

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, May 6, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 6, 2014, with Mayor Annise Parker presiding with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jerry Davis, 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.

At 1:42 p.m. Mayor Parker called the meeting to order, and stated that they would begin the presentation portion of the City Council meeting, the Annex Chamber was open as an overflow room, and while they did allow standing they could not stand in front of the doors, that she would encourage them to come to the edges, that it was a Fire Marshall issue, if they signed up for a non-agenda item she would suggest they go to the Annex Chamber and take a seat and be comfortable for a while because they were going to be in the Chamber for a few hours, if they signed up for a 3 minute agenda item speech or presentation, they might want to go to the Annex Chamber because it would take them a while to get through the 1 minute, the 2 minute and then the 3 minute speakers, and recognized Council Member Kubosh for the first presentation. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gallegos, Green, Costello, Robinson and Bradford absent.

Council Member Kubosh stated that he wanted to recognize Mr. Gordon Quan, who had served six years as a Houston City Council Member and had dedicated his administration to senior citizens, that May had always been a business month, that it was also Asian Pacific Heritage Month, and wanted to recognize those of Asian Pacific Heritage, their Asian Community was also a focus of Mr. Quan's administration, and presented Mr. Quan with a proclamation. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gallegos, Costello, Robinson and Bradford absent.

Mr. Quan stated that it was an honor to be back before City Council and thanked them for their public support and desire to make Houston a better for City for all Houstonians, regardless of age, race or background, that he wanted to thank them for the honor. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gallegos, Costello, Robinson and Bradford absent.

Council Member Kubosh stated that since 1963 May had been designated nationally as Old Americans Month and this month they wanted to show their gratitude for the countless contributions and sacrifices of their senior residents, age 55 and older, that his office partnered with the community centers of the Houston Parks and Recreation Department, asking seniors to tell them in an essay what they would do if they were Mayor for a day, and introduced the winner, Ms. Majorie Lashley, a senior participant from Montie Beach, that one of Ms. Lashley's many goals as Mayor would be to plant a tree, and they would be planting a tree in her name, and Mayor Parker stated, therefore, she, Annise D. Parker, Mayor of the City of Houston, hereby proclaimed May 2014, as Older Americans Month in the City of Houston, and recognized Ms. Marjorie Lashley Honorary Mayor of the Day, in Houston, Texas. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gallegos, Costello, Robinson and Bradford absent.

Ms. Lashley thanked Mayor Parker and the City Council for the proclamation, that the City of Houston Parks Division had been like a second home for her, that her being an older senior she appreciated everything they did for the seniors, that she was honored to be Mayor for the day. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gallegos, Costello, Robinson and Bradford absent.

Council Member Nguyen congratulated Mr. Quan and Ms. Lashley, and thanked Mr. Quan for his service to the City, he made the City a better place to be in. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gallegos, Costello, Robinson and Bradford absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez recognized Council Member Cohen for the next presentation. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gallegos, Costello, Robinson and Bradford absent.

Council Member Cohen presented a proclamation to Lester and Sue Smith, for all of their wonderful work in the City of Houston, and stated that she was honoring them for their philanthropy, they provided challenge grants in 2011 and 2012, which helped to generate more than \$41 million in support for Pediatric Cancer Research and Patient Care at Texas Children's Cancer Center, with more than \$21 million directly donated by the Lester and Sue Smith Foundation, that they received the Woodrow Wilson Award for Public Service, from the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, that on May 9, 2014, Lester and Sue Smith Clinic would be unveiled at the Texas Children's Cancer Center, and Mayor Parker stated, therefore, she, Annise D. Parker, Mayor of the City of Houston, hereby proclaimed May 9, 2014 as Lester and Sue Smith Clinic at Texas Children's Cancer Center Day in Houston, Texas, and thanked them for all they did. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Robinson and Bradford absent.

Mr. Smith thanked Mayor Parker and the City Council for the proclamation, that it was their pleasure to provide medical help for people who did not have the opportunity for medical help. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Green, Robinson and Bradford absent.

Council Member Pennington stated that this was a well-deserved honor, that they evidenced how much they care about what they had done, they were honored to be able to thank them in some small measure. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Green, Robinson and Bradford absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez recognized Mayor Parker for the final presentation. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Green, Robinson and Bradford absent.

Mayor Parker stated that each year the City of Houston honored City employees for outstanding service to the citizens of Houston, they gave many different acknowledgment of the work of City employees, but they considered the BRAVO Awards among the most important, they went to City employees who were not just outstanding at their jobs, but those who were often exemplary and even inspiring members of their community, they were great at what they did for the City, because it was who they were as human beings, they were true public servants and had a servants heart, and it was in their nature to help others, that today they highlighted 9 people doing things outside of the framework of their jobs without hesitation, and their sense of service did not stop when they left the office at the end of the day, that those who received BRAVO Awards typically did not make a big deal out of what they did, so it was up to them to make a big deal of what they did for the community, it was their opportunity to express to them how proud they were and how much they appreciated their work, they did a great job for the City of Houston, a great job for the community of Houston, and they wanted to say bravo and well done to the following nine individuals, Angelica Castoreno, Senior Telecommunicator, Houston Emergency Center, Fire and EMS; Ms. Stefani Farris, Administrative Specialist, Planning and Development Department, Management Services Division; Mr. Javier Job Frutos, Community Liaison, Solid Waste Management Director's Office; Mr. Carlos Garcia, Superintendent, General Service, Property Management Division; Ms. Cheryl D. Johnson, Deputy Director, Parks and Recreation Department, Management and Finance Division; Ms. Julie Landry, Executive Recruiter, Human Resources Department; Ms. Harriet Rankin, Airport Operations Assistant, Department of Aviation, IAH Airport Systems Division; Ms. Irma

Rios, Director, Forensics Analysis Division, Mayor's Office; and Mr. Brian Dexter Smith, Sr., Project Manager, Health Department and Community Health Services Division; that they did their annual BRAVO Awards to highlight outstanding City employees and asked that they join her in a round of applause in thanking them for what they did out of their servants hearts. Council Members Boykins and Martin absent.

Council Member Nguyen congratulated the BRAVO Award recipients. Council Members Boykins and Martin absent.

At 2:11 p.m. Mayor Parker stated that she wanted to congratulate local Chef Chris Shepherd, Underbelly Restaurant, that last night in New York he won the Best Chef Southwest at the 2014 James Beard Awards, which were the Country's highest Culinary Honors, that he had been in the running before, the award was called the "Oscar" of the food world, that it continued to cement Houston's reputation as a foodie destination, that Mr. Shepherd graduated from the Art Institute in Houston, in addition to being a Houstonian. Council Member Boykins absent.

Mayor Parker recognized Council Member Gonzalez for the innovation and pledge of allegiance, and Council Member Gonzalez invited Father Sal DeGeorge, Saint Patricks' Catholic Church in Lindale Park, for the innovation, and Council Member Gonzalez led all in the pledge of allegiance. Council Member Boykins absent.

At 2:14 p.m. The City Secretary called the roll. All present.

Council Members Gonzalez and Bradford moved that the minutes of the previous meeting be adopted. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION ADOPTED.

Council Member Cohen moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing from Senator John Whitmire, State Representative Garnett Coleman, Ms. Carol Alvarado, Mr. Chris Bell, Ms. Sissy Farenthold, Mr. Jim Jard, Mr. Tom Bacon, Mr. Ric Campo, Ms. Janis Burke and Mr. Jim Douglas out of order, seconded by Council Member Pennington. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0365 ADOPTED.

Council Member Pennington moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing Mr. John O'Niel out of order, seconded by Council Member Gallegos. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0366 ADOPTED.

Council Member Nguyen moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing Ms. Molly Silva out of order, seconded by Council Member Laster. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0367 ADOPTED.

Council Member Kubosh moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of adding Mr. John Spence to the speakers list, seconded by Council Member Laster. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0368 ADOPTED.

Council Member Boykins moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of adding Ms. Yolanda Smith to the speakers list, seconded by Council Member Gallegos. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0369 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated that as a remind to those in the Chamber, while they always started Council meetings with ceremonial activities they did encourage applause and expressions of support for the honorees, once the public session of Council had convened there were very strict rules of procedure in the Chamber, they did not allow boisterous displays of support or opposition, nor did they allow disruptions in the Chamber, if they liked something that someone

stated particularly, waving hands was a great way of showing support or they may stand in solidarity to one of the speakers.

Mayor Parker asked Ms. Russell how many speakers had signed up to speak at the public session, and Ms. Russell stated that the total speaking time was 306 minutes, and Mayor Parker stated that when they reached a certain level of speaker signups there was a pre standing Council rule that everybody was automatically converted to a one minute speaking time, they would follow the order at which people signed in and those who signed up for 1 minute were still at the beginning, but if they signed up for 3 minutes they would be limited to 1 minute because of the volume of speakers.

Ms. Russell stated it was contained in the rules of Council, Section 2-2 of the Code of Ordinances, notwithstanding the provision of Subsection, if the total time requested by speakers at any Council meeting was greater than 150 minutes the Mayor shall so announce and each speakers time shall be one minute, furthermore, when the provisions of this subsection were invoked, the question time for City Council Members should be limited to a cumulative total of one minute for each speaker.

Senator John Whitmire, 803 Yale St., Houston, Texas 77007 (713-864-8701) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 14.

Council Member Bradford moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending time for questions of Senator John Whitmire. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0370 ADOPTED.

Council Member Cohen moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of adding Sheriff Adrian Garcia to the speakers list, seconded by Council Member Kubosh. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0371 ADOPTED.

Sheriff Adrian Garcia appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 14.

Council Member Gallegos moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending time for questions of Sheriff Adrian Garcia. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0372 ADOPTED.

State Rep. Garnett F. Coleman, 4364 Faculty Ln., Houston, Texas 77004 (713-302-4461) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 14.

Ms. Carol Alvarado, 2900 Woodridge, Houston, Texas 77087 (713-649-6563) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 14.

Mr. Chris Bell, 4203 Montrose, Houston, Texas 77006 (713-526-0200) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 14. Council Member Stardig absent.

Ms. Sissy Farenthold, 2929 Buffalo Speedway, No. 1813, Houston, Texas 77098 (713-621-5608) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 14. Council Member Stardig absent.

Mr. Jim Jard, 10905 Metronome Dr., Houston, Texas 77043 (713-8164) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 14. Council Member Stardig absent.

Mayor Parker stated that on behalf of her colleagues she wanted to thank him for his service on the Planning Commission, he had been there for a very long time, and was steadfast, that when she became Mayor one of the things she thought was that they needed to rotate Boards and Commissions, but she had come to value particular expertise and knowledge

and he had been an outstanding contributor to the Planning Commission, and Mr. Jard stated that she had a great working group also. Council Member Stardig absent.

Mr. Tom Bacon, 100 Waugh Dr., Houston, Texas 77007 (713-533-5863) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Member Stardig absent.

Mr. Ric Campo, 2910 Lazy Lane, Houston, Texas 77019 (713-291-9448) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 14. Council Member Stardig absent.

Ms. Janis Burke, 1331 Lamar St., Ste. 700, Houston, Texas 77010 (713-308-5905) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Member Stardig absent.

Dr. James Douglas, 5318 Calhoun Rd., Houston, Texas 77021 (713-313-1122) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 14. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig and Christie absent.

Council Member Green moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending time for questions of Dr. James Douglas, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig and Christie absent. MOTION 2014-0373 ADOPTED.

Council Member Green Bradford that the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending time for questions of Dr. James Douglas, seconded by Council Member Laster. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker and Council Member Stardig absent. MOTION 2014-0374 ADOPTED.

Mr. John O'Neil, 3731 Olympia Dr., Houston, Texas 77019 (713-651-2604) appeared, presented information, and stated that he was in support of Agenda Item No. 14, however this was a very bad ordinance as drafted. Mayor Parker and Council Member Stardig absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. O'Neil spoke at length and Motions 2014-0375 through 2014-379 were adopted to extend time for questions of Mr. O'Neil.

Council Member Pennington moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending time for questions of Mr. John O'Neil, seconded by Council Member Green. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig and Boykins absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. MOTION 2014-0375 ADOPTED.

Council Member Pennington moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending time for questions of Mr. John O'Neil, seconded by Council Member Green. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Boykins and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. MOTION 2014-0376 ADOPTED.

Council Member Kubosh moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending time for questions of Mr. John O'Neil, seconded by Council Member Pennington. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Stardig and Boykins absent. MOTION 2014-0377 ADOPTED.

Council Member Kubosh moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending time for questions of Mr. John O'Neil, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Stardig and Boykins absent. MOTION 2014-0378 ADOPTED.

Council Member Laster moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending

time for questions of Mr. John O'Neil, seconded by Council Member Davis. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Stardig, Boykins and Costello absent. MOTION 2014-0379 ADOPTED.

Ms. Molly Silva, 11212 Vanderford, Houston, Texas 77099 (713-416-5052) appeared, presented information, and stated that they were from the Park Glen Civic Improvement Association and they were appealing to the City of Houston to proceed with the demolition of a burned home at 10810 Ensbrook, Houston, Texas 77099, that the home burned in July 2012, the homeowner did not have insurance and did not appear to have the funds or the ability to rebuild the home and repair it, there was also no electrical power to the home, their understanding was that this house was condemned and scheduled for demolition and she was not to live there, however she was still there, and on several occasions she had traumatized the neighbors, that it was a danger to their community and neighborhood. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Pennington and Costello absent.

Council Member Nguyen stated that he was working with the Department of Neighborhoods, the Legal Department and a relative of Ms. Hardwood so that they could get this resolved. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Cohen, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Mayor Parker stated that Ms. Silva noted in her handout that she was working with Ms. Myra Hypolite, who was the best they had in the Department of Neighborhoods, that the State of Texas put enormous hurdles in their way when they tried to tear down derelict properties, it was an extreme property rights position that the State took so they had to dot every i and cross every t and she knew sometimes neighbors wondered why they would leave a burned building there, they got to them as fast as they could and had greatly accelerated that process over the last few years, but she would work with the Council Member and they would get on top of it and see if there was anything else they could do to move it faster. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Cohen, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Ms. Yolanda Smith, was added to the list by Motion 2014-0369, but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Cohen, Nguyen, Pennington, Green and Kubosh.

Rev. Dr., Michael Diaz, 2610 Waugh Dr., Apt. 2, Houston, Texas 77006 (954-494-6916) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 14. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Cohen, Nguyen, Pennington, Green and Kubosh absent.

Ms. Becca Keo-Meier, 2626 Holly, No. 606, Houston, Texas 77054 (562-508-5425) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 14. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Cohen, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington and Green absent.

Ms. Elisa Vega-Burns, 2036 Gothic Street, Houston, Texas 77008 (713-802-1981) appeared, presented information, and stated that she was in support of Agenda Item No. 14. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Cohen, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington and Green absent.

Ms. Judy Astiasuain, 2526 Attwater Way, League City, Texas 77573 (281-309-6699) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 14. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Cohen, Martin, Pennington and Green absent.

Ms. Nicole Robbins, 2125 Yale St., Houston, Texas 77008 (210-887-3389) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 14. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Cohen, Martin, Green and Costello absent.

Ms. Grace Wallin, 3110 Linkwood, Houston, Texas 77025 (731-693-6275) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 14. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Green and Costello absent.

Ms. Cynthia Walton, 1520 Crockett St., Unit b, Houston, Texas 77007 (562-572-3570) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 14. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Green and Costello absent.

Ms. Lucinda Pethan, 9611 Eblen, Houston, Texas 77040 (832-665-4108) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 14. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Green and Costello absent.

Bishop Anthony Wright, 4111 Saratoga Dr., Houston, Texas 77088 (832-774-2324) appeared in opposition of Agenda Item No. 14. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin and Green absent.

Ms. Tawny Tidwell, 306 Stratford, Houston, Texas 77006 (918-638-0052) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 14. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin and Green absent.

Ms. Racheal Diziedzc, 19727 Pinehurst Trail, Humble, TX 77346 (832-527-2730) appeared in opposition of Agenda Item No. 14. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin and Green absent.

Ms. Yolanda Black Navarro, 5008 Park Dr., Houston, Texas 77023 (713-826-1099) appeared and stated that on behalf of LULAC she was present in support of Agenda Item No. 14. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin and Green absent.

Mr. Bryan Sky-Eagle, 1907 Freeman St., Houston, Texas 77009 (713-223-9166) appeared and stated that on behalf of the Houston Professional Fire Fighters Association, Local 341, of which he was President, he was present in their support of Agenda Item No. 14. Council Members Davis, Boykins and Martin absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she wanted to publicly thank Mr. Sky-Eagle for the great working relationship that he had worked hard to establish with her, that she knew he advocated hard for their union and they were in the midst of a very spirited Meet and Confer negotiations, collective bargaining negotiations, but she appreciated his taking time to come down and speak, that it was a good faith working relationship. Council Members Davis, Boykins and Martin absent.

Rev. Troy Treash, 6211 Ash Oak Dr., Houston, Texas 77091 (773-315-9225) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 14. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin and Pennington absent.

Mr. John Noflin, 12903 Brent Rock Dr., Houston, Texas 77082 (832-208-1498) approached the podium out of order, fell, caused a disturbance and was carried out of the Council Chamber by four HPD officers. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin and Pennington absent.

Ms. Christina Canales Gorczynski, 1209 Herkimer, No. 6, Houston, Texas 77008 (832-589-9199) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 14. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin and Pennington absent.

Mayor Parker stated that Ms. Gorczynski's father, Mayor Whitmire and the others, who served at that time, their vote was immensely harder than the one they had today, the world had changed a lot in those intervening years, that he was a brave man. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin and Pennington absent.

Ms. Melanie Pang, 2300 Old Spanish Trail, Houston, Texas 77054 (832-860-9414) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 14. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington and Gonzalez absent.

Ms. Monica Cortez, 5554 S. Peak, Katy, Texas 77450 (832-625-3148) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 14. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington and Gonzalez absent.

Mr. Darin Williams, 9615 Greenvally, Houston, Texas 77064 (832-372-9290) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington and Gonzalez absent.

Ms. Heneritta Steele, 10263 Colony Court, Houston, Texas 77041 (713-466-9740) appeared in opposition of Agenda Item No. 14. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Pennington and Gonzalez absent.

Mr. Maverick Welsh, 8015 Arletta, Houston, Texas 77061 (713-306-5825) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 14. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Pennington and Gonzalez absent.

Ms. Rogene Calvert, 4122 Woodhaven, Houston, Texas 77025 (713-664-6099) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 14. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Mr. Tom Beauchamp, 6725 Roos Rd., Houston, Texas 77074 (713-397-2423) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 14. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Mr. Pete Pomonis, 11317 Bauman Rd., Houston, Texas 77076 (no phone) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 14. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Mr. Mike Craig, 2803 Chenevert St., Houston, Texas 77004 (713-304-8821) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 14. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Pennington and Green absent.

Mr. Kristopher Sharp, 9221 Pagewood Ln., No. 72, Houston, Texas 77063 (832-736-0038) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 14, and displayed a rock to show those who were present, who thought they were better than him, that they must cast the first stone, and an HPD officer confiscated the rock. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington and Green absent.

Mayor Parker stated that it was a great dramatic gesture, and she appreciated that he actually agreed with her on the ordinance, but it was inappropriate to bring the rock into the Chamber, and Mr. Sharp apologized for doing so. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington and Green absent.

Ms. Sarah Schimmer, 2001 Capitol St., Houston, Texas 77003 (281-797-7886) appeared, with her young daughter, in support of Agenda Item No. 14. Council Members Boykins, Martin and Green absent.

Council Member Cohen stated that she wanted to thank Ms. Schimmer because she thought that bringing a child with her made a very strong case for what they were trying to do. Council Members Boykins, Martin and Green absent.

Ms. Dena Hughes, 6517 Grape, Houston, Texas 77074 (713-480-5869) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 14. Council Members Boykins, Cohen and Martin absent.

Mr. Tom Bacon, 100 Waugh Dr, Houston, Texas 77007 (713-533-5863) appeared, stated that he was a Member of the Houston Parks Board, and was in support of Agenda Item No. 14. Council Members Boykins, Martin and Green absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she wanted to thank Mr. Bacon for all of the work he did on the Houston Parks Board, they had a really heavy lift right now with the Bayou Greenways Project, although the people were so enthusiastic about it that it did not feel like a heavy lift because it would be so transformative, and Mr. Bacon stated that he wanted to thank them all for the great lift that they give the Bayou Greenways, they were having a lot of fun and it was going to be a great few years. Council Members Boykins, Martin and Green absent.

Rev. Mark Edmiston-Lang, 1900 Bering Dr., Houston, Texas 77057 (713-782-8250) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 14. Council Members Boykins, Cohen, Martin and Gallegos absent.

Ms. Amanda Williams, 1109 Dismuke, Houston, Texas 77023 (281-797-7944) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 14, and stated that this Friday she would be graduating from the University of Houston, Graduate College of Social Work, with a Master in Social Work. Council Members Boykins, Cohen, Martin and Gallegos absent.

Mayor Parker congratulated Ms. Williams on her new degree. Council Members Boykins, Cohen, Martin and Gallegos absent.

Council Member Green moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of adding Mr. Judson Robinson to the speakers list, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Gallegos and Laster absent. MOTION 2014-0380 ADOPTED.

Ms. Gloria Roberson, 18115 Dinner Creek Dr., Katy, Texas 77449 (832-647-2109) appeared in opposition of Agenda Item No. 14. Council Members Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Gallegos and Laster absent.

Mr. Judson Robinson appeared and stated that Ms. Gayle Amos would read a statement of support for Agenda Item No. 14 from the Urban League. Council Members Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Gallegos and Laster absent.

Council Member Gonzalez moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing from Ms. Gayle Amos out of order, seconded by Council Member Robinson. Council Members Cohen, Boykins, Martin, Gallegos and Laster absent. MOTION 2014-0381 ADOPTED.

Ms. Gayle Amos, 1301 Texas Ave., Houston, Texas 77002 (713-828-8622) appeared and read a statement from the Houston Area Urban League in support of Agenda Item No. 14. Council Members Cohen, Martin, Gallegos and Laster absent.

Ms. Lucia Romano Ostrom, 1500 McGowen, Houston, Texas 77004 (713-974-7691) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 14, and stated that she had some brochures to hand out. Council Members Cohen, Martin, Gallegos and Laster absent.

Council Member Kubosh moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending time for questions of Ms. Lucia Romano Ostrom, seconded by Council Member Pennington. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Cohen, Martin, Gallegos and Christie absent. MOTION 2014-0382 ADOPTED.

Council Member Davis moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing from Mr. David Wilson out of order at this time, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Cohen, Martin, Gallegos and Christie absent. MOTION 2014-0383 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated that she assumed it was a courtesy to an elected official, and Council Member Davis stated yes. Council Members Cohen, Martin, Gallegos and Christie absent.

Mr. David Wilson, 5500 W. 34th, Houston, Texas 77092 (713-202-7983), appeared and stated that he was President of the Houstonians for Family Values and was appearing in opposition to Agenda Item No. 14, that they were running a petition drive to prohibit men from using the woman's restroom. Mayor Parker, Council Members Cohen, Martin, Nguyen, Gallegos and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Ms. Januari Leo, 1415 California St., Houston, Texas 77006 (832-548-5112) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 14. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Cohen, Martin, Nguyen, Gallegos and Kubosh absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Ms. Pam Hobbs, 1010 Waugh Dr., Houston, Texas 77019 (713-528-6798) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 14. Council Members Davis, Martin, Nguyen and Gallegos absent.

Ms. Tamira Augustine, 2824 Cleburne, Houston, Texas 77004 (281-636-9012) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 14. Council Members Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Gallegos and Green absent.

Ms. Gemma Burns, 2036 Gostick St, Houston, Texas 77008 (925-864-9510) appeared, presented information, and stated that she was in support of Agenda Item No. 14. Council Members Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Gallegos and Green absent.

Ms. Debra Serna, 1400 Bluebell Dr., Houston, Texas 77038 (281-690-2471) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Gallegos and Green absent.

Mr. Ray Donaldson, 6610 Point Clear, Houston, Texas 77069 (713-628-2976) appeared in opposition of Agenda Item No. 14. Council Members Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Gallegos and Green absent

Mr. James Buntrock, 11323 Forest River Ct., Tomball, Texas 77377 (281-251-8944) appeared in opposition of Agenda Item No. 14. Council Members Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Gallegos and Green absent.

Council Member Pennington moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending time for questions of Mr. James Buntrock, seconded by Council Member Cohen. All

voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Gallegos and Green absent.  
MOTION 2014-0384 ADOPTED.

Ms. Sabrina Hernandez, 11627 Northpost, Houston, Texas 77093 (713-257-0487) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 14, and stated that she had written a letter for City Council and called City Hall and they could not even tell her who was her District Member. Council Members Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Gallegos and Green absent.

Mayor Parker stated that usually people just wrote letters to her, that they were looking Ms. Hernandez up to advise her of the name of her District Council Member. Council Members Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Gallegos and Green absent.

Mr. Dan Lindquist, 4643 Wild Indigo, Houston, Texas 77027 (832-423-8009) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 14. Council Members Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Gonzalez, Gallegos and Green absent.

Mr. Jose Hermida, 16126 Wenyss Bay Rd, Houston, Texas 77095 (832-228-5722) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Gonzalez, Gallegos and Green absent.

Ms. Linda Donaldson, 6610 Pont Clear Dr., Houston, Texas 77069 (281-444-4923) appeared in opposition of Agenda Item No. 14. Council Members Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Gallegos and Robinson absent.

Ms. Bridget Vinson, 2820 N. Main, No. 2, Houston, Texas 77009 (832-769-6654) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 14. Council Members Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Gallegos and Robinson absent.

Mr. Fred Lewis, 4509 Edgemont, Austin, Texas 78731 (512-636-1389) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Gallegos and Robinson absent.

Mr. Paul Pinette, 7233 Beechnut, No. D, Houston, Texas 77074 (713-270-7962) appeared in opposition of Agenda Item No. 14. Council Members Davis, Martin, Nguyen and Robinson absent.

Mr. Calvin Suechting, (did not wish to give address and phone number) appeared in opposition of Agenda Item No. 14. Council Members Davis, Martin, Nguyen and Green absent.

Rev. Dr. Daniel O'Connell, (no address given) (713-376-9588) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 14. Council Members Davis, Martin, Nguyen and Green absent.

Mr. Chris Branson, 40123 Donna Lynn, Houston, Texas 77092 (832-794-3338) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Martin, Nguyen and Green absent.

Mr. David Conley, (did not wish to give address), (936-228-4706) appeared in opposition of Agenda Item No. 14. Council Members Davis, Martin, Nguyen and Green absent.

Mayor Parker asked Mr. Conley if he lived in the City of Houston, and Mr. Conley stated that he did not. Council Members Davis, Martin, Nguyen and Green absent.

Mr. George Gibson, 2800 Post Oak Blvd., 61st Floor, Houston, Texas, 77056 (713-557-6858) appeared and stated that he was the Civil Rights Chair for the Southwest

Region of the Anti-Defamation League, and he was in support of Agenda Item No. 14. Council Members Davis, Martin, Nguyen and Green absent.

Council Member Kubosh moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending time for questions of Mr. George Gibson, seconded by Council Member Laster. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Davis, Martin, Nguyen and Green absent. MOTION 2014-0385 ADOPTED.

Council Member Kubosh moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending time for questions of Mr. George Gibson, seconded by Council Member Laster. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Davis, Martin, Nguyen and Green absent. MOTION 2014-0386 ADOPTED.

After further discussion Mr. Feldman stated that they put a very specific provision in with respect to accommodations of disabled individuals, that if the facility was in compliance with State or Federal Law then it could not be in violation with the ordinance, that it also depended when the facility was built, whether it preceded the ADA or not, 1991 was the threshold; they put a very specific provision, in the public accommodation section, that if the business was in compliance with State or Federal Law, then it could not be in violation of the ordinance. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Nguyen and Green absent.

Mayor Parker stated that they may be grandfathered because of the age of the building when the company came into being, but they also may simply have not been complained upon yet, in which case they might call someone and that company would be forced to go into compliance with the ADA, their ordinance would not change that, it would give a local mechanism for investigation, which they currently did not have, but they would either be in compliance with the Americans with Disability Act or not, and Mr. Feldman stated that this was a significant issue for the Greater Houston Partnership, and they went out of their way to make it crystal clear in the ordinance, that if they were in compliance with the Americans with Disability Act, or applicable Texas law, then they were in compliance with the ordinance, the only way they would violate this ordinance, from the standpoint of architectural accessibility was if they were also in violation of the Americans with Disability Act, they were coterminous. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Nguyen and Green absent.

Mayor Parker stated if they got a complaint through the process, and it was sent to the Office of Inspector General, she would assume that it would be forwarded on for Federal investigation, as they clearly specified they were not going to investigate something that someone else had the responsibility to enforce, they would just refer it to the appropriate governmental body; she was glad that came up. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Nguyen and Green absent.

Mr. Charles Cupp, 1237 Alpheia Dr., Houston, Texas 77018 (713-682-7010) appeared, presented information, and stated that he was in opposition of Agenda Item No. 14. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Nguyen and Green absent.

Ms. Beverly Roberts, 818 Silvergate Drive, Houston, Texas 77079 (281-496-0753) appeared, presented information, and stated that she was opposed to Agenda Item No. 14. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Nguyen and Green absent.

Mr. Randy Czarlinsky, 3355 W. Alabama, Ste. 1120, Houston, Texas 77098 (713-439-1202) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 14. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Nguyen and Green absent.

Brother Ed, (did not wish to give address), (281-924-0092) appeared in opposition of Agenda Item No. 14. Council Members Davis, Nguyen and Green absent.

Ms. Liz Theiss, 6318 Cindy Ln., Houston, Texas 77008 (832-758-4473) appeared, presented information, and stated that she was in opposition of Agenda Item No. 14. Council Members Davis, Nguyen and Green absent.

Ms. Fran Watson, 320 Jackson Hill, No. 341, Houston, Texas 77007 (713-726-6149) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 14. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Nguyen and Green absent.

Council Member Bradford moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending time for questions of Ms. Fran Watson, seconded by Council Member Laster. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Nguyen and Green absent. MOTION 2014-0387 ADOPTED.

Mr. Randy Porress, 9506 Oregano, Houston, Texas 77036 (713-826-4153) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 14. Council Members Davis, Nguyen and Green absent.

Ms. Tara Salter, 12811 Greenwood Forest Dr., No. 2106, Houston, Texas 77066 (713-960-3646) appeared in opposition of Agenda Item No. 14. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Nguyen, Laster and Green absent.

Mr. Jack Valinski, 12 Hyde Park, Houston, Texas 77006 (713-529-1223) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 14. Council Members Davis, Nguyen, Gonzalez, Laster and Green absent.

Ms. Yesenia Chavez, 210 Lena Dr., Houston, Texas 77022 (number not given) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 14. Council Members Davis, Nguyen, Laster and Green absent.

Mr. Brad Pritchett, 1044 Alexander St. Houston, Texas 77008 (713-898-9734) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 14. Council Members Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington and Laster absent.

Mr. Carlos J. Ruiz, 4322 Lakewood Dr., Pasadena, Texas 77504 (832-687-3140) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington and Laster absent.

Ms. Gabrielle Hadnot, 4316 Europa, Houston, Texas 77022 (281-787-0338) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington and Laster absent.

Ms. Amelia Miller, 15506 Stoney Fork Dr., Houston, Texas 77084 (713-824-4087) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 14. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Nguyen, and Pennington absent.

Ms. Shelley Kennedy, 706 Sue Barnett, Houston, Texas 77018 (713-822-7688) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 14. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Nguyen, and Pennington absent.

Council Member Robinson moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending time for questions of Ms. Shelley Kennedy, seconded by Council Member Cohen. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Nguyen, and Pennington absent. MOTION 2014-0388 ADOPTED.

Ms. Amanda Hernandez, 300 N. Vista, Dr., No. 104, Houston, Texas 77073 (832-718-6162) appeared, presented information, and stated that she was in support of Agenda Item No. 14. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington and Kubosh absent.

Ms. Maria C. Gonzalez, 8111 DeLeon, Houston, Texas 77061 (713-301-2912) appeared, in support of Agenda Item No. 14. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington and Kubosh absent.

Mr. James Lee, 9251 Burdine St., No. 306, Houston, Texas 77096 (281-889-8362) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 14. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington and Kubosh absent.

Rev. Tony Lorenzen, 1504 Wirt Rd., Houston, Texas 77055 (508-344-3668) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington and Kubosh absent.

Rev. Alex Stroud, 2103 Windgate Ct., League City, Texas 77573 (713-907-0641) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 14. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Costello and Kubosh absent.

Mr. Mark Eggleston, 11635 Canyon Mills Dr., Houston, Texas 77095 (832-630-5995) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 14. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Laster and Costello absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. Tim Bacon, 205 Albany, No. 3, 77006 (713-443-1191) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Laster and Costello absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. Darrin Brindle, 11635 Canyon Mills Drive, Houston, Texas 77095 (832-630-5996) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 14. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Nguyen and Pennington absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. R. W. Bray, 2115 Runnels, Houston, Texas 77003 (832-275-5242) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Nguyen and Pennington absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Dr. Colt Meier, 2 626 Holly, No. 606, Houston, Texas 77054 (562-508-5425) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 14. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Martin, Nguyen and Pennington absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Council Member Kubosh moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending time for questions of Dr. Colt Meier, seconded by Council Member Laster. All voting aye. Nays none. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Martin, Nguyen and Pennington absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding. MOTION 2014-0389 ADOPTED.

Mr. Daniel Arp, 827 Park Place Blvd. No. 19, Houston, Texas 77017 (281-513-6611) appeared in opposition of Agenda Item No. 14. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Martin, Nguyen and Pennington absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Dr. Bruce W. Smith, 1006 Missouri St., Houston, Texas 77006 (713-529-4364) appeared, presented information, and stated that he was in support of Agenda Item No. 14. Mayor

Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Nguyen, Pennington and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. Tony Carroll, 1006 Missouri St., Houston, Texas 77006 ( no phone number given) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Nguyen, Pennington and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Ms. Robin Mack, 1301 Marshall, 77006 (713-302-7307) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 14. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Nguyen, Pennington and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Ms. Porscha Brown, 6353 Richmond Ave. Unit 125, Houston, Texas 77057 (512-413-0245) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Nguyen, Pennington and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. Van English, 5410 Court of York, Houston, Texas 77069 (972-795-4257) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 14. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Nguyen, Pennington and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Ms. Laila Khalili, (no address and phone number given) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 14. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Nguyen, Pennington and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. Michael Paul Appleman, (no address and phone number given) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Nguyen, Pennington and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Ms. Rebecca Robertson, (no address and phone number given) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 14. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Ms. Nikki Araguz Loyd, 3820 Hazard St., Houston, Texas 77098 (415-612-0386) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 14. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Ms. Ashley Wilkerson, Post Office Box 558, Houston, Texas 77001 (832-304-4293) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 14. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Gallegos and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Ms. Monica Roberts, 5155 Balkin St., Houston, Texas 77021 (713-748-0301) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 14. Council Members Davis, Nguyen, Pennington, Gallegos and Green absent.

Council Member Laster moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending time for questions of Monica Roberts, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Davis, Nguyen, Pennington, Gallegos and Green absent. MOTION 2014-0390 ADOPTED.

After further discussion Mr. Feldman stated that with respect to City facilities there was protection, there was a prohibition against discrimination based on gender identity that was set forth in an executive order, it was also included in Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances. Council Members Davis, Nguyen, Pennington, Gallegos, Laster and Green absent.

Ms. Tierra Ortiz-Rodriguez, (did not give address) (713-458-8080) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Davis, Nguyen, Pennington, Gallegos, Laster and Green absent.

Ms. Beebee Watters, 6550 Hillcroft, Houston, Texas 77081 (713-780-8421) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Davis, Nguyen, Pennington, Gallegos, Laster and Green absent.

Rev. Vincent Fana, 5319 Pomander, 77021 (713-256-5740) appeared, presented information, and stated that he was in support of Agenda Item No. 14. Council Members Davis, Nguyen, Pennington, Gallegos and Green absent.

Mr. Paul Wayne Smith, 5723 Tainted, Houston, Texas 77084 (713-820-2335) appeared in opposition of Agenda Item No. 14. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Nguyen, Pennington, Gallegos and Green absent.

Mr. Ned Watkins, 9731 Truscon Dr., Houston, Texas 77080– 5200 (713-817-1167) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Nguyen, Pennington, Gallegos and Green absent.

Mr. Matthew William, 3328 Blodgett, Houston, Texas 77004 (832-528-1473) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 14. Council Members Davis, Nguyen, Pennington, Gallegos and Green absent.

Ms. Michelle Payne, 12906 Pecan Shores, Houston, Texas 77044 (832-418-5252) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Nguyen, Pennington, Gallegos and Green absent.

Mr. Chris Cornell, (did not wish to give address and phone number) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Nguyen, Pennington, Gallegos and Green absent.

Reverend Lisa Hunt appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 14. Council Members Davis, Nguyen, Pennington, Gallegos, Laster and Green absent.

Mr. John Spence appeared in opposition of Agenda Item No. 14. Council Members Davis, Nguyen, Pennington, Gallegos, Laster and Green absent.

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. Council Members Davis, Nguyen, Pennington, Gallegos, Laster and Green absent.

Mr. Lee Decker, 2006 Crockett, Houston, Texas 77007 (832-419-0849) appeared and stated that he owned property at 2006 Crockett St., within the boundary of the new proposed hyper sports district, that he was not opposed to historic districts, but was opposed to this one, that he had previously sent information to each of their offices spelling out his reasons why, but the main reason was its shape and how it would impact him, that homes within every historic district in Houston were clustered in a group of like houses creating an actual district of community and conformity, but this did not, this un-presented boundary outline contained a small cluster of homes three blocks from him, but the damage came when it formed an unusual stovepipe on the west side, that creating the district would allow his property to be surrounded by the walls and shadows of three and four story buildings that would and already had a negative impact on his property value and market ability, that he would ask that in the next few

days they would take a careful study of the boundaries and outline of the district and see if they thought it was actually fair for all involved. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Nguyen, Pennington, Gallegos, Laster and Green absent.

Mayor Parker asked Mr. Decker if he had a contributing or non-contributing structure, and Mr. Decker stated that it was a contributing structure. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Nguyen, Pennington, Gallegos, Laster and Green absent.

Mr. Johnny Mata, 2121 Fountainview, Houston, Texas 77057 (832-723-3110) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Nguyen, Pennington, Gallegos, Laster and Green absent.

Ms. Shirley Mc Cales, 16139 Barbarossa Dr., Houston, Texas 77083 (281-782-8221) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Nguyen, Pennington, Gallegos, Laster and Green absent.

Ms. Karen Andreason, 3802 Gertin, Houston, Texas 77004 (832-477-8068) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Nguyen, Pennington, Gallegos, Laster and Green absent.

Ms. Lara Posadas, 15131 Kaler, 77060 (713-480-7127) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Nguyen, Pennington, Gallegos, Laster and Green absent.

Ms. Samone Ballard, 806 Forest Hillside, Houston, Texas 77067 (832-713-2322) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Nguyen, Pennington, Gallegos, Laster and Green absent.

Ms. Megone Trewick, 2120 Live Oak St., Houston, Texas 77003 (832-459-0887) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Nguyen, Pennington, Gallegos, Laster and Green absent.

Mr. Michael Eftekhar, 3211 Fondren Rd., Houston, Texas 77063 (713-529-0555) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Nguyen, Pennington, Gallegos, Laster and Green absent.

Ms. Carolyn Hausey, 718 E. 38th St., Houston, Texas 77022 (832-875-5052) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Nguyen, Pennington, Gallegos, Laster and Green absent.

Mr. Tony Jones, 1950 Spenwick Dr., No. 318, Houston, Texas 77055 (713-932-6625) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Nguyen, Pennington, Gallegos, Laster and Green absent.

Mr. Elie Haddad, 3190 Fondren, Houston, Texas 77063 (832-319-4800) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Nguyen, Pennington, Gallegos, Laster and Green absent.

Ms. Ivy Spivey, 12410 San Lucia River, Houston, Texas 77050 (832-519-6804) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Nguyen, Pennington, Gallegos, Laster and Green absent.

Mr. Bryan Sweeney, 8501 Yale St., Houston, Texas 77037 (832-245-1885) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Nguyen, Pennington, Gallegos, Laster and Green absent.

Mr. Doug Turnbull, 251 E. Castle Harbor Dr., Friendswood, Texas 77546 (713-397-3374) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Nguyen, Pennington, Gallegos, Laster and Green absent.

Ms. Hong Ha Nguyen, 1935 Rounds Lakes, Houston, Texas 77077 (713-301-0655) appeared and stated that she was present to petition against the nomination of Ms. Theresa Hoang for judgeship, that Ms. Hoang and her brother Mr. Al Hoang had been the center of disturbance in their community for the past several years, that a lawsuit against them was pending at the District Court 334, Case No. 201075173, they officially requested that the nomination of Ms. Theresa Hoang for Municipal Judgeship be canceled. Council Members Davis, Nguyen, Pennington, Gallegos and Green absent.

Mr. Hoc Nguyen, 3118 Shadow Dr., Houston, Texas 77082 (832-705-4566) appeared and stated that they had great respect for Mayor Parker and the City Council, he thought they were doing a wonderful job for the City of Houston, that he was present to voice his opinion and the opinion of his community, he was asking Mayor Parker to not nominate Ms. Theresa Hoang for the next Municipal Judgeship, that she was a divider and not the one who fully practices law, that she spends most of the time at her liquor store, so she was asking that they not support her nomination and he was personally asking Mayor Parker to withdraw her for the appointment of Municipal Judge. Council Members Davis, Nguyen, Pennington, Gallegos and Green absent.

Mayor Parker stated that for the record that she believed Ms. Hoang was well qualified, she had an exemplary record in the community and while Mr. Nguyen had been present before raising allegations about former Council Member Hoang and now he was present raising allegations about his sister, Ms. Theresa Hoang, if he had any evidence of any wrong doing on her part she would be happy to entertain it as part of his evaluation as to her fitness for a Municipal Judgeship, but she wanted Mr. Nguyen to present it in writing and an opportunity for her to examine it instead of being present at Council raising vague allegations. Council Members Davis, Nguyen, Pennington, Gallegos and Green absent.

Mr. Charles Mayfield, 6403 Country Club, Houston, Texas 77023 (713-921-0238) had reserved time to appear, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Nguyen, Pennington, Gallegos and Green absent.

Ms. Sonja Lewis, 4919 Markwood, Houston, Texas 77053 (281-515-4503) had reserved time to appear, but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Davis, Nguyen, Pennington, Gallegos and Green absent.

Mr. Agustine Pinedo, 7838 Battle Creek, Houston, Texas 77040 (832-883-2510) had reserved time to appear, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Nguyen, Pennington, Gallegos and Green absent.

Ms. Tara Andrews, 20250 Telegraph, Katy, Texas 77449 (832-318-4060) had reserved time to appear, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Nguyen, Pennington, Gallegos and Green absent.

President Joseph Charles, Post Office Box 524373, Houston, Texas 77052-4373 (713-928-2871) appeared and stated that again he was requesting three minutes, that he was President of the U.S., that he was opposed to Agenda Item No. 14, and continued to voice his

personal opinions until his time expired. Council Members Davis, Nguyen, Pennington, Gonzalez, Gallegos and Green absent.

Note: Motion 2014-0391 was omitted in error.

At 6:05 p.m. Mayor Parker stated that the City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 7, 2014. Council Members Davis, Nguyen, Pennington, Gonzalez, Gallegos and Green absent.

The Houston City Council reconvened at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 7, 2014, Mayor Annise Parker presiding with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jerry Davis, 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; Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director and Stella Ortega, Agenda Office, present.

At 8:25 a.m. Ms. Anna Russell, City Secretary, read the descriptions or captions of items on the Agenda.

At 9:11 a.m. Mayor Parker called the meeting to order and recognized Council Member Gonzalez for a procedural motion. Council Members Davis, Costello, Costello and Christie absent.

Council Member Gonzalez moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of considering Item No. 2 out of order at this time, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Cohen and Costello absent. MOTION 2014-0392 ADOPTED.

2. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment of **CAROLYN HANAHAN** to Position Three on the **HOUSTON FORENSIC SCIENCE LGC BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, for an unexpired term ending June 30, 2015 – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Laster. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0393 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker invited Ms. Hanahan to the podium and stated that she had very mixed feelings about this, the only reason they were able to appoint her to the Houston Forensic Science LGC Board of Directors was that she had left her employment at the City of Houston, but she was clearly an excellent Board Member for the Forensic Science Board, that she was glad that Ms. Hanahan had decided to volunteer her time and they wished her well in her career back in the private sector.

Ms. Hanahan stated that she missed them so it was nice to be back in the City of Houston.

Council Member Pennington stated that they knew of her professionalism and experience and were proud to have her on the board, that she knew it was a very important function, and thanked her for her service to the City of Houston.

Mayor Parker stated that the next item on the agenda was a public hearing.

**HEARINGS - 9:00 A.M.**

1. **PUBLIC HEARING** on the proposal to take approximately 0.2125 acres of Braeburn Glen Park to expand the parking lot for Fire Station No. 68 - **DISTRICT J – LASTER** - was called.

The City Secretary stated that Chief Donovan and Mr. Joe Turner, Director, Parks and Recreation Department, would make remarks on the hearing.

Chief Donovan stated that this project involved the renovation of Fire Station No. 68 and the expansion of the parking lot for the fire station, that Fire Station No. 68 was located at 8602 Bissonnet at South Gessner, at the northwest corner of the intersection of South Gessner and Bissonnet, that currently fire trucks must back into the fire station from Bissonnet, which required fire station personnel to be on the street to stop traffic on Bissonnet in order to position the trucks across the street to back into the station, the expansion of the parking lot would add parking spaces for fire station personnel's personal vehicles and open up space to allow the fire trucks to drive through the fire station by entering through the north, which was at the back of the station and exiting through the south at the front of the fire station, that this would improve safety conditions for the fire station personnel for the public driving on Bissonnet and South Gessner, that as part of the project the Houston Fire Department must take approximately 0.2125 acres of the park, that Section 26.001 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code provided the City may not approve any program or project for the use or taking of land, designated as parkland, unless after a public hearing, the governing body determined that one, there was no feasible and prudent alternative to the use or taking of the parkland, and two, the program or project included all reasonable planning to minimize harm to the parkland, since there was no space available to expand the parking lot within the fire station property, and there was no feasible and prudent alternative to the taking of a portion of the park for the project, the Houston Fire Department, the General Services and Parks and Recreation Department had worked together to insure that the project had minimal impact on the park, that as part of the project a new sidewalk entry from the park parking lot would be constructed and a dumpster would be relocated to the other end of the parking lot, that next week City Council would be asked to consider an ordinance making the findings necessary for the Houston Fire Department to take a portion of the park for the project.

Mr. Turner stated that Braeburn Glen Park consisted of approximately 12.9 acres at 9510 South Gessner, the park was in District J, Council Member Laster, the park amenities included a playground, walking trail and The Le Leclar Tennis Center, that the Parks and Recreation Department had worked with the Houston Fire Department and General Services Department to determine that there was no reasonable and prudent alternative to the use of a portion of the park for the project and to minimize the impacts to the park, the project would improve safety conditions for the fire station personnel and for the public driving on Bissonnet and Gessner, with minimal impacts to the park, the benefits to the park would include the construction of a new gateway/sidewalk entry from the park parking lot and the relocation of the dumpster to the other end of the parking lot.

Council Member Laster asked exactly how much footage would be coming out of the park area itself, and Mr. Turner stated that the space coming out was .2125 acres of the park, that it was basically a rectangle, that the biggest change would be relocating the dumpster from where they enter the park now, to the other end of the park, and then the existing entry, during the construction, a new gateway entry would be created to enter the park on the south end of the park, and that was a precursor to their coming back to Council, within the next year, with a parking lot upgrade and a parking lot, as far as the CIP Project, and Council Member Laster stated that he had taken an opportunity to visit with the community to let them know what was happening in the park, that this park was quite a family park.

Mayor Parker stated that no one signed up to address Council for this public hearing, and asked if there was anyone in the audience who came specifically to address the reallocation of parkland, and seeing no one requested a motion to close the public hearing.

Council Member Gonzalez moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Council Member Laster. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0394 ADOPTED.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

### **CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 2 through 51**

#### **ACCEPT WORK** - NUMBERS 3 through 8

3. RECOMMENDATION from Director General Services Department for approval of final contract amount of \$606,982.00 and acceptance of work on contract with **BALFOUR BEATTY CONSTRUCTION, LLC** for City Hall Annex and City Hall Renovations - 2.91% over the original contract amount and under the 3.57% contingency - **DISTRICT I – GALLEGOS** – was presented, moved by Council Member Robinson, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0395 ADOPTED.
4. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$799,713.79 and acceptance of work on contract with **R & B GROUP, INC** for Benbrook Lift Station Renewal - 3.67% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICT H - GONZALEZ** – was presented, moved by Council Member Robinson, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0396 ADOPTED.
5. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$691,149.75 and acceptance of work on contract with **R & B GROUP, INC** for Red Gully Lift Station Rehabilitation - 5.72% under the original contract amount **DISTRICT B - DAVIS** – was presented, moved by Council Member Robinson, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0397 ADOPTED.
6. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$767,969.93 and acceptance of work on contract with **R & B GROUP, INC** for Dairy Ashford #4 Lift Station Rehabilitation - 3.58% under the original contract amount **DISTRICT F - NGUYEN** – was presented, moved by Council Member Robinson, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0398 ADOPTED.
7. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$5,128,951.37 and acceptance of work on contract with **CALCO CONTRACTING, LTD.**, for Sewer Service to Unserved Areas Package 1: Shared Facilities (Regional) Sanitary Sewer Improvements - Magnolia Point Lift Station, Force Main and Trunk Main; Strange's Camp Lift Station and Force Main - 8.19% under the original contract amount **DISTRICT E - MARTIN** – was presented, moved by Council Member Robinson, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0399 ADOPTED.
8. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$1,700,359.49 and acceptance of work on contract

with **RESICOM, INC** for Water Line Replacement in Oakwood Area - 7.62% under the original contract amount **DISTRICT H - GONZALEZ** – was presented, moved by Council Member Robinson, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0400 ADOPTED.

**ORDINANCES** - NUMBERS 17 through 51

17. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Special Warranty Deed conveying to **CLEAR DORADO LAND ASSOCIATES, L.P.** a parcel of land consisting of 2.320 acres (101,039 square feet) out of the Sylvester Murphy League, A-53, Houston, Harris County, Texas, for \$10.00 and other good and valuable consideration; authorizing the Mayor to accept a Special Warranty Deed conveying to the City of Houston a parcel of land consisting of 2.821 acres (121,901 square feet) out of the Sylvester Murphy League, A-53, Houston, Harris County, Texas - **DISTRICT E - MARTIN** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCES 2014-0407 ADOPTED.
20. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing International Facilities Agreement by and between the City of Houston and **KOREAN AIR LINES CO., LTD** at George Bush Intercontinental Airport/Houston - Revenue - **DISTRICT B - DAVIS** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCES 2014-0408 ADOPTED.
21. ORDINANCE establishing the north and south sides of the 1600 block of California 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 pulled from the agenda by the administration and was not considered.
22. ORDINANCE establishing the east side of the 2700 block of Yupon Street, between California and Westheimer Streets, within the City of Houston as a special minimum line block pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT C – COHEN** – was pulled from the agenda by the administration and was not considered.
23. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Compromise and Settlement Agreement between the City of Houston and **FRANCISCO EDUARDO MARQUEZ and EDNA ARVIZU MARQUEZ, individually and as representatives of the Estate of RENE MARQUEZ, and FRANCISCO EDUARDO MARQUEZ, JR.,** to settle a lawsuit - \$415,000.00 - Property and Casualty Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCES 2014-0409 ADOPTED.
26. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,174,000.00 out of Public Health Consolidated Construction Fund, \$1,400,000.00 out of Special Waste Transportation & Inspection Fund and awarding Design/Build Contract between the City of Houston and **DRYMALLA CONSTRUCTION COMPANY** for Transportation /Mobile Vehicle Inspection Area; providing funding for the Civic Art Program and for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Public Health Consolidated Construction Fund and the Special Waste Transportation & Inspection Fund - **DISTRICT I – GALLEGOS** – was pulled from the agenda by the administration and was not considered.
27. ORDINANCE appropriating \$223,361.50 out of Public Health Consolidated Construction Fund and \$183,181.50 out of Public Library Consolidated Construction Fund as an additional appropriation for contract (Approved by Ordinance No. 2012-0515) between the City of Houston and **TIMES CONSTRUCTION, INC** to upgrade the parking lot at the Hiram Clarke Multi-Service Center/Vinson Library Facility - **DISTRICT K - GREEN** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCES 2014-0410 ADOPTED.

31. ORDINANCE appropriating \$6,540.22 out of Parks Special Fund and \$66,179.00 out of Parks Consolidated Construction Fund as an additional appropriation for contract (Approved by Ordinance No. 2004-1091); between the City of Houston and **THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT of TRANSPORTATION** for project cost overruns on the Hermann Park Trail Improvements and Scottcrest Park Pedestrian Trail Project - **DISTRICT D - BOYKINS** – was pulled from the agenda by the administration and was not considered.
32. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing first amendment to the Treated Water Supply Contract between the City of Houston and **HARRIS COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 89** (Approved by Ordinance No. 2000-0216 as amended) for the addition of a secondary point of delivery – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCES 2014-0411 ADOPTED.
33. ORDINANCE amending the Paving Assessment Roll for Jeanetta Road from Clarkcrest Street to Westheimer Road - **DISTRICT F - NGUYEN** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCES 2014-0412 ADOPTED.
35. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing purchase of a 239 square foot street right-of-way easement from owners Michael W. Bounds, a City of Houston Employee, and Barbara A. Dickens in connection with the Pinemont Drive Paving and Drainage Improvements Project (from Ella Boulevard to N. Shepherd Drive); waiving Section 15-1(A) of the Code of Ordinances - **DISTRICT C - COHEN** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCES 2014-0413 ADOPTED.
36. ORDINANCE appropriating \$200,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; approving and authorizing Professional Construction Management and Inspection Services Agreement between the City of Houston and **KELLOGG BROWN AND ROOT SERVICES, INC** for Large Diameter Water Line Construction Projects – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCES 2014-0414 ADOPTED.
37. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,368,028.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **ISANI CONSULTANTS, L.P.** for Engineering Services associated with the Design of Water Line Replacement in Pine Forest Area and Langwood Area; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS A - STARDIG; B - DAVIS; C - COHEN and H - GONZALEZ** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCES 2014-0415 ADOPTED.
38. ORDINANCE appropriating \$480,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **CP&Y, INC** for Willowbrook Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT A - STARDIG** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCES 2014-0416 ADOPTED.
39. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,338,500.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **WESTON SOLUTIONS, INC** for Chocolate Bayou Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System

Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT D - BOYKINS** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCES 2014-0417 ADOPTED.

40. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,650,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **CHARLES D. GOODEN CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INCORPORATED** for Water Line Replacement in Memorial Bend and Briar Forest Area and Water Line Replacement in Briar Court Area; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund **DISTRICT G - PENNINGTON** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCES 2014-0418 ADOPTED.
41. ORDINANCE appropriating \$376,766.00 out of Metro Projects Construction DDSRF as an additional appropriation to the Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **PARSONS BRINCKERHOFF, INC** for Hollister Road Paving & Drainage: White Oak Bayou to West Gulf Bank (Approved by Ordinance No. 2013-0265); providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Metro Projects Construction DDSRF - **DISTRICT A - STARDIG** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCES 2014-0419 ADOPTED.
43. ORDINANCE appropriating \$386,100.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **DG MEDINA CONSTRUCTION, LLC** for Wastewater System/Substitute Service Support - St. George Place; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering, testing, CIP Cost Recovery, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS C - COHEN; G - PENNINGTON and J - LASTER** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCES 2014-0420 ADOPTED.
44. ORDINANCE appropriating \$3,065,200.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding contract to **D.L. ELLIOTT ENTERPRISES, INC** for Water Line Replacement in Westchester I Area; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering, testing, CIP Cost Recovery, construction management and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT G - PENNINGTON** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCES 2014-0421 ADOPTED.
45. ORDINANCE appropriating \$2,017,600.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding contract to **D.L. ELLIOTT ENTERPRISES, INC** for Water Line Replacement in Ashford Forest Area; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering, testing, CIP Cost Recovery, construction management and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT G - PENNINGTON** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCES 2014-0422 ADOPTED.
46. ORDINANCE appropriating \$4,916,400.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding contract to **MCKINNEY CONSTRUCTION, INC** for Water

Line Replacement in Shadydale Area; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering, testing, CIP Cost Recovery, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT B - DAVIS** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCES 2014-0423 ADOPTED.

47. ORDINANCE appropriating \$3,661,200.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **D.L. ELLIOTT ENTERPRISES, INC** for Water Line Replacement in Inwood Pines Area; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering, testing, CIP Cost Recovery, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS A - STARDIG and B - DAVIS** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCES 2014-0424 ADOPTED.
48. ORDINANCE appropriating \$2,039,200.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **SCOHIL CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, LLC** for Installation of Short Segment of Water Lines at various locations; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering, testing, CIP Cost Recovery, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS A - STARDIG; C - COHEN and H - GONZALEZ** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCES 2014-0425 ADOPTED.
49. ORDINANCE appropriating \$2,471,177.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding contract to **REYTEC CONSTRUCTION RESOURCES, INC** for Pressure Reducing Valve Station Improvements Package No. 5; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering testing, CIP Cost Recovery, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS E - MARTIN and I - GALLEGOS** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCES 2014-0426 ADOPTED.
50. ORDINANCE granting to **ELTON CHILDS dba ADVANCE VACUUM TRAP SERVICES, A Texas Sole Proprietorship**, the right, privilege and franchise to collect, haul and transport solid waste and industrial waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions - **FIRST READING** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCES 2014-0421 PASSED FIRST READING IN FULL.
51. ORDINANCE No. 2014-267, passed first reading April 2, 2014  
ORDINANCE annexing to the City of Houston, Texas territory located in the vicinity of **ALDINE WESTFIELD SOUTHEAST of RICHEY ROAD**, in Harris County, Texas; extending the corporate limits of the City of Houston, Texas, to embrace and include territory within such boundaries; instituting proceedings to annex to its corporate limits the territory included in such boundaries; adopting a service plan for certain area in the vicinity of Aldine Westfield Southeast of Richey Road; assigning the annexed area to adjacent district from which district council member is elected until such time as district boundaries

may be changed pursuant to the City of Houston Charter; containing findings and other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; and providing for severability - **DISTRICT B - DAVIS - SECOND AND FINAL READING** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCES 2014-0267 ADOPTED SECOND AND FINAL READING IN FULL.

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

**PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS**

9. APPROVE spending authority in an amount not to exceed \$244,412.00 to **T2 SYSTEMS, INC** for Sole Source Purchase of Handheld Electronic Citation Devices for the Administration & Regulatory Affairs Department - Parking Management Special Revenue Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0401 ADOPTED.
10. **INTERLEX COMMUNICATIONS, INC** for Communication Consultant Services from the State of Texas Procurement and Support Services Contract through the State of Texas Cooperative Purchasing Program for the Houston Department of Health & Human Services - \$55,000.00 Grant Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0402 ADOPTED.
11. ORDINANCE appropriating \$99,188.00 out of Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund for Sole Source Purchase of B2Gnow Web-Based Diversity Management System Software and Support Services for the Office of Business Opportunity – was presented.

Council Member Bradford stated that the RCA for Item No. 11 indicated in part that this purchase would allow for the production of several type of reports, including the Houston First Report, it also stated that this particular purchase would provide more requested information to various stakeholders, that he wanted to insure that what they were assisting OBO with, specifically as it related to the number of dollars that had been received via vendors, not because they had just attained the Houston First Status, but because of the Houston First criteria, for example, on purchasing, if in fact a bid had been received and the vendor, on a \$100,000 or less bid and were within the 5% margin, were not the lowest bidder but had received the bid because of the Houston First criteria, and likewise, if they were bidding on a \$100,000 plus deal and were not the lowest bidder but were within the 3% margin, and they received the bid because of the Houston First status, so his question was would this particular software provide Council that type of date, and Mayor Parker stated that was not the reason why they were purchasing the software, and of course Council Members were one of the stakeholders, that she would have to research whether or not it would allow tracing of that specific data, that as they knew pursuant to his request the Director of OBO had set new procedures in place so that they could better track exactly what he was talking about, that she did not know whether this software would facilitate that or not.

Mayor Parker stated that she was in complete sympathy with his request and did not know if the software would help, the only thing she could say was that the director had put other processes in place to find the information that he wanted and to track it on an ongoing basis, that it was in her view, while the Legal Department had indicated that there would be no reason to track it, from a public standpoint she thought there was a reason to track the data and knew that the director was compiling a report for him.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that one of the benefits of these database enhancements was that it would be able to expand OBOs ability to track contracts because

right now, while they did have that in place, they could not go back retroactively and track old contracts or contracts that were now closed, so he thought this software would allow them to have a greater capacity to better track some of the old contracts, that they needed to have more history.

Mayor Parker stated that the administration appreciated Council Members Bradford and Gonzalez support for the particular software item and they were determined to get to the answer that Council Member Bradford sought; again they thought the software was beneficial and necessary, but she did not know that they got to that as a separate issue.

Council Member Kubosh stated that he would tag Item No. 11.

- 11a. **ASKREPLY, INC d/b/a B2GNOW** for Purchase of B2Gnow Web-Based Diversity Management System Software and Support Services for the Office of Business Opportunity – was presented, moved by Council Member Bradford, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez, and tagged by Council Member Kubosh.
12. ORDINANCE appropriating \$2,356,085.08 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund for the purchase of Trailer Mounted Generators Equipment for the Public Works & Engineering Department
- 12a. **BLUELINE RENTAL, LLC** for Trailer-Mounted Generators through the Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Purchasing with Houston-Galveston Area Council for the Department of Public Works & Engineering – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0403 ADOPTED.
13. **EQUAL LEVEL, INC** for Electronic Marketplace Solution for the City of Houston - \$302,500.00 General Fund - 3 Years with two one-year options – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0404 ADOPTED.

## **ORDINANCES**

14. ORDINANCE **AMENDING CHAPTERS 2, 15 and 17 of the CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of protected characteristics in City employment, City services, City contracting practices, housing, public accommodations, and private employment; containing findings and other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; declaring certain conduct unlawful; providing for a penalty; providing for severability – was presented.

Mayor Parker stated that she had already received a number of proposed amendments to Item No. 14, they would systematically take the amendments, that she knew that Council Members Cohen and Laster would then tag the amendments and the main item and they would have an opportunity over the course of the week to sort them out, that some of the amendments the administration had seen, others they had not, so they looked forward to some of the items.

After discussion Council Member Cohen offered the following written motion to amend Item No. 14:

I move to amend Item 14 on the May 7, 2014 City Council agenda as follows:

1. Amend the last sentence of the definition of “place of public accommodation” in

Section 17-2 of Exhibit A of the Ordinance to read as follows:

For purposes of article IV of this chapter, the leasing office, visitor parking area and model units of a multi-family housing facility shall not be considered a *place of public accommodation*.”

2. Amend Section 17-112 of Exhibit A of the Ordinance by adding new Subsections (i) and (j) to read as follows:
  - (i) The provisions of this article do not apply to discrimination based on age.
  - (j) It shall be unlawful for a person to file a complaint in bad faith under this article. For purposes of this article, *bad faith* means wholly without foundation in law or fact, or done solely for the purpose of harassment.
3. Amend Section 17-123 of Exhibit A of the Ordinance to read as follows”

**Sec. 17-123. Housing for the elderly exempted.**  
The provisions of this article relating to familial status, age and pregnancy do not apply to housing for older persons.
4. Amend Subsection 17-131(a) of Exhibit A of the Ordinance by adding a new sentence at the end of the subsection, which shall read as follows:

If the complaint, other than a complaint referred pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, states a claim that is within the jurisdiction of a federal or state agency, the fair housing administrator may refer the complaint to the appropriate agency for further action and discontinue the investigation of the complaint.”
5. Amend the first line of Subsection 17-131(f) of Exhibit A of the Ordinance to read as follows  

Except as to complaints that are referred to a federal or state agency, within 10 days after the filing of a complaint, the fair housing administrator shall:

After discussion Council Member Green offered the following written motion to amend Item No. 14:

“I move to amend Article III (Contracting), Section 17-41 (Prohibition against discrimination in awarding contracts) to include:

The language of this article shall not be interpreted to conflict with provisions of Chapter 15 of the City of Houston Code of Ordinances.”

After discussion Council Member Davis offered the following written motion to amend Item No. 14:

“I move to amend Article IV (Public Accommodations), Section 17-54 (Exemptions) to include:

This article shall not apply to:

- (4) Discounts on any product, service, or facility for any person on the basis of age, or military status.

Mayor Parker stated that they believed the ordinance, as proposed, already protected this, but this specified and made it more clear, that they appreciated the amendment.

After discussion Council Member Gallegos offered the following written motion to amend Item No. 14:

“I move to amend Item 14 on the May 7, 2014 City Council agenda as follows:

Add a new Section 2A to the Ordinance, which shall follow Section 2 and read as follows:

**Section 2A.** That the following definition of *employer* in Section 17-2 of the Code of Ordinances shall become effective on the first anniversary of the effective date of this Ordinance:

*Employer* means a person who has 25 or more employees for each working day in each of 20 or more calendar weeks in the current or preceding calendar year, and the person’s agent. The term does not include a person’s contractor or vendor with respect to the conduct of the contractor or vendor toward the employees of said contractor or vendor; the United States, or a corporation wholly owned by the government of the United States; a bona fide private membership club which is exempt from taxation under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954; the state, a state agency, or political subdivision; or a religious organization.

That the following definition of *employer* in Section 17-2 of the Code of Ordinances shall become effective on the second anniversary of the effective date of this Ordinance:

*Employer* means a person who has 15 or more employees for each working day in each of 20 or more calendar weeks in the current or preceding calendar year, and the person’s agent. The term does not include a person’s contractor or vendor with respect to the conduct of the contractor or vendor toward the employees of said contractor or vendor; the United States, or a corporation wholly owned by the government of the United States; a bona fide private membership club which is exempt from taxation under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954; the state, a state agency, or political subdivision; or a religious organization.”

Mayor Parker stated that this was an amendment that would move the bar from 50 to 15, and Council Member Gallegos stated yes, and Mayor Parker stated to the size of the employer.

Council Member Boykins stated that he wanted to be clear, the original draft that came out, he thought said companies the size of 50 or greater, and Council Member Gallegos was reducing that number, and Council Member Gallegos stated that yes, after one year it would go down to 25 and in two years it would go down to 15, that in effect it would be phased in.

Mayor Parker stated that as indicated these amendments would be tagged for one week, they were not going to be expected to vote on them today, she just wanted to clarify what everybody was putting on the table.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that this was an attempt to try to deal with the infamous restroom issue and offered the following written motion to amend Item No. 14:

“I move to amend Article I, Section 17-2 (Definitions) so as to change the definitions of the terms “Gender Identity” and “Sex” to read as follows:

*Gender Identity* means an individual's innate identification, appearance, expression or behavior as either male or female. Although the same may not correspond to the individual's body or sex as assigned at birth.

Sex is defined as the biological differences between men and women.

I further move to amend Article IV, Section 17-51(b)(Prohibition against discrimination in public accommodation) to read as follows:

It shall be unlawful for any place of public accommodation or employee or agent thereof to intentionally deny any person entry to any restroom, shower room, or similar facility if that facility is consistent with and appropriate to that person's expression of gender identity. It shall be a defense to prosecution for discrimination on the basis of gender identity under this article, however, if, under all the facts and circumstances, the defendant reasonably believed that the person discriminated against was seeking access to the facility for an unlawful purpose. Nothing in section shall require construction of a new bathroom shower room, or similar facility."

After discussion Council Member Pennington offered the following written motions to amend Item No. 14:

"For Agenda Item number 14 of the May 7, 2014, City of Houston Council Agenda, I move to edit Section 6 of the Ordinance by:

**Replace** the effective date of the ordinance **from:** *"the thirtieth day next following the date of its passage and approval by the Mayor"* **to** *"September 1, 2014"*.

"For Agenda Item number 14 of the May 7, 2014, City of Houston Council Agenda, I move to edit Section 17-51 (b) by:

**Delete** the first two sentences *"It shall be unlawful for any place of public accommodation or any employee or agent thereof to intentionally deny any person entry to any restroom, shower room, or similar facility if that facility is consistent with and appropriate to that person's expression of gender identity. It shall be a defense to prosecution for discrimination on the basis of gender identity under this article, however, if the defendant had a good faith belief that the gender or gender identity of the person discriminated against was not consistent with the gender designation of the facility."*

**Replace** with:

*"It shall be unlawful for any place of public accommodation or any employee or agent thereof to intentionally, and with the absence of good faith, deny any person entry to any restroom, shower room, or similar facility if that facility is consistent with and appropriate to that person's expression of gender identity."*

"For Agenda Item number 14 of the May 7, 2014, City of Houston Council Agenda, I move to:

**Insert** the following after the second sentence of Section 17-52(b):

*"As part of such investigation, the office of the inspector general shall provide to the*

*party being investigated for violating this article an affidavit in which such party shall have the ability to disclose the factual basis of its good faith belief that the gender or gender identity of the person discriminated against was not consistent with the gender designation of the facility. If such affidavit is received by the office of the inspector general within 30 days and the facts stated in the affidavit states such good faith belief comprehensively (in terms of the behavior, clothing, hairstyles, activities, voice or mannerisms of the person discriminated against), the office of the inspector general shall dismiss the case with prejudice. By not providing such an affidavit to the inspector general during the preliminary investigation, the person being investigated shall not be deemed to waive the affirmative defense contained herein, which may still be raised in connection with any such legal proceeding regarding these claims.*

“For Agenda Item number 14 of the May 7, 2014, City of Houston Council Agenda, I move to edit:

Sec 17-121 (a)(1)a. - **Replace** the number "3" with the number "8"  
Sec 17-121 (a)(1)b. - **Replace** the number "3" with the number "8"

**Insert** at the end of Sec.17-55 (b):

*Provided, however, that upon a first time conviction for an offense under this Article IV, the defendant shall be placed on deferred adjudication and, provided there are no convictions for additional offenses committed under this Article IV by the defendant within one calendar year, all penalties for the offense shall be dismissed and waived and the original case shall be dismissed.”*

“For Agenda Item number 14 of the May 7, 2014, City of Houston Council Agenda, I move to

Amend Exhibit A of the Ordinance by deleting the text of Article V in its entirety and reserving the Article number and Sections 17-61 through 17-64.”

Council Member Bradford stated that he had a question for the City Attorney, he was not sure if an amendment was needed or not, and asked Mr. Feldman a legal question about the exemptions, particularly as it related to Page 8, Section 17-54 (2), the general **Exemption** sections, and Page 19, Section 17-122, (a) (2), specifically on Page 8, Section 17-54 Exemptions, there was a straight forward religious exemption there, “This article shall not apply to:” (2) “religious organizations”, then go to Page 19, Section 17-122. **Religious organizations and private club exemption**, this article did not prohibit a religious organization from giving preference to persons of the same religion unless membership in the religion was restricted because of a protected characteristic, that it seemed to him that was taking back the straightforward exemption in Section 17.54 (2).

Mr. Feldman stated that the exemptions were particular to the kind of discrimination addressed, the first one that he was referring to was as to public accommodations, the second was as to fair housing, and the exemption under fair housing was derived from the Federal Fair Housing Act, and they had to be consistent with that statute in their Fair Housing Ordinance, as they had been for 7 years, this was preexisting language from their Fair Housing Ordinance and they had to comport with the Act if the City of Houston was to be deemed, or certified, as a substantially equivalent agency, for purposes of investigation of the complaints, so the difference was purely that under Fair Housing they had to comport with the exemption under the Fair Housing Act.

Council Member Laster stated that he and Mr. Feldman had an ongoing conversation about this particular exemption, and asked if it was possible, probable or helpful if they were to add any kind of language in there that said the exemption was actually tied to the federal rules and regulations, and Mr. Feldman stated that he did add language to that effect, he did put it in two places in that particular article to get that point across, but did not put it in every single provision, and Council Member Laster asked if it might be helpful if they were to repeat that clarification just so folks would not be confused about it, and Mayor Parker asked if Mr. Feldman could tell them where it was, and Mr. Feldman stated that it was in two places in the article, that he did not know how many times it was necessary.

Council Member Bradford stated that he wanted to go back to what Council Member Laster posed to Mr. Feldman, because it seemed that it would be very helpful in that particular Section 17-122, (a) (2) to add the courtesy language as to why this particular section stated what it did in that on its face when they looked at exemptions, and they went to that particular section, the section did say something different, and with the multiple page document that it was it would be very helpful, he thought, to add that friendly language there, so one did not have to flip through the documents, that he would ask that they consider doing that.

Mayor Parker asked Council Member Bradford if he wished to make that as a motion if Mr. Feldman could point to the language to include, and Council Member Bradford asked Mr. Feldman if he saw the particular section on Page 19, 17-122 (a) (2) and Mr. Feldman stated that yes he did, so he would refer them back to Page 18, "in accordance with federal law", they could go ahead and repeat that for the other exemptions.

Council Members Laster and Cohen tagged the amendments offered to amend Agenda Item No. 14.

Council Member Bradford moved amend Item No. 14 to incorporate "in accordance with federal law" into Section 17-122(a)(2), seconded by Council Member Bradford. Council Member Boykins absent.

Council Members Cohen and Laster tagged Council Member Bradford's motion to amend Item No. 14. Council Member Boykins absent.

15. ORDINANCE authorizing the issuance of one or more Series of City of Houston, Texas Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes, Series 2014 to provide for the payment of the current expenses of the City for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015; prescribing the terms and form thereof and authorizing the Finance Working Group to determine certain terms and conditions relating thereto; providing for the payment of the principal thereof and interest thereon; approving and authorizing the distribution of a Preliminary Official Statement and Official Notice of Sale to be used in connection with the sale of the Notes; authorizing the preparation and distribution of an Official Statement; authorizing the execution and delivery of a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement; authorizing a Bond Counsel Agreement and a Special Tax Counsel and Special Disclosure Counsel Agreement; and making other findings and provisions relating to such Notes and matters incident thereto; and declaring an emergency – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Boykins and Cohen absent. ORDINANCE 2014-0429 ADOPTED.
16. ORDINANCE approving a Supplemental Borrowing evidenced by City of Houston, Texas Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes, Series 2014A to provide for payment of current expenses of the City for a portion of the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015; providing for the payment of the principal of and interest on such Notes; authorizing the procedure for determining the terms and conditions of such Notes;

authorizing the execution of a Note Purchase Agreement; approving Bond Counsel and Special Tax and Special Disclosure Counsel; making other findings and provisions related to such notes and matters incident thereto; and declaring an emergency – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Boykins and Cohen absent. ORDINANCE 2014-0430 ADOPTED.

18. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing first amendment to Grant Agreement between the City of Houston and **HOUSTON SHIFA SERVICES FOUNDATION, INC** to provide an additional \$200,000.00 of Federal Community Development Block Grant Funds for the acquisition and construction of a facility, located in the vicinity of 8620 West Place Drive, Houston, Texas, which will serve low-and moderate-income female and child victims of domestic violence and abuse **DISTRICT K - GREEN** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Boykins and Cohen absent. ORDINANCE 2014-0431 ADOPTED.
19. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing agreement between the City of Houston and **AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF AIRPORT EXECUTIVES, INC (AAAE)** for the Sponsorship, Coordination and Management of the 88th Annual AAAE Conference and Exposition to be held May 2016 in Houston; providing a maximum contract amount - \$650,000.00 - Enterprise Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Boykins and Cohen absent. ORDINANCE 2014-0432 ADOPTED.
24. ORDINANCE appropriating \$622,950.00 out of General Improvement Consolidated Construction Fund and awarding Design/Build Contract between the City of Houston and **TIMES CONSTRUCTION, INC** for City Hall Annex Elevator Modernization; providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the General Improvement Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT I - GALLEGOS** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Boykins and Cohen absent. ORDINANCE 2014-0433 ADOPTED.
25. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,318,000.00 out of Public Health Consolidated Construction Fund and awarding Design/Build Contract between the City of Houston and **TIMES CONSTRUCTION, INC** for 8000 N. Stadium Drive - Health Administration Building; providing funding for the Civic Art Program and for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Public Health Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT K - GREEN** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Boykins and Cohen absent. ORDINANCE 2014-0434 ADOPTED.
28. ORDINANCE awarding construction contract to **TIMES CONSTRUCTION, INC** for TIGER Project #2 - White Oak Path: MKT Bridge to West 11th Street; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Federal Government Grant - USDOT TIGER Discretionary Fund and Other Government Grant - Houston Parks Board Fund - \$1,376,100.00 - Grant Fund - **DISTRICT C – COHEN** - was presented.

Council Member Robinson stated that it was to his frustration that he had been unable to procure a map that really illustrated where they were to date with hike and bike trails, with any close to current date on the map, he had been given 2010 documentation, that working with Director Turner and Public Works he had been assured that forthcoming would be a map that he could look at that would have elements of the Bayou Greenway Initiative, as well as hike and bike trails and current projects that were either underway or currently executed, that he was

going to yield his instincts to tag with the idea that these would be forthcoming shortly. Council Member Boykins.

Mayor Parker stated that this was a good problem to have, this was an area where there was an explosion of trail work, because of Bayou Greenway and others, that as he knew they had begun working on a bike plan for the City of Houston to integrate all the different hike and bike trail work, that she shared his frustration that there was not a simple map, and those who like hiking and biking in the City they would love to have everything available with current updates on an AP so they would know which trail section was closed for work or expanding, that part of that bike plan for Houston they would endeavor to get him his information as fast as they could, and Council Member Robinson stated if they could get a document that they could put in their pocket as they pedaled around would be great, and Mayor Parker stated that the very first Hackathon that they hosted, one of the products that came out of it was a simple Bike AP and it was her understanding that the team was working for a marketable AP to do just that.

A vote was called on Item No. 28. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0435 ADOPTED.

29. ORDINANCE awarding construction contract to **R. MIRANDA TRUCKING AND CONSTRUCTION, LLC** for TIGER Project #5 East Downtown: Transit/Residential/Commercial Connections; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Federal Government Grant - USDOT TIGER Discretionary Fund - \$5,106,900.00 Grant Fund - **DISTRICTS H - GONZALEZ and I - GALLEGOS** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Boykins and Cohen absent. ORDINANCE 2014-0436 ADOPTED.
30. ORDINANCE appropriating \$14,462.00 out of Metro Construction - Other; approving and authorizing Advance Funding Agreement between the City of Houston and the **TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION** for Missouri Kansas Texas Trail Spur Connector Project **DISTRICT C - COHEN** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Boykins and Cohen absent. ORDINANCE 2014-0437 ADOPTED.
34. ORDINANCE appropriating \$85,000.00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF and \$90,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund for Advertising Costs for Capital Improvement Plan Projects relating to construction of facilities financed by the respective funds for the Department of Public Works and Engineering – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Boykins and Cohen absent. ORDINANCE 2014-0438 ADOPTED.
42. ORDINANCE appropriating \$22,615,500.00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF and \$2,677,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding contract to **OSCAR RENDA CONTRACTING, INC** for Shepherd Drive Drainage and Paving Improvements; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering, testing, CIP Cost Recovery, construction management, incentive value, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF, and the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS C - COHEN and G - PENNINGTON** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Boykins and Cohen absent. ORDINANCE 2014-0439 ADOPTED.

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

Mayor Parker stated that she wanted to congratulate Mr. William Paul Thomas for his participation in the Houston Dancing with the Stars Production for the Urban Souls Dance Company, which provided dance instruction and life skills instruction for minority boys and girls, at no cost, that it was a great program and she was highly supported.

Council Member Davis announced events he attended or would be attending; and stated that today they voted to approve the International Facilities Agreement between the City of Houston and Korean Airlines, so on Friday he and Council Member Gonzalez were at Intercontinental Airport welcoming the inaugural flight of Korean Air. Council Member Gonzalez absent.

Council Member Gallegos announced events he attended or would be attending. Council Member Gonzalez absent.

Council Member Stardig announced events she attended or would be attending.

Council Member Kubosh announced events he attended or would be attending.

Council Member Nguyen announced events he attended or would be attending. Council Members Stardig and Cohen absent.

Council Member Christi announced events he attended or would be attending. Council Members Kubosh and Bradford absent.

Council Member Robinson announced events he attended or would be attending; and stated that he wanted to give kudos to Chef Chris Shepherd, Underbelly Restaurant, for his incredible victory at the James Beard Awards in New York. Council Members Kubosh and Bradford absent.

Mayor Parker stated that Sunday Streets was clearly a rousing success, even with very little knowledge by Houstonians that this was going on, they setup a three month pilot, they wanted to continue it, that there was a cost involved in police overtime and Public Works to close the streets, so while this was currently held through the Office of Special Events, all of their special events were ultimately underwritten by private donors, so they would be coming to Council with a discussion of the results of the cost of the first three, what lessons learned, that she would be reporting to the Quality of Life Committee at the appropriate time with a plan on how they could continue it forward. Council Members Kubosh and Bradford absent.

Council Member Boykins stated that he wanted to give a shout out to Mr. Gary Norman and Mr. Darrel Roudick, for taking the time yesterday to visit with some of the community leaders they had in their office with regards to infrastructure concerns; that last night several apartments in District D were destroyed due to a major fire on Live Oak and Anita Streets, that on his way to Council he stopped on the scene to make certain they did not have any losses, their brave firefighters came out okay and there were no residents in the area that were injured, that he had a chance to talk to the American Red Cross and everybody seemed to be okay; and announced events he attended or would be attending. Council Members Kubosh and Bradford absent.

Council Member Martin stated that he wanted to give a shout out to Mr. Joe Turner and the Parks and Recreation Department for agreeing to help with the underbrush and dead trees around the skate park they had at the northern end of District E, where they had been

experiencing an increase in crime, hopefully the added visibility should discourage future criminal activity in the area; and a special shout out to Mr. Evan Austin, District E office, who was graduating from Rice University this weekend, that he had been a great addition to their staff and they really looked forward to having him work fulltime after he graduates. Council Members Kubosh and Bradford absent.

Council Member Laster announced events he attended or would be attending; and stated that he wanted to wish everyone a Happy Mother's Day. Council Members Kubosh and Bradford absent.

Council Member Gonzalez announced events he attended or would be attending; and stated that it was never too early to make sure their family had a plan in place in case of an emergency and wanted to encourage all Houstonians to visit ReadyHoustonTx.gov and take advantage of the many resources available completely free of charge, they could put together an emergency preparedness kit for their home, create a plan of action for their entire family and monitor severe weather updates. Council Members Davis, Martin, Kubosh and Bradford absent.

Council Member Cohen announced events she attended or would be attending; and stated that she thought this coming week was going to be a very exciting and challenging week, there would be a lot of discussion about the Equal Rights Ordinance. Council Members Davis, Martin, Kubosh and Bradford absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she wanted to compliment everyone who was in the gallery yesterday, it was a remarkably civil and business like presentation all of the way through. Council Members Davis, Martin, Kubosh and Bradford absent.

Council Member Pennington announced events he attended or would be attending; and stated that he wanted to congratulate the Houston Chronicle on their excellent article on the review of the nondiscrimination ordinance around the State of Texas, that it was very useful information for him. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Kubosh and Bradford absent.

Council Member Green stated that today they passed a proposal that would fund the reconstruction of the Hiram Clarke Multi Service Center parking lot and wanted to thank them for supporting it; announced events he attended or would be attending; and stated that he wanted to wish all of the mothers a Happy Mother's Day. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Laster, Kubosh and Bradford absent.

Mayor Parker stated that there was a lot of stuff going to be happening in Council in the near term, the Equal Rights Ordinance next week, she intended to move forward proposed changes to their Vehicles for Hire Ordinance, and also within the next two weeks they would be presenting the budget for the next year, they always tried to give Council Members a month from presentation of the budget to actual passage of the budget, so be prepared for the information flow and appreciated everybody's strong focus. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Laster, Kubosh and Bradford absent.

Council Member Robinson stated that he got a sneak preview of the Metro Reimagining Houston Plan and it looked really good, that it should be rolling out this week and thought it bode well for the City. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Laster, Kubosh and Bradford absent.

Council Member Boykins stated that he wanted to say Happy Mother's Day to his mother and all of the mothers in District D; and to Mr. Tony Morris, they were still keeping him in their prayers. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Laster, Kubosh and Bradford absent.

Council Member Green stated that they would be bringing Metro and the Reimagine Program to the Council committee in June, and Mayor Parker stated that what Metro did was critical for the City of Houston and they wanted to make sure that every Council Member was informed. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Laster, Kubosh and Bradford absent.

There being no further business before Council, the City Council adjourned at 10:39 a.m. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Laster, Kubosh and Bradford absent.

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