - BOYKINS**

**PADDOCK at the BAYOU**, Beltway 8 & Old Chocolate Bayou - **DISTRICT D -**

**BOYKINS**

**SEMINOLE RIDGE**, W. Belfort east of Synott - **DISTRICT F - NGUYEN**

- was presented. Council Members Martin and Kubosh absent.

Mayor Parker stated they would move through this item in the same way they did the last item, if there was anything Council Members wanted to have for separate consideration. Council Members Martin and Kubosh absent.

Council Member Boykins stated that he wanted to move to divide the question and remove 10H, Monarch, for separate consideration. Council Members Martin and Kubosh absent.

Council Member Gallegos stated that he would move that they remove 10E, Hurstbourne Crossing, for separate consideration. Council Members Martin and Kubosh absent.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that he wanted to remove 10B, East End Lofts for separate consideration. Council Members Martin and Kubosh absent.

A vote was called on the balance of Item No. 10. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Davis out of the city on city business. Council Members Martin and Kubosh absent. RESOLUTION 2014-0007 ADOPTED.

After discussion by Council Member Gonzalez, Mayor Parker stated that they were actually not voting on tax credits for this projects, they were simply moving them along in the process. Council Members Martin and Kubosh absent.

A vote was called on Item No. 10B. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Davis out of the city on city business. Council Members Martin and Kubosh absent. RESOLUTION 2014-0007 ADOPTED.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that he would tag 10E, Hurstbourne Crossing. Council Members Martin and Kubosh absent.

After discussion by Council Members Boykins, Bradford and Gonzalez, Council Member Gonzalez stated that he would tag Item 10H, Monarch. Council Members Martin and Kubosh absent.

The City Secretary stated that on those items that were tagged Legal would have to prepare resolutions to go under Matters Held. Council Members Martin and Kubosh absent.

10-1. ORDINANCE **AMENDING CHAPTER 6 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, relating to the regulation of animals – was presented. Council Members Boykins and Martin absent.

After discussion Council Member Laster stated that he would tag Item No. 10-1 for the purpose of giving Council Members the ability to at least read through the significant changes that were being proposed. Council Members Boykins and Martin absent.

Mayor Parker stated that they should be aware that it was a two week delay since they would not be meeting next week, and ARA would certainly be available to meet with any Council Members with questions, that Item No. 10-1 had been tagged by Council Member Laster. Council Members Boykins and Martin absent.

11. ORDINANCE **AMENDING SECTION 47-75.2 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, relating to the qualifications of members of the City of Houston Water Adjustment Board – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Davis out of the city on city business. Council Members Boykins and Martin absent. ORDINANCE 2014-0207 ADOPTED.

12. ORDINANCE adopting guidelines and criteria, making certain elections regarding eligibility and **AMENDING ARTICLE IV OF CHAPTER 44 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, relating to Tax Abatements – was presented. Council Members Boykins and Martin absent.

After discussion by Council Members Laster, Green and Boykins, Council Member Laster stated that he would tag Item No. 12. Council Member Martin absent.

14. ORDINANCE approving an Oil and Gas Lease with **BALLARD EXPLORATION COMPANY INC** as Lessee for prospecting for and producing oil and gas from the City's Herman Brown Park **DISTRICT I - GALLEGOS** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays



none. Council Member Davis out of the city on city business. Council Member Martin absent. ORDINANCE 2014-0208 ADOPTED.

17. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing submission of an application for grant assistance to the **STATE OF TEXAS through the OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR'S CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION** for the FY 2015 Fugitive Apprehension/Crime Reduction Program; declaring the City's eligibility for such grant; authorizing the Chief of the Houston Police Department to act as the City's representative in the application process, to accept such grant funds, if awarded, and to apply for and accept all subsequent awards, if any, pertaining to the program – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Davis out of the city on city business. Council Member Martin absent. ORDINANCE 2014-0209 ADOPTED.
18. ORDINANCE accepting the individual proposals from **WESTCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, UNDERWRITERS AT LLOYDS, NATIONAL FIRE & MARINE INSURANCE, AXIS SURPLUS INSURANCE COMPANY, ARCH SPECIALTY INSURANCE COMPANY, RSUI INDEMNITY COMPANY, ESSEX INSURANCE COMPANY, WESTPORT INSURANCE CORPORATION, GREAT LAKES REINSURANCE (UK) PLC, LIBERTY MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIBERTY SURPLUS INSURANCE CORPORATION, IRONHORSE EUROPE LIMITED, STEADFAST INSURANCE COMPANY, TOKYO MARINE AMERICA INSURANCE COMPANY, HISCOX INSURANCE COMPANY, INC**, which are participating in the Layered Property Insurance Program and approving and authorizing the purchase of a General City Property Insurance Policy - \$11,006,403.27 - Property and Casualty Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Davis out of the city on city business. Council Member Martin absent. ORDINANCE 2014-0210 ADOPTED.
19. ORDINANCE accepting the proposal from **UNDERWRITERS AT LLOYDS**, approving and authorizing the purchase of Terrorism Insurance for the proposed City-Wide Insurance Policy for all scheduled City of Houston locations - \$668,539.95 - Property and Casualty Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Davis out of the city on city business. Council Member Martin absent. ORDINANCE 2014-0211 ADOPTED.
20. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and the **HOUSTON ARTS ALLIANCE** for Professional Civic Art and Conservation Administration Services for the General Services Department; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 Years with two one-year options - \$3,458,300.00 – was presented. Council Member Martin absent.

After discussion by Council Members Green and Christie, Council Member Green stated that he would tag Item No. 20. Council Member Martin absent.

22. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing second amendment to agreement for Professional Auditing Services between the City and **DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP** for the Finance Department – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Davis out of the city on city business. Council Member Martin absent. ORDINANCE 2014-0212 ADOPTED.
23. ORDINANCE awarding contract to **YAMAHA GOLF-CAR COMPANY** for Golf Cart Leasing Services for Various Departments; providing a maximum contract amount - 30 Months with one 30-month option - \$2,136,380.00 - General and Special Revenue Funds – was presented. Council Member Martin absent.

Council Member Green stated he would tag Item No. 23 for Council Member Davis, and

Mayor Parker asked if Council Member Green was indicating that it was actually Council Member Davis who had the question, and Council Member Green stated absolutely, for both Item Numbers 20 and 23, if those departments or individuals could get with Council Member Davis, he did not think he had an opportunity to speak with them, and released his tag for purpose of discussion. Council Member Martin absent.

Council Member Christi asked if they could give him an idea of a lease/purchase program, that he knew it helped the functioning of their successful City events, and Mayor Parker stated that she would have an answer on that. Council Member Martin absent.

Mayor Parker stated that Item No. 23 had been tagged by Council Member Green. Council Member Martin absent.

27. ORDINANCE altering and establishing prima facie speed limits in certain zones in the City of Houston; containing findings and other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; providing a repealer; containing a savings clause; providing for severability; declaring certain conduct to be unlawful and providing a penalty – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Davis out of the city on city business. Council Member Martin absent. ORDINANCE 2014-0213 ADOPTED.
28. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,406,473.00 out of Parks Consolidated Construction Fund awarding construction contract to **TIMES CONSTRUCTION, INC** for Hermann Square Park; setting a deadline for the proposer's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance and other required contract documents to the City; holding the proposer in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering and materials testing services, inspection services, Civic Art Program, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by Parks Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT I – GALLEGOS** – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Gallegos. Council Member Martin absent.

#### **NON CONSENT AGENDA - NUMBER 31**

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

31. **SET A PUBLIC HEARING DATE** on the removal of park designation from a portion of Levy Park **DISTRICT C – COHEN - HEARING DATE - 9:00 A. M. - WEDNESDAY - APRIL 9, 2014** – was presented. Council Member Martin absent.

Council Member Gonzalez moved to set a hearing for 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 9, 2014, on the removal of park designation from a portion of Levy Park, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Davis out of the city on city business. Council Member Martin absent. MOTION 2014-0231 ADOPTED.

#### **MATTERS HELD - NUMBERS 32 through 35**

32. MOTION by Council Member Gonzalez/Seconded by Council Member Bradford to adopt recommendation from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of the 2014 Operations and Maintenance Budget for the **LAKE HOUSTON FACILITY** project operated by the Coastal Water Authority - \$2,401,165.00 - Enterprise Fund – **(This was Item 6 on Agenda of March 5, 2014, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER PENNINGTON)** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Davis out of the city on city business. Council Member Martin absent. MOTION 2014-0232 ADOPTED.

33. MOTION by Council Member Gonzalez/Seconded by Council Member Bradford to adopt recommendation from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of the 2014 Operations and Maintenance Budget for the **TRINITY RIVER AUTHORITY - \$3,417,314.00 Enterprise Fund – (This was Item 8 on Agenda of March 5, 2014, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER PENNINGTON)** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Davis out of the city on city business. Council Member Martin absent. MOTION 2014-0233 ADOPTED.
34. MOTION by Council Member Gonzalez/Seconded by Council Member Bradford to adopt recommendation from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering, reviewed and approved by the Joint Referral Committee, on request from David Sepulveda, Terra Associates, on behalf of Kady Real Estate Investments, Ltd., (David Danburg, President), for abandonment and sale of a 15-foot-wide alley, from 5th Street ±350 feet north to the northern property line of Reserve A, in exchange for conveyance to the City of a 25-foot-wide alley easement along the northern property line of Reserve A, located within Block 292, Houston Heights and Danburg Estates Subdivisions, out of the John Austin Survey, A-1, Parcels SY13-089 and AY14-070 **DISTRICT C - COHEN – (This was Item 11 on Agenda of March 5, 2014, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN)** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Davis out of the city on city business. Council Member Martin absent. MOTION 2014-0234 ADOPTED.
35. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Amendment No. 1 to Airport Use and Lease Agreement at William P. Hobby Airport between the City of Houston and **SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO. DISTRICT I - GALLEGOS – (This was Item 21 on Agenda of March 5, 2014, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER PENNINGTON)** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Davis out of the city on city business. Council Member Martin absent. ORDINANCE 2014-0214 ADOPTED.

#### **MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Council Member Laster stated that as they knew they were in the middle of spring break this and next week, so for those who were traveling or staying home, to be safe and be mindful of all of the young ones that may be out on the street; that recently Harris County Attorney Vince Ryan and the Sharpstown Management District moved to extend the receivership of Mr. Gerald Womack over the formal La Promenade Apartment Complex, now known as the Gardens at Bissonnet, that Mr. Womack was the first in the State of Texas to ever be placed as a receiver over a homeowners association in a complex like that, that he wanted to commend him for the excellent job he had done to date; and announced events he attended or would be attending. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Costello and Christie absent.

Council Member Gonzalez announced events he attended or would be attending; and stated that he wanted to congratulate State Senator Sylvia Garcia, who was celebrating a successful first year in office. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Costello and Christie absent.

Council Member Cohen announced events she attended or would be attending. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Gonzalez, Laster and Costello absent.

Mayor Parker stated that on Sunday was the Tour de Houston. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Gonzalez, Laster and Costello absent.

Council Member Pennington stated that he wanted to note an article in the Wall Street Journal, he thought it was a very informative article on the abs oriented limo and tax services around the Country, he thought it was very important that they ad facts to their information about

the services; that he wanted to thank the Airport Department, particularly Ms. Cathy Elick and Mr. Ian Whatsworth, for coming by his office to explain the proposed amendment to the Southwest lease, which was necessary, and also to give him an overview of what was going on at Hobby Airport, and kudos to Houston First Personnel, who talked about things happening at the George R. Brown Convention Center and vicinity. Council Members Martin, Gonzalez, Laster and Costello absent.

Council Member Green announced events he attended or would be attending. Council Members Martin, Gonzalez, Laster and Costello absent.

Council Member Gallegos stated that he wanted to send his heart felt concerns in regards to Ms. Monica Garza, who last week was out jogging in an unincorporated area, outside District D, and was attacked by two pit bulls, that she was in the hospital and they had been keeping tabs on how she was doing, that she had 56 bites, that this was a problem they were having in the City of Houston; and announced events he attended or would be attending. Council Members Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Laster, Green and Costello absent.

Council Member Stardig announced events she attended or would be attending; and stated that she wanted to remind everyone that Dress for Success continued and she would ask that they check their closets and see if there were any suits they were willing to donate for the ladies so they would have an opportunity for employment, that she would encourage everyone to participate; that today was District A's turn to sponsor Pastry Day for the City Council, and it was brought to them by the students in the Culinary Arts Program at the Guthrie Center in Spring Branch ISD, that it was all made from scratch. Council Members Cohen, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Laster, Green, Costello and Christie absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Council Member Kubosh announced events he attended or would be attending. Council Members Cohen, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Gonzalez, Laster, Green, Costello and Christie absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Council Member Robinson announced events he attended or would be attending. Council Members Cohen, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez, Laster, Green, Costello and Christie absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mayor Parker stated that she wanted to give a shout out to the Department of Neighborhoods, who did the logistics and arranged the rooms at the CIP meetings. Council Members Cohen, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez, Laster, Green, Costello and Christie absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Council Member Bradford announced events he attended or would be attending; and stated that he thought that just like they did the CIP meetings once a year in the neighborhoods, citizens were asking for more opportunity to have input into Council's activities, they should start thinking about, particularly the public session that they had on Tuesday, not so much the Wednesday agenda items, but there were little reasons to restrict the public sessions that were held on Tuesday to the Chamber, that they wanted them to do it in the p.m. hours, 6:30 p.m., in the various Council Districts, that citizens had to take time off from work to get there at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, they had to pay to park and then waited a long time to be heard; that the BARC issue was a resource issue, surely they had to educate, spay and neuter and all of that, but at the end of the day more stringent State regulations were not going to translate into additional animal control officers in the field; and announced events he attended or would be attending. Council Members Cohen, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez, Laster, Green, Costello and Christie absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mayor Parker stated that the discussion came up periodically about meeting at night, moving meetings to night time in the Chamber, she thought, logistically would be fine, the idea of moving meetings to different Council Districts was a challenge finding the appropriate space, but that would be a worthy discussion of the Council Governance and Ethics Committee, that moving the public session to a night time meeting, that they had to be held in City Hall. Council Members Cohen, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez, Laster, Green, Costello and Christie absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Council Member Boykins stated that he wanted to thank Council Member Gallegos for his commitment to BARC, that he and Council Member Gallegos had both made plans to visit Ms. Monica Garza, who was a resident of District D, and asked that they keep the Garza family in their prayers, and also Mr. Charles Jordan, who was the gentleman who saved her; and announced events he attended or would be attending; and would ask that they keep Mr. Tony Morrison in their prayers. Council Members Cohen, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez, Laster, Green, Costello and Christie absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mayor Parker stated that she was out of town this weekend and missed the funeral of Mr. Hanq Neal, but understood it was a great turnout from across the community to show the support for Hanq and the work he did; that she wanted to thank all those who participated in the Hero Golf Tournament, the Houston Employee Relief Organization, that they provided a similar service as that provided by the 100 Club for City civilian employees. Council Members Cohen, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez, Laster, Green, Costello and Christie absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Council Member Gallegos announced events he attended or would be attending. Council Members Cohen, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez, Laster, Green, Costello and Christie absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Council Member Stardig stated that as to public sessions and the opportunities, she had discussion with the Department of Neighborhoods about using the technology they had available today, they could still hold it in the Council Chamber and maybe have the technology bring the public to them. Council Members Cohen, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez, Laster, Green, Costello, Kubosh and Christie absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mayor Parker stated that in referencing the Charter, they could not move it from City Hall, so that was off the table, but having a night time meeting or a meeting that was broadcast out, that she would ask Ms. Crinejo to ask Council Member Pennington to hold a discussion at the appropriate Council Committee. Council Members Cohen, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez, Laster, Green, Costello, Kubosh and Christie absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Council Member Nguyen announced events he attended or would be attending. Council Members Stardig, Cohen, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez, Laster, Green, Costello, Kubosh and Christie absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

There being no further business before Council, the City Council adjourned at 11:45 a.m. Council Member Davis out of the city on city business. Council Members Stardig, Cohen, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez, Laster, Green, Costello, Kubosh and Christie absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

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

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

/S/Anna Russell

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Anna Russell, City Secretary