

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, May 13, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 13, 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. Dave Feldman, City Attorney, Ms. Debra McAbee, Senior ACA, Section Chief, Mr. Harlan Heilman, Division Chief, Claims & Subrogation Division; and Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director and Ms. Stella Ortega, Agenda Office, present.

At 1:38 p.m. Mayor Parker called the meeting to order and stated that the time period of 1:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. was designated for ceremonial proclamations and they would begin those proclamations with Council Member Stardig; that it was standing room only here, as well as across the street, they could stand but could not stand in front of the doors and there were folks from the Fire Department present to make sure that did not happen. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Cohen, Martin, Pennington, Gallegos, Green, Costello, Robinson and Christie absent.

Council Member Stardig presented a proclamation to the Capstone Classical Academy, and Mayor Parker stated therefore, she, Annise D. Parker, Mayor of the City of Houston, hereby proclaimed May 17, 2014 as Capstone Classical Academy Graduation Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gallegos, Robinson and Christie absent.

Representatives of Capstone Classical Academy thanked Mayor Parker and the City Council for the proclamation, and for recognizing their small school. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gallegos, Robinson and Christie absent.

Council Member Green presented a proclamation to Ms. Sonia C. Williams, Principal of James Madison High School, and Mayor Parker stated therefore, she, Annise D. Parker, Mayor of the City of Houston, hereby proclaimed May 13, 2014 as Sonia C. Williams Day in Houston, Texas, and thanked her for educating the future leaders of Houston. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Pennington, Gallegos and Christie absent.

Ms. Williams thanked Mayor Parker and the City Council for the proclamation. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Pennington, Gallegos and Christie absent.

Council Member Bradford and Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez congratulated Ms. Williams and thanked her for all she did for the City of Houston. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Pennington, Gallegos and Christie absent.

At 1:53 p.m. Mayor Parker recognized Council Member Cohen for the innovation and pledge of allegiance. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Pennington, Green and Christie absent.

Mayor Parker stated that for those in the audience who may not have been present before, they may have signed up for two or three minutes, because of the volume of speakers they had an automatic rule, everyone was assigned one minute, and that also meant that Council Members also had one minute for the response, they had a capacity crowd in the Chamber and as she stated earlier they may stand, but could not stand in the doorways, there was an Annex Chamber across the street where they could watch the proceedings on video monitors, if there was not sufficient capacity in the Annex Chamber they would ask folks to gather in the public plaza across the street, where they would try to keep people informed about

where they were on the progression of the speakers list, if they signed up to speak on a non-agenda item she would suggest that they go out and have a cup of coffee, or dinner perhaps, and come back in a few hours because they would not be taking up non-agenda items until all agenda speakers had been exhausted, also, if they spoke last week she would suggest the same thing because it was Council policy that those who had previously spoken within the last month were placed at the very end of the agenda, after the non-agenda speakers, so again she would suggest that they go and relax and free up a seat for someone who had not previously had an opportunity to speak, they would be calling four names at a time to give folks if they were scattered or across the street at the Annex Chamber or in the plaza to have an opportunity to make it across so they could speak, if they did not get in the Chamber fast enough they did keep the list active and if they would notify the front table, Department of Neighborhood, Citizens Assistance, and they would let them know and they would add them back to the list, and then she would request that after they had spoken that they vacate the Chamber so that they could allow other members of the public to come into the room or at least have an opportunity to sit down, that she trusted if they had placards or signs, that those were taken up before they came into the Chamber, it was against the rules of the body to have any signs, and once they formally began the Council meeting it was against the rules of the body to have boos, cheers, clapping or any other displays of audible disapproval or approval, they may however stand to support someone who was speaking or give the symbol of the deaf community of approval, waving hands symbolized applause, and they could certainly see it from the front of the room. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Pennington and Christie absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she was going to ask Ms. Russell to call the roll and begin the proceedings and then there would be some housekeeping motions, that she did not know whether they had any public officials in the Chamber, but as a courtesy it was also a policy of the body to move public officials to the beginning of the speakers list. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Pennington and Christie absent.

At 2:00 p.m. The City Secretary called the roll. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Pennington and Christie absent.

Council Members Bradford and Laster moved that the minutes of the previous meeting be adopted. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Pennington and Christie absent. MOTION ADOPTED.

Council Member Gonzalez moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing from Ms. Velma Martinez, Mr. Even Michaelides and Ms. Laura Michaelides out of order, and to add Ms. Gracie Saenz to the speakers list, seconded by Council Member Green. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Pennington and Christie absent. MOTION 2014-0405 ADOPTED.

Council Member Cohen moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose adding Constable Alan Rosen to the speakers list, and to hear from Mr. Lane Lewis, Mr. Peter Brown, Mr. Rob Todd, Ms. Cassandra Thomas, Ms. Janie Reyes and Mr. Neil Thomas out of order, seconded by Council Member Laster. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Pennington and Christie absent. MOTION 2014-0406 ADOPTED.

Council Member Laster moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose adding Ms. Jolanda Jones and Mr. George Gibson to the speakers list, and to hear from Ms. Janis Schmees Burke, Ms. Alice Aanstoots, Mr. Scott Atlas and Ms. Anna Eastman out of order, seconded by Council Member Green. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Pennington and Christie absent. MOTION 2014-0407 ADOPTED.

Council Member Kubosh moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing

from Apostle Kendall Baker, Ms. Becky Riggle, Mr. Dave Welch, Pastor Max Miller, Mr. Reginald Lillie, Mr. Garrett Booth, Mr. Willie Davis, Mr. Steve Riggle, Bishop Anthony Williams, Mr. Titus Benny and Mr. Khanh Huynh out of order, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Davis, Boykins and Pennington absent. MOTION 2014-0408 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated that they would need those names in writing. Council Members Davis, Boykins and Pennington absent.

Mayor Parker stated that since this was a long list of speakers they were going to be in Council for a while, they would plan a brief recess at 5:00 p.m., but if Council needed a break in the Chamber to please let her know. Council Members Davis, Boykins and Pennington absent.

Mayor Parker stated that they strongly urged them that once they had spoken to please vacate the Chamber so they could make room for those who had yet to speak. Council Members Davis, Boykins and Pennington absent.

Mayor Parker recognized Council Member Stardig for a point of personal privilege, and Council Member Stardig stated that former Council Member Helena Brown was in the audience and she would like to recognize her, and Mayor Parker stated that she wanted to welcome Ms. Brown to the Chamber. Council Members Davis, Boykins and Pennington absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she explained earlier that they may have signed up for 2 or 3 minutes of speak, however, the automatic rule was whenever they had 150 minutes worth of speakers that no one got more than one minute and that applied to Council Members in the aggregate as well, for each public speaker; that this would be the third big public discussion on the proposed Equal Rights Ordinance, and she wanted to thank everyone for the respect that had been shown to each other in the previous meetings and hoped they would continue that today. Council Members Davis, Boykins and Pennington absent.

Ms. Velma Martinez, 2998 Crockett, Houston, Texas 77007 (713-899-5956) appeared, presented information, a Ballot or Survey related to the First Ward Historic District effort, and stated that she had a question, ballot versus survey, the civic group that was going from door to door passing out information, which they would be provided copies of; that Mr. Even Michaelides, Ms. Laura Michaelides and Mr. Dominic Yap formed a website, that on the survey it stated that about a week after the meeting ballots would be mailed to all property owners, property owners would have 30 days to vote, on the last page was a survey, where was her ballot, all she received was a survey. Council Members Davis, Cohen and Pennington absent.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that he knew Ms. Martinez was opposed to the historic district, and had moved her up on the list in fairness to make sure they gave her and the Michaelides, the applicants for the historical designation, an opportunity to speak on the issue, pro and con, they appreciated the information she was providing them, and Ms. Martinez stated that she was still waiting for her ballot. Council Members Davis, Cohen and Pennington absent.

Council Member Kubosh stated that he looked at the way this had been drawn and would be meeting with members of the community, if she would call his office, he was her Council Member At Large. Council Members Davis, Cohen and Pennington absent.

Mr. Even Michaelides, 1810 Summer St., Houston, Texas 77007 (713-802-1699) appeared and stated that he was the applicant, he and his wife owned two historic buildings within the proposed district, he would like to rebut a couple of objections to the district that he had heard raised, that some say that the boundaries to the district were gerrymandered, this characterization was deeply flawed, that gerrymandering occurred when elected officials used

the power of their offices to select, in advance, a group of voters whom they would face, but the district boundaries were redrawn based on the outcome of the voting, and simply reflected the will of the voters, that he had heard others comment on the irregular shape of the district, this did not mean that their neighborhood would end up with a mixture of historic and newer buildings, but that position of old and new was what they had today, one property owner asked him whether the neighborhood was to far gone to have a historic district, he told her that he agreed that much had already been lost, but to consider what the neighborhood would look like if they did not get a district and everything that was left would also be torn down, that he urged the Council to not let the perfect be the enemy of the good. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Martin and Pennington absent.

Council Member Gonzalez asked Mr. Michaelides if he thought they followed the process as part of this ordinance, and Mr. Michaelides stated yes, they worked very hard to do that and stayed in touch with the Planning Department staff to do that. Council Members Davis, Cohen and Martin absent.

Council Member Kubosh stated that he wanted to be meeting with them because he lived in the area and wanted to know about it. Council Members Davis and Martin absent.

Council Member Stardig stated that she was going to be asking a lot of questions also because the map did not look like the intent of when they created the ordinance, and if Mr. Michaelides wished to get with her office to please do so. Council Member Davis absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she fully expected the item to be tagged, it would be the first time on the agenda. Council Member Davis absent.

Council Member Kubosh stated that one of the things that he talked to the staff about, when they came to talk to him about the historical designation, was that Council Members in the district were being notified, but not the At Large Council Members, so if she would instruct her staff to have all At Large Council Members notified whenever there was something like this he would appreciate it, and Mayor Parker stated that she had entertained that request in the past, and they would do their best, but there were certain prerogatives that a District Council Member had. Council Member Davis absent.

Ms. Laura Michaelides, 1810 Summer St., Houston, Texas 77007 (713-802-1699) appeared and stated that she and her husband were property owners within the proposed district, five years ago when they purchased a small Queen Ann house on Summer Street the fabric of their neighborhood was intact with large numbers of turn of the century cottages, face forward and the same neighborhood was being decimated, that it had sickened them to watch irreplaceable historic homes, some dating as far back as the 1880s, knocked down for a quick profit, it had been this experience which had led them to join with others to create the High First Ward Historic District, they believed that historic structures in neighborhoods were a vital part of urban life, bringing visual and cultural riches to their everyday experiences, it was short sided for a City to allow the loss of its historic building stock and this district allowed a small portion of their area to be revitalized through restoration rather than demolition, since last summer they had worked diligently to meet all of the requirements to make their district the reality, they now respectfully asked Council to keep faith with them by approving the application.

Constable Alan Rosen appeared in favor of Agenda Item No. 55L.

After discussion by Council Members Stardig and Kubosh, Council Member Kubosh asked Constable Rosen what happened when someone was taken into custody and they were in a transitional status from male to female, or vice versa, and Constable Rosen stated that if they picked them up on the street they actually treated them as they were representing

themselves, their gender expression, if they had to incarcerate them they would take them to the Harris County Jail and they had their own policies for dealing with transgender individuals.

Council Member Boykins moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing Ms. Tomara Bell out of order, seconded by Council Member Pennington. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0409 ADOPTED.

Ms. Gracie Saenz appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L.

Mr. Lane Lewis, (did not wish to give address) (713-898-1020) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L.

Council Member Laster moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing from Mr. Ryan Leach out of order, seconded by Council Member Pennington. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0410 ADOPTED.

Mr. Peter Brown, 2009 South Blvd, Houston, Texas 77098 (713-594-8771) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Boykins and Green absent.

Mr. Rob Todd, 4295 San Felipe #300, Houston, Texas 77027 (713-439-0039) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Boykins and Green absent.

Ms. Cassandra Thomas, 8222 Sandy Glen Ln., Houston, Texas 77071 (713-240-3229) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L.

Ms. Jolanda Jones appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L.

Ms. Janie Reyes, 502 Highland St., Houston, Texas 77009 (713-862-6121) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L.

Mr. Neil Thomas, 2235 Goldsmith, Houston, Texas 77030 (713-651-3613) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L.

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

Ms. Alice Aanstoos, 6500 W. Loop South, Houston, Texas 77401 (713-567-7718) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called.

Mr. George Gibson, 2800 Post Oak Blvd., 61st Floor, Houston, Texas, 77056 (713-557-6858) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called.

Mr. Scott Atlas, PO Box 61606, Houston, Texas 77208-1606 (713-613-5353) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called.

Apostle Kendall Baker, 3750 Tanglewild, Unit 1, Houston, Texas 77063 (832-714-1963) appeared in opposition of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Green and Christie absent.

Council Member Robinson moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing from Ms. Manpreet Singh and Mr. Paul Puente out of order, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Green and Christie absent. MOTION 2014-0411 ADOPTED.

Ms. Alice Aanstoos, 6500 W. Loop South, Houston, Texas 77401 (713-567-7718)

appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Green and Christie absent.

Council Member Stardig moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of adding Ms. Helena Brown to the list of speakers, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Pennington, Green and Christie absent. MOTION 2014-0412 ADOPTED.

Mr. George Gibson, 2800 Post Oak Blvd., 61st Floor, Houston, Texas, 77056 (713-557-6858) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Boykins, Cohen, Pennington, Green and Christie absent.

Council Member Kubosh moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing from Mr. Clyde Bryan and Mr. Thomas Korkmas out of order, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Boykins, Cohen, Pennington, Green and Christie absent. MOTION 2014-0413 ADOPTED.

Ms. Anna Eastman, (do not wish to publish address and ph. Number) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Boykins, Cohen, Pennington, Green and Christie absent.

Ms. Becky Riggle, 12303 Granite Aisle Court, Houston, Texas 77089 (281-451-8368) appeared in opposition of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Davis, Boykins and Pennington absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she was sorry if there were comments or anything from the audience, and Council Member Martin stated that they were loud and clear, and Mayor Parker stated that she did not hear them across the background noise from outside, that she apologized. Council Members Davis, Boykins and Pennington absent.

Council Member Gallegos moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing from Mr. Maverick Welsh out of order, seconded by Council Member Kubosh. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Davis, Boykins and Pennington absent. MOTION 2014-0414 ADOPTED.

Ms. Janis Schmees Burke, 1331 Lamar St #700, Houston, Texas 77010 (713-308-5905) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Davis, Boykins and Pennington absent.

Mr. Dave Welch, 34218 Sanders Ranch Rd., Magnolia, Texas 77355 (832-688-9166) appeared in opposition of Agenda Item No. 55L. Mayor Parker and Council Member Pennington absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. Scott Atlas, PO Box 61606, Houston, Texas 77208-1606 (713-613-5353) appeared and read a statement of support for Agenda Item No. 55L from former Texas Governor Mark White. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Martin and Pennington absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Pastor Max Miller, 7817 Calhoun, Houston, Texas 77033 (713-504-0063) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Martin and Pennington absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Rev. Reginald Lillie, 16611 Canterra Way, Houston, Texas 77095 (281-213-9663) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L, but stated that they had some concerns, that they wanted them to open it up, give other community based organizations the opportunity to have

input so that there could be peace and harmony and so that there would not be any misunderstandings. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Cohen, Martin and Laster absent.

Council Member Nguyen moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing from Ms. Chartamja Washington, Mr. Russell Hayes, Ms. Evelyn Carlson and Mr. Martin Nguyen and out of order, seconded by Council Member Kubosh. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Cohen, Martin, Pennington and Laster absent. MOTION 2014-0415 ADOPTED.

Mr. Garrett Booth, 14505 Gulf Freeway, Houston, Texas 77034 (713-363-2500) appeared in opposition of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Cohen, Martin and Laster absent.

Mr. Willie Davis, 6701 Eastwood St., Houston, Texas 77021 (713-204-4252) appeared in opposition of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Cohen, Martin, Laster and Christie absent.

Mr. Steve Riggle, 14505 Gulf Frwy., Houston, Texas 77034 (713-363-2500) appeared in opposition of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Laster and Christie absent.

Bishop Anthony L. Williams, Sr., 2909 Hayes Rd., Houston, Texas 77082 (281-608-0774) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Laster and Christie absent.

Mr. Khanj Huynh, 6100 Ridgemont, Houston, Texas 77087 (713-645-7766) appeared in opposition of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Martin, Costello and Christie absent.

Ms. Tomaro Bell, 3248 Charleston, Houston, Texas 77021 (713-825-8449) appeared and stated that she was asking for more time, to include everybody. Council Members Cohen, Martin, Gonzalez, Laster, Green and Costello absent..

Mayor Parker stated that she wanted to clarify a misconception, the ordinance had not changed, they had a formal structured process, as they knew, while there was language put forward yesterday evening, and then this morning by Council Member Davis, nothing was changed until it was changed by a formal motion at the Council table, there would be a motion made tomorrow morning to change some of the things that had already been proposed, she was assuming there would be more than one motion, to change some of the language that had already been proposed, and as they knew Council Members had that prerogative, but only at the Council table. Council Members Cohen, Martin, Gonzalez, Laster, Green and Costello absent.

Mr. Ryan Leach, 512 Tabor, Houston, Texas 77009 (713-703-9105) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Davis, Cohen, Martin, Laster, Green and Costello absent.

Ms. Manprett Singh, 8200 Richmond Ave #250, Houston, Texas 77082, (713-202-7963) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Green and Costello absent.

Bishop Anthony L. Williams, Sr., 2909 Hayes Rd., Houston, Texas 77082 (281-608-0774) appeared and stated that they should bring all of the stakeholders together. Council Members Davis, Martin, Green and Costello absent.

Mr. Paul Puente, 1403 Sagetown Dr., Houston, Texas 77089 (832-473-2822) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Davis, Martin, Green and Costello absent.

Ms. Helena Brown appeared in opposition of Agenda Item No. 55L. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Green and Costello absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

At 4:35 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated the City Council would recess for 10 minutes. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Green and Costello absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

At 4:50 p.m. Mayor Parker called the City Council meeting back to order. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Cohen, Pennington, Gonzalez, Green and Costello absent.

Council Member Laster moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing from Mr. Abie Kupler, Mr. Larry Dodgen, Ms. Hannah Atkins, Mr. Frederick Clarkson and Mr. Steven Vargas out of order, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Stardig, Cohen, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez, Green and Costello absent. MOTION 2014-0416 ADOPTED.

Mr. Clyde Bryan, 10802 Pepper Ln., Houston, Texas 77079 (713-545-4878) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Cohen, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez, Green and Costello absent.

Mr. Thomas Korkmas, 10810 Holly Springs Dr., Houston, Texas 77042 (713-816-0363) appeared in opposition to Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Martin, Green and Costello absent.

Council Member Cohen moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing from Dr. Becky Edmiston-Lange out of order, seconded by Council Member Pennington. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Martin, Green and Costello absent. MOTION 2014-0417 ADOPTED.

Council Member Davis moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing from Reverend Jenni Martin Fairbanks out of order, seconded by Council Member Kubosh. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Martin, Green and Costello absent. MOTION 2014-0418 ADOPTED.

Mr. Maverick Welsh, 8015 Arletta, Houston, Texas 77061 (713-306-5825) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Martin, Green and Costello absent.

Ms. Chartamja Washington, (No address given) (832-794-0020) appeared in opposition to Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Boykins, Cohen, Martin, Pennington, Green and Costello absent.

Mr. Russell Hayes, 3835 S. Dairy Ashford, Houston, Texas 77082 (832-876-7307) appeared in opposition to Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Boykins, Cohen, Martin, Pennington, Green and Costello absent.

Ms. Evelyn Carlson, 13415 Ascot Glen Ln., Houston, Texas 77082 (713-504-4299) appeared in support to Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Green and Costello absent.

Mr. Martin Nguyen, 222 Dessert Vine Ct., Sugarland, Texas 77498 (281-494-9584) had

reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Green and Costello absent.

Mr. Avie Kupfer, 11515 Burdine, No. 543, Houston, Texas 77035 (713-705-6132) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Mayor Parker, Council Members Martin, Pennington, Green and Costello absent.

Mr. Larry Dodgen, 11515 Burdine, No. 543, Houston, Texas 77035 (713-705-6132) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Mayor Parker, Council Members Martin, Nguyen, Pennington and Green absent.

Ms. Hannah Atkins, 4215 University Blvd., Houston, Texas 77005 (713-838-1257) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Mayor Parker, Council Members Martin, Pennington and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. Frederick Clarkson, 13125 Indianapolis, Houston, Texas 77015 (713-392-7725) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Mayor Parker, Council Members Martin, Pennington and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. Steven Vargas, 101 Avondale #12, Houston, Texas 77006 (713-244-4471) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Mayor Parker, Council Members Martin, Pennington and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Reverend Dr. Becky Edmiston-Lange, 1900 Bering Dr., Houston, Texas 77057 (713-782-8250) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Mayor Parker, Council Members Martin, Pennington and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Reverend Jenni Martin Fairbanks, 1601 Sunset Blvd, Houston, Texas 77005 (281-745-8205) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Mayor Parker, Council Members Boykins, Cohen, Martin, Pennington and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Ms. Melissa Murray, 6425 Westheimer Rd. #803, Houston, Texas 77057 (713-499-0640) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Mayor Parker, Council Members Boykins, Martin, Pennington and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. Brandon Mack, 9707 Timberside #38, Houston, Texas 77025 (713-302-7307) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Mayor Parker, Council Members Boykins, Martin, Pennington and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. Randall Beaman, 6535 Cindy Ln, Houston, Texas 77008 (713-864-6282) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Mayor Parker, Council Members Boykins, Martin, Pennington and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Ms. Stephanie Olin, 218 W. 15th #A, Houston, Texas 77008 (832-294-9860) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Mayor Parker, Council Members Boykins, Martin, Pennington and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mrs. Mary Buntrock, 11323 Forest River Ct., Tomball, Texas 77377 (281-251-8944) appeared in opposition of Agenda Item No. 55L. Mayor Parker, Council Members Boykins, Martin, Pennington and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Ms. Virginia Parks, 906 E. Ritten House, Houston, Texas 77076 (832-816-3842) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Mayor Parker, Council Members Boykins, Martin, Pennington and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. Kedrick Brown, 5401 Chimney Rock, No. 979, Houston, Texas 77081 (832-538-4828) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Mayor Parker, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, Council Members Boykins, Martin, Pennington and Green absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding.

Mr. David Spence, 7233 Beechnut, Houston, Texas 77074 (832-622-1445) appeared in opposition of Agenda Item No. 55L. Mayor Parker, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, Council Members Boykins, Martin, Pennington and Green absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding.

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis stated that if there was no objection from the body he would like to call Ms. Michelle Tellison next, she had to catch the Metro Lift. Mayor Parker, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, Council Members Boykins, Martin, Pennington and Green absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding.

Ms. Michelle Tellison, 10012 Culler Blvd., No. 147, Houston, Texas 77051 (713-734-4770) appeared and stated that she was in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Mayor Parker, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, Council Members Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Laster and Green absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding.

Ms. Nancy Michon, 7042 Pine Vista Ln., Houston, Texas 77092 (713-304-1735) appeared and stated that she had signed up to speak on Ms. Tellison's behalf, but Ms. Tellison decided to speak in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Mayor Parker, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, Council Members Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Laster and Green absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding.

Mr. Das, was not on the speakers list nor was added to the list by motion, appeared in opposition to Agenda Item No. 55L. Mayor Parker, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, Council Members Boykins, Martin, Pennington and Green absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding.

Mr. John Rovell, 3030 Elmside, Houston, Texas 77042 (713-657-9968) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Mayor Parker, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, Council Members Boykins, Martin, Pennington and Green absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding.

Ms. Maria Gonzalez, 8111 DeLeon, Houston, Texas 77061 (713-301-2912) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Mayor Parker, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, Council Members Boykins, Martin, Pennington and Green absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding.

Ms. Kym Adams, 11502 Munn, Houston, Texas 77029 (713-732-0683) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Mayor Parker, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, Council Members Boykins, Martin, Pennington and Green absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding.

Ms. Charlotte Page, 27600 Kings Manor Dr., No. 561 – Kingwood, Texas 77339 (214-796-4118) appeared in opposition of Agenda Item No. 55L. Mayor Parker, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, Council Members Boykins, Martin, Pennington and Green absent. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Davis presiding.

Ms. Gemma Burns, 2036 Goftick, Houston, Texas 77008 (713-754-2801) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Mr. Richard Shaw, 2506 Sutherland, Houston, Texas 77023 (713-240-2472) appeared in

support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Ms. Sabrina Hernandez, 11627 Northpost, Houston, Texas 77093 (713-257-0487) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez, Green and Christie absent.

Ms. Jodie Dornak, 1240 Winrick Blvd., No 8101, Houston, Texas 77057 (832-516-7844) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez, Green and Christie absent.

Mr. William Loyd, Post Office Box 5500741, Houston, Texas 77255 (713-923-7844) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Ms. Jenifer Rene Pool, 2300 Lazy Hollow, Houston, Texas 77063 (832-594-8420) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Ms. Andrea Greer, 606 Highland St., Houston, Texas 77009 (713-864-4801) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Ms. Francis Poppy Northcutt, 3131 Cummins, No. 53, Houston, Texas 77027 (713-703-7083) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Ms. Deanna Ward, 4727 Torrington Ct., Sugarland, Texas 77479 (512-968-8159) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Mr. Desmond Allen, 7443 Gatebriar Ct, Missouri City, Texas 77489 appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Mr. Daniel Williams, 122 Glen Dale, Houston, Texas 77012 (832-271-9605) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Ms. Slyvia Garay, 750 W. 24th, Houston, Texas 77008 (713-562-2497) appeared in opposition of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Boykins, Cohen, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Mr. Terrell Edwards, 8100 Creek Bend Dr., Houston, Texas 77071 (281-912-7831) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Boykins, Cohen, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Mr. Charles Cupp, 1237 Alpheia Dr., Houston, Texas 77018 (713-682-7010) appeared in opposition of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Cohen, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Mr. Smitty O'Toole, 6425 Westheimer, No. 1615, Houston, Texas 77057 (713-726-4833) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Cohen, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Rev. Dr., Michael Diaz, 2610 Waugh Dr., Apt. 2, Houston, Texas 77006 (954-494-6916) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Cohen, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Reverend Lisa Hunt, 841 W. 24th, Houston, Texas 77008 appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Cohen, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Ms. Caroline Giese, 4440 1/2 Pease St., Houston, Texas 77023 (713-569-9707) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Cohen, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Ms. Joyce Ellington, Houston, Texas 7618 Wedgewood Ln., Houston, Texas 77055 (713-686-2151) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Cohen, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Ms. Brenda Lunger, 8519 High Mountain Dr., Houston, Texas 77088 (713-828-8832) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez, Laster and Green absent.

Mr. George Barnstone, 3450 Binz Ave., Houston, Texas 77004 (713-528-5000) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez, Laster and Green absent.

Mr. Thomas White, 501 Westlake Park Blvd, Houston, Texas 77079 (281-366-8072) appeared in opposition of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Davis, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez, Gallegos, Laster, Green and Kubosh absent.

Senator Rodney Ellis, 440 Louisiana St. #575, Houston, Texas 77002 (713-236-0306) had registered to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez, Gallegos, Laster, Green and Kubosh absent.

Mr. Shelton Vaughn, 6127 Briar Rose, Houston, Texas 77057 (713-402-3906) had registered to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez, Gallegos, Laster, Green and Kubosh absent.

Mr. Tim Ruiz, 1407 Holly St., Houston, Texas 77007 (832-876-0701) had registered to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez, Gallegos, Laster, Green and Kubosh absent.

Ms. Annabella Bruzual, 13301 Misting Falls Ln., Pearland, Texas 77584 (714-410-553) had registered to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez, Gallegos, Laster, Green and Kubosh absent.

Mr. Kendrick Clack, 15303 Willview Rd, Missouri City, Texas 77489 (832-545-2161) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Gonzalez, Gallegos, Laster, Green and Kubosh absent.

Ms. Monica Cortez, 5554 S. Peek Rd, Katy, Teas 77450 had registered to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Gonzalez, Gallegos, Laster, Green and Kubosh absent.

Mr. Kirk Childress, 3400 Edloe St #1710, Houston, Texas 77027 (281-352-5073) appeared and support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Davis, Martin, Nguyen,

Pennington, Gonzalez, Gallegos, Laster, Green, Kubosh and Christie absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mr. Oliver Buck-Skinner, 1517 N. Shepherd Dr., Houston, Texas 77008 (713-501-6367) appeared and support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Gonzalez, Gallegos, Laster, Green, Kubosh and Christie absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mr. Gary C. Chamness, 117 E. 27th St., Houston, Texas 77008 (832-803-2375) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Gonzalez, Gallegos, Laster, Green, Kubosh and Christie absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mr. Edward Gonzalez-Novoa, 4029 Newshire Dr., Houston, Texas 77380 (917-371-5531) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Gonzalez, Gallegos, Laster, Green, Kubosh and Christie absent. NO QUORUM PRESENT

Mr. Dane Cook, 2034 Tuam, Houston, Texas 77004 (no number given) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Gonzalez, Laster, Green, Kubosh and Christie absent.

Pastor Burton Bagby-Grose, 5826 McKnight, Houston, Texas 77035 (713-829-1200) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Gonzalez, Laster and Green absent.

Mr. Michael Webb, 2700 Westridge St., Houston, Texas 77054 (281-728-7911) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez, Laster and Green absent.

Ms. Martha Stein, 1600 Smith St., Houston, Texas 77002 (713-324-8840) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez, Laster and Green absent.

Mr. James Horwitz, 4109 Caroline, Houston, Texas 77004 (713-501-0555) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez, Laster and Green absent.

Ms. Dorothy Dawson, 5859 Hirondele, Houston, Texas (713-733-8734) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez, Laster and Green absent.

Ms. Mary Villanueva, 4710 Conchran, Houston, Texas 77009 (713-695-3859) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez, Laster and Green absent.

Mr. Robert Griffith, 1610 Alamo St., Houston, Texas 77007 (713-446-5416) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez, Laster and Green absent.

Ms. Kim Hatton, 9007 Bonhomme Rd., Houston, Texas 77074 (713-776-1723) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez, Laster and Green absent.

Ms. Gwen Bullock, 16002 Sweet Fern St., Houston, Texas 77070 (281-374-6772) appeared in opposition of Agenda Item No. 55L. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez, Green and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Ms. Rachael Dzedzic, 19727 Pinehust Trl., Houston, Texas 77346 (832-527-2730) appeared in opposition of Agenda Item No. 55L. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez, Green and Christie absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Ms. Cellina Stokes, 20739 Emeral Spruce Ct., Kingwood, Texas 77346 (832-453-8534) appeared in opposition of Agenda Item No. 55L. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. Jason Ezer, 921 Alston, Houston, Texas 77008 (832-623-8882) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Ms. Stephanie Stout (no address given, no phone given) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Ms. Margarita Perez (no address given, no phone given) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. Evan O'Neil (no address given, no phone given) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Ms. Jackie Martin (no address given, no phone given) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. Stephen Haver, 5710 Onia Ln., Richmond, Texas 77469 had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Stardig, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Ms. Lex Lumiere (no address given, no phone given) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Mr. Chris Busby (no address given, no phone given) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Mr. Jim Henley, 1628 Norfolk St, Houston, Texas 77008 (832-285-6608) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Mr. Neil Stratton, 23710 Hawkins Creek Ct., Katy, Texas 77494 (832-443-3350) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Mr. Remps Moise, 12407 South Dairy Ashford, Houston, Texas 77099 (973-652-9774) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members

Stardig, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Ms. Cynthia Resendez, 14911 Wunderlich Dr., No. 1613, Houston, Texas 77069 (832-498-3942) appeared in opposition to Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Mayor Parker stated that they had distributed a list of 50 organizations and/or businesses that the administration proactively reached out to talk about the ordinance as they were drafting it, it was not a complete list, but as many as they could capture. Council Members Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Ms. Sandra Hines, 4421 Alvin, Houston, Texas 77051 (832-374-5585) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Ms. Jill Moffitt, 6011 Duxbury, Houston, Texas 77035 (713-907-3994) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Cohen, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Mr. Graciano Garcia, 938 Marleen St., Houston, Texas 77034 (281-705-4702) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Cohen, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Mr. Jonahan Garcia - 938 Marleen St., Houston, Texas 77034 (281-705-4702) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Cohen, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Mr. Joseph Garcia, 938 Marleen St., Houston, Texas 77034 (281-705-4702) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Cohen, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Ms. Debra Goode, 3827 Partridgeberry, Houston, Texas 77059 (281-280-9944) appeared and stated that she was present on Agenda Item No. 26, she represented residents on three adjacent neighborhoods, Pinebrook, Bay Oaks and Norfolk, about 300 homes in District E, they were concerned about starting Public Works improvements related to Agenda Item No. 26, which was a development by Fidelis and Trendmaker, because of the previous land use the history of the property, old and current gas pipelines, fault lines, storage, underground gas storage, salt domes, new pipelines buried under this land, this property was previously used by Kinder Morgan as a wellhead for the underground storage of liquefied natural gas and was restricted to wellhead and brazen use, also on this property was a natural prairie pothole wetlands, which had served as a giant sponge for flooding and was one of the last existing natural prairie potholes left in the Houston area, this wetland supported abundant wildlife, they had many concerns, especially related to fault lines across the property and across the adjoining properties, the old salt domes, underground storage wells, and they were concerned about all of the oil and gas infrastructure on the property and that these improvements might disturb the area, putting their residents at risk and they would ask that they put their safety above profits and require an in depth environmental assessment that protected existing and new residents and was open to public review, that she thought an environmental assessment was made in 2012, was not open to public review. Council Members Cohen, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Council Member Davis stated that he would make sure this got to Council Member Martin. Council Members Cohen, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Ms. Susan Bobrick, 4155 Pine Crest Trail, Houston, Texas 77059 (832-978-6774) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Cohen, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Ms. Margaret Dobbs, 3827 Deer Grasss Ct., Houston, Texas 77059 (832-541-9203) stated that she was also present on Item No. 26, she lived in Clear Lake and was a resident of District E, that her concerns were as a neighbor and parent about a new development that was adjacent to her neighborhood and two other large neighborhoods, Pinebrook, Bay Oaks and Northfolk, this development would be built on oil and gas pipelines, underground gas storage, and this area had many faults running through it, when their neighborhood was built the owner of that land was Exxon Mobile and they promised it would never be developed, she guessed because of the problems she just told them about, if it was not safe then for homes and schools, she did not know why it would be now, they did not want another Dixie Farm Super Fund Site in their area, they also wanted transparency in regard to the environmental assessments that had been made. Council Members Cohen, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Mayor Parker stated that obviously no one could build a home over a pipeline, they could not get permits to build a home over a pipeline, nor could they get permits to build a home over an underground storage facility, that there were still restrictions on that, they may have either rerouted the pipelines or removed those underground facilities or if there were pipeline easements through the property they would build outside of the easement restrictions, had she been in touch with anybody from the City to answer these questions, and Ms. Dobbs stated no, and Mayor Parker stated that she would see if she could track down anybody who was still at work at 7:20 p.m. and see if they could answer some of these questions, otherwise there was an opportunity for it to be delayed for a week. Council Members Cohen, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Council Member Stardig asked if they abandoned the pipeline, it could be inactive and they could build parking or something over it, and Mayor Parker stated that they could not build over an active pipeline. Council Members Cohen, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Mr. Robert Armand Dubois, 12303 Rutgers Park Court, Houston, Texas 281-480-4769 appeared and stated that he was present about the development in District E, he came from a neighborhood that was also close by, the concerns were that there had been very little transparency, there were a lot of neighborhoods involved and they had never seen any environmental reports, they knew that Exxon actually had deed restrictions against residential development there, and he wanted to reiterate that if Exxon had concerns about building residences there, then doubly so should they, so they just needed to be reassured, please do due diligence on their part, make sure they were thoroughly satisfied that there were no storage or lingering tanks, like a Dixie Farm Road, or something like that, they were familiar with that he was sure, like a waste site. Council Members Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Mayor Parker asked how this development, whether or not it was legally permitted, would impact his property, and Mr. Dubois stated that they had a lot of faults, if there was a leakage of anything underground, like former gas storage, they had no idea where those would seep through, and it would impact his property only in the sense that he had concern for the people who lived there, even if he did not suffer direct consequences. Council Members Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she would assure them that one of the Council Members would be persuaded to tag the item so that they could have two weeks to sort it out and get back to them, and Mr. Dubois stated that would be all that they wanted, and Mayor Parker stated that

they would try to have a few conversations with them today. Council Members Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Mr. Lawrence Crawford, 11530 Hornbrook, Houston, Texas 77099 (713-569-6603) appeared in opposition of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Mr. Christopher Keen, 5350 Old Downen Rd #712, Beaumont, Texas 77706 (409-273-9326) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Mr. Jeffry Faircloth, 5611 Meadow Creek, Houston, Texas 77017 (713-553-5803) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez Laster and Green absent.

Council Member Kubosh moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing from Mr. Hernan Castano out of order, seconded by Council Member Kubosh. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez, Laster and Green absent. MOTION 2014-0419 ADOPTED.

Mr. Hernan Castano, 12500 Corona, Houston, Texas 77072 (832-455-8928) appeared in opposition of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez Laster, Green and Christie absent.

Ms. Mania Hermida, 5005 W. 34th, Houston, Texas 77092 (281-855-7856) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez Laster, Green and Christie absent.

Ms. Kathaleen Wall, 6632 Ridrigo, Houston, Texas 77007 (281-236-8348) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez Laster, Green and Christie absent.

Ms. Cristan Williams, 604 Pacific, Houston, Texas 77006 (713-614-7547) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez Laster, Green and Christie absent.

Mr. Jim Neal, 411 Yorkchester, Houston, Texas 77079 (832-265-3626) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez Laster, Green and Christie absent.

Ms. Jamica Chew, 2350 Sutherland, Houston, Texas 77023 (no phone) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez Laster, Green, Kubosh and Christie absent.

Ms. Linda Donaldson, 6610 Point Clear Dr., Houston, Texas 77069 (281-444-4923) appeared in opposition of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez Laster, Green and Christie absent.

Ms. Laretta Dyer, 3511 Flickering Candle, Spring, Texas 77388 appeared in opposition of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez Laster and Green absent.

At 7:48 p.m. Mayor Parker stated that they had to change the video tape once more and they would take a 5 minute break. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez

Laster and Green absent.

At 8:05 p.m. Mayor Parker stated that it had been brought to her attention that there were folks who had tried to sign up and they did not see their names on the list, and asked that Mr. William Paul go to the end of the first table with a piece of paper and if there was anyone who did not see their name on the official speakers list and thought they had signed up, Mr. Thomas would take their name and they would officially add them to the list. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Council Member Kubosh asked Mayor Parker to tell people that they could not move people out of order if there were not 12 Council Members in the Chamber and Mayor Parker stated that that the Rules of Council did not allow them to make procedural motions like that unless there was a super majority of 12 Council Members. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Ms. Debbie Paxton, 20227 Misty Pines Dr., Humble, Texas 77346 (281-852-3372) appeared in opposition of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Ms. Stepanie Ann Jones, 3272 Westheimer, Ste. 2, Houston, Texas 77098 (713-510-3990) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Mr. Norman Smith, 25210 Lake Park Ct, Magnolia, Texas 77359 (281-259-7378) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Mrs. Alicia Smith, 25210 Lake Park Ct., Magnolia, Texas 77359 (281-259-7378) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Ms. Synthia Walton, 15220 Crockett, Houston, Texas 77007 (562-572-3570) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Ms. Teresa Mashue, 9006 Rippling Seals Dr., Houston, Texas 77064 (281-890-8273) appeared in opposition of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Ms. Christie Kaminski, 21410 Slippery Creek, Spring, Texas 77388 (832-876-4312) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Ms. Laren Pernet, 527 Kickerillo Dr., Houston, Texas 77079 (832-623-0213) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Ms. Pamela R. Hobbs, 1010 Waugh Dr., Houston, Texas 77019 (713-528-6798 ext. 2255) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Ms. Monica Roberts, 5155 Balkin St., Houston, Texas 77021 (713-748-0301) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Ms. Dee Dee Watters, 6550 Hillcroft, Houston, Texas 77081 (713-780-8421) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Council Member Stardig moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing from Mr. Travis Sheize out of order, seconded by Council Member Kubosh. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent. MOTION 2014-0420 ADOPTED.

Mr. Travis Sheize, 4001 Shepherd, Houston, Texas 77018 (713-782-8833) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Council Member Kubosh moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of adding Ms. Tierra Ortiz-Rodriguez and Mr. Ivan Ponce to the speakers list and to hear Tim Bacon out of order, seconded by Council Member Stardig. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent. MOTION 2014-0420A ADOPTED.

Council Member Kubosh moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing Ms. Sara Schimmer and Ms. Lenora Sorola-Pohlman out of order, seconded by Council Member Stardig. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent. MOTION 2014-0420B ADOPTED.

Ms. Sarah Schimmer, (no address given, no phone) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Ms. Lenora Sorola-Pohlman, 2314 Tannrhill Dr., Houston, Texas 77008 (713-628-7500) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Mr. Gerald Morris, 2222 White Oak Dr. #32, Houston, Texas 77009 (917-886-8844) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Ms. Celinda Guerra, 1010 Waugh Dr., Houston, Texas 77019 (713-528-6798) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Pastor Freedom Gulley, 3530 Wheeler Ave., Houston, Texas 77004 (832-324-9385) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Mr. Justin Bedford, 19010 Matt Circle, Humble, Texas 77346 appeared in opposition of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Mr. Andrew Edmonson, 3231 Allen Parkway #5101, Houston, Texas 77019 (832-217-0013) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Ms. Dee Young, 7606 Cypress, Humble, Texas 77396 (281-702-7864) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Mr. George Reiter, 7260 Sanfe Dr., Houston, Texas 77061 (713-641-2815) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Mr. Wayne Ashley, 3412 Graustark, Houston, Texas 77006 (713-906-4840) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Ms. Corina Zuniga, 3903 Tripoli Dr., Pasadena, Texas 77505 (832-466-4119) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Ms. Patricia Miles, 10111 Willowgrove, Houston, Texas 77035 (832-212-5363) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Mr. James Quinn, 2714 Holman, Houston, Texas 77004 (832-257-9690) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Mr. Jonathan Saenz, 900 Congress, Austin, Texas 78701 (512-879-7995) appeared, presented information, and stated that he was opposed to Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez, Green and Kubosh absent.

Mr. Carlos I. Ruiz, 4322 Lakewood Dr., Pasadena, Texas 77504 (832-687-3140) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez, Green and Kubosh absent.

Mr. Carmenza Gamero, 2873 Everett, Friendswood, Texas 77546 (713-384-6324) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez, Green and Kubosh absent.

Mr. Mitchell Katine, 1834 Southmore, Houston, Texas 77004 (713-808-1000) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez, Green and Kubosh absent.

Ms. Louise Rodriguez, 4615 Western Branch Court, Houston, Texas 77066 (832-729-6824) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez, Green and Kubosh absent.

Mr. Steve Mays, 911 Avenue K #7, Galveston, Texas 77550 (409-770-3785) appeared in opposition to Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez, Green and Kubosh absent.

Mr. Eric Barvin, 5500 El Camino Del Rey #101, Houston, Texas 77081 (832-487-0974) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez, Green and Kubosh absent.

Mr. Tony Carroll, 3702 Woodhead St., Houston, Texas 77098 (713-527-0000) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez, Green and Kubosh absent.

Mr. Troy Skeen, 4518 Bridgestone Cliff Court, Spring, Texas 77388 (503-910-8115) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez, Green and Kubosh absent.

Ms. Cheryl Young Archer, Post Office Box 940791, Houston, Texas 77094 (713-467-4559) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez, Green and Kubosh absent.

Ms. Bonnie Lugo, 8100 Cambridge St #73, Houston, Texas 77051 (713-725-5501) appeared in opposition of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Mr. Kristopher Bank, 1904 W. Main St., Houston, Texas 77007 (281-797-1507) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Mr. Al Hartman, 2909 Hillcroft, Houston, Texas 77057 (713-467-2222) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Ms. Shirley Kopecky, 6509 Teluco, Houston, Texas 77055 (713-409-0565) appeared in opposition of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Ms. Terri Burke, Post Office Box 8306, Houston, Texas 77288 (713-942-8146) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Rev. Lynette Ross, 4604 Mangum Rd., Houston, Texas 77092 (281-235-5394) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Ms. Cynthia Chappell, 1200 Herman Pressler St., Room 644, Houston, Texas (713-500-9026) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Rev. Dr. Ginny Brown Daniels (no address given) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Ms. Kristen Capps, 8121 Broadway, Ste. 225, Houston, Texas 77061 (281-940-8180) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Mr. Noel Freeman, Post Office Box 66693, Houston, Texas 77266 (713-521-1000) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Ms. Latashia Seward, 15 Charleston Park, Houston 77025 (713-836-0447) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Mr. Rodney James, 914 Red Rock Canyon, Katy, Texas 77450 (832-244-4303) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members

Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Ms. Lynda Sparks, 310 Oyster, Sugarland, Texas 77478 (832-628-3590) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Mr. James Partsch-Galvan, 1611 Holman, Houston, Texas 77004 (713-528-2607) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Ms. Autum Packard, 19203 Bushwood, Spring, Texas 77388 (832-537-0899) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Mr. Jacob Klementich, 7103 S. Gessner, Houston, Texas 77036 (832-596-8187) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Mr. Fred Lewis, 4509 Edgemont, Austin, Texas 78731 (512-636-1389) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Mr. Titus Benny, 12026 Diane Ln., Houston, Texas 77061 (713-320-8475) appeared in opposition of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Mr. Lou Weaver, 1609 Castle Ct., No. 1, Houston, Texas 77006 (832-265-0342) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Ms. Sarah Richards, (no address given) (281-286-9092) appeared in opposition of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Mr. Eric Roberson, 4406 Donna Bell Ln., Houston 77018 (713-397-6755) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Ms. Perri McCary, 2511 Barbee St., Houston, Texas 77004 (713-485-9214) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Mr. Durrel Douglas (no address given) (832-857-5737) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Ms. Sharetha Jackson, 5801 N. Houston Rosslyn, Houston, Texas 77091 (281-903-4655) appeared in opposition of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Ms. Annette Harris, 12210 Natchez Fork Ln., Humble, Texas 77346 (281-852-0971) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Ms. Lura Groen, 111 Fargo St. #B, Houston, Texas 77006 (832-350-0404) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Ms. Marilyn Meeker-Williams, 600 Pecore, Houston, Texas 77009 (713-861-3104) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Boykins, Martin, Nguyen, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Mr. Allan Brain, 4265 San Felipe #1100, Houston, Texas 77027 (713-552-0220) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Mr. Mike Holloman, 1928 Dunstan Rd., Houston, Texas 77005 (713-320-5755) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez, Green and Kubosh absent.

Ms. Angela Pisecco, 4519 Oakshire Dr., Houston, Texas 77027 (713-398-3038) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called.. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez, Green and Kubosh absent.

Mr. Matthew Williams, 3328 Blodgett St, Houston, Texas 77004 (832-528-1473) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called.. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez, Green and Kubosh absent.

Mr. Tom Bacon, 100 Waugh Dr., Houston, Texas 77007 (713-533-5863) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called.. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez, Green and Kubosh absent.

Mr. Pete Porcarello, 1719 Crockett, Houston, Texas 77007 (713-412-2580) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called.. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez, Green and Kubosh absent.

Mr. Tim Bacon, 205 Albany, No. 3, Houston, Texas 77006 (713-443-1191) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Mr. Victor Maritinez, 2008 Crockett, Houston, Texas 77007 (713-899-5956) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Mr. Louis Baez, 1911 Spring St., Houston, Texas 77007 (281-813-0353) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Mr. Dominic Yap, 1847 Dart St., Houston, Texas 77007 (832-531-3911) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Ms. Tania Rivas, 1701 Crockett, Houston, Texas 77007 (939-828-8840) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Mr. Robert Lemus, 2001 Crockett, Houston, Texas 77007 (713-470-6129) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis,

Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Mr. Robert Edwards, 323 P. Terrace Ln., Cedar Hill, Texas 75104 (214-394-0930) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Mr. Ashton Woods appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Mr. Isha Pandent had signed up to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, 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. 55L. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Ms. Pam Goudgau had signed up to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Ms. Tierra Ortiz-Rodriguez, (did not give address) (713-458-8080) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Mr. Aden Ponce appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez 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, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

State Rep. Mary Ann Perez, 101 S. Richey, No. F, Pasadena, Texas 77506 (713-274-2170) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Mr. Ronnie Eastman, 4025 Woodhaven, Houston, Texas 77025 (713-668-8753) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Mr. Dabid Shahab, 3221 Fondren Rd, Houston, Texas 77063 (713-320-6667) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Mr. Francisco Castellanos, 805 E. 25th St., Houston, Texas 77009 (832-859-0642) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Mr. Benjamin Calhoun (no address given) (713-694-6899) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Mr. Tim Miller, 7149 Avenue P, Santa Fe, Texas 77510 (281-960-6183) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Mr. James Whitaker, 3110 Napoleon St., Houston, Texas 77004 (281-840-2812) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Ms. Sylvia Blair, 643 East 101/2 St., Houston, Texas 77008 (713-301-7013) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Mr. Larry Norman, 7238 Tall Pines Dr., Houston, Texas 77088 (281-352-8086) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Mr. John Noflin, 12903 Brent Rock Dr., Houston, Texas 77082 (832-208-1498) appeared, presented information, and stated that he did not apologize for none of the things that he had done at their meeting, and continued to voice his personal opinions until his time expired. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Cohen, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez, Laster and Green absent.

Mr. Kristopher Sharp, 9221 Pagewood Ln., No. 72, Houston, Texas 77063 (832-736-0038) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Cohen, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez, Laster and Green absent.

Ms. Yesenia Chavez, 210 Lena Dr., Houston, Texas 77022 (number not given) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Cohen, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Mr. Mark Eggleston, 11635 Canyon Mills Dr., Houston, Texas 77095 (832-630-5995) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Cohen, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Mr. Darrin Brindle, 11635 Canyon Mills Drive, Houston, Texas 77095 (832-630-5996) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Ms. Amelia Miller, 15506 Stoney Fork Dr., Houston, Texas 77084 (713-824-4087) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Mr. James Lee, 9251 Burdine St., No. 306, Houston, Texas 77096 (281-889-8362) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Mr. Brad Pritchett, 1044 Alexander St. Houston, Texas 77008 (713-898-9734) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Ms. Christina Canales Gorczyński, 1209 Herkimer, No. 6, Houston, Texas 77008 (832-589-9199) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Ms. Beverly Roberts, 818 Silvergate Drive, Houston, Texas 77079 (281-496-0753) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Rev. Troy Treash, 6211 Ash Oak Dr., Houston, Texas 77091 (773-315-9225) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Mr. James Buntrock, 11323 Forest River Ct., Tomball, Texas 77377 (281-251-8944) appeared in opposition of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Mr. Thomas Williams, 2425 Underwood, Unit 157, Houston, Texas 77030 (832-531-4203) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Davis, 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. 55L. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Ms. Fran Watson, 320 Jackson Hill, No. 341, Houston, Texas 77007 (713-726-6149) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez, Green and Kubosh absent.

Mr. David Wilson, 5500 W. 34th, Houston, Texas 77092 (713-202-7983) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Ms. Laila Khalili, (no address and phone number given) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Mr. Lee Decker, 2006 Crockett, Houston, Texas 77007 (832-419-0849) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Ms. Januari Leo, 1415 California St., Houston, Texas 77006 (832-548-5112) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Ms. Melanie Pang, 2300 Old Spanish Trail, Houston, Texas 77054 (832-860-9414) appeared in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Ms. Becca Keo-Meier, 2626 Holly, No. 606, Houston, Texas 77054 (562-508-5425) appeared, presented information, and stated that she was in support of Agenda Item No. 55L. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Mr. Daniel Arp, 827 Park Place Blvd. No. 19, Houston, Texas 77017 (281-513-6611) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

President Joseph Charles, Post Office Box 524373, Houston, Texas 77052-4373 (713-928-2871) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

Note: During the public session many motions were offered to extend time for questions of various speakers, and votes taken, which were not prepared in written form and may be viewed on HTV Houston or on disc. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

At 9:46 p.m. Mayor Parker stated that the City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 14, 2014. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez and Green absent.

The Houston City Council reconvened at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 14, 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 8:30 a.m. Ms. Anna Russell, City Secretary, read the descriptions or captions of items on the Agenda.

At 9:08 a.m. Mayor Parker called the meeting to order and stated that as they knew by the end of the evening, last night, the microphones had pretty much failed, they had reset several times last night, so if they would just queue their microphones on and test them, that they were going to be operating the mikes manually in the back.

Mayor Parker requested the City Secretary to proceed with the consent agenda.

MAYOR'S REPORT

CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 1 through 52

ACCEPT WORK - NUMBER 1

1. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$1,206,531.32 and acceptance of work on contract with **METRO CITY CONSTRUCTION, L.P.** for On-Call Small Diameter Water Line Extensions 19.56% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICTS B - DAVIS; C - COHEN; E - MARTIN; G - PENNINGTON; H - GONZALEZ and K - GREEN** - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0421 ADOPTED.

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS - NUMBERS 4 through 11A

3. ORDINANCE appropriating \$322,451.80 out of Public Health Consolidated Construction Fund for Roof Replacement for the General Services Department at Peavy Senior Center, located at 3814 Market Street on behalf of the Health and Human Services Department – was pulled from the agenda by the administration and was not considered.
- 3a. **JOHN A. WALKER ROOFING CO., INC** for Roof Replacement for the General Services Department on behalf of the Health and Human Services Department - \$293,138.00 and contingencies for a total amount not to exceed \$322,451.80 - **DISTRICT B - DAVIS** – was pulled from the agenda by the administration and was not considered.

4. **LIFE TECHNOLOGIES CORPORATION** for purchase of Genetic Analyzers and a Real Time PCR System for the Houston Police Department - \$422,722.10 - Grant Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0422 ADOPTED.
5. **SELECTION WORKS, LLC** for purchase of Examination Booklets for the Firefighter Entrance Level Examination for the Human Resources Department - \$24,500.00 – Central Services Revolving Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0423 ADOPTED.
6. **ALL BUSINESS MACHINES, INC** for purchase of Gas Chromatograph/Mass Spectrometer System from the State of Texas Procurement and Support Services Contract through the State of Texas Cooperative Purchasing Program for the Department of Public Works & Engineering \$113,535.19 - Enterprise Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0424 ADOPTED.
7. **LINKO DATA SYSTEMS** for purchase of a LIMS Integration, Implementation and Training Services for the Department of Public Works & Engineering - \$96,971.67 – Enterprise Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0425 ADOPTED.
8. ORDINANCE appropriating \$4,328,880.00 out of Miscellaneous Capital Projects/Acquisitions CP-Series E Fund; awarding contract to **MOCA SYSTEMS, INC** for Technical Advisory Services for the Justice Complex Project Managed by the Finance Department for the Houston Police and Municipal Courts Departments; providing a maximum contract amount – had not been received, and the City Secretary announced it would be considered at the end of the Agenda if received during the meeting.
- 8a. **MOCA SYSTEMS, INC** for Technical Advisor Services for the Justice Complex Project Managed by the Finance Department for Houston Police Department and Municipal Court Department – had not been received, and the City Secretary announced it would be considered at the end of the Agenda if received during the meeting.
10. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing an agreement between the City of Houston and **INFOR PUBLIC SECTOR, INC** for purchase of Software Licenses, and Support through the U.S. General Services Administration Contract – had not been received, and the City Secretary announced it would be considered at the end of the Agenda if received during the meeting.
- 10a. **INFOR PUBLIC SECTOR, INC** for purchase of Software Licenses, and Support under the Master Agreement and the U.S. General Services Administration Schedule 70 Contract \$4,913,049.91 – General and Central Service Revolving Funds – had not been received, and the City Secretary announced it would be considered at the end of the Agenda if received during the meeting.
11. ORDINANCE appropriating \$322,542.15 out of Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund for the purchase of Grounds Maintenance Equipment for Various Departments - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0440 ADOPTED.
- 11a. **KUBOTA TRACTOR CORPORATION** - \$62,946.00; **JOHN DEERE COMPANY (Deere & Company)** - \$108,499.60; **LANSDOWNE-MOODY COMPANY, LP** -

\$173,819.64; **PROFESSIONAL TURF PRODUCTS, LP** - \$287,433.35 for purchase of Earthmoving and Grounds Maintenance Equipment through the Interlocal Agreements for Cooperative Purchasing with the Houston Galveston Area Council and the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative (BuyBoard) for the purchase of Grounds Maintenance Equipment for Various Departments \$632,698.59 - Enterprise Funds - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0426 ADOPTED.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES - NUMBERS 13 through 52

13. RESOLUTION of the City Council prescribing the date, time, and location of a Public Hearing on the City Budgets for the time period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015; authorizing notice of such public hearing and making other provisions related to the subject - **HEARING DATE - 1:30 P.M. - TUESDAY - JUNE 3, 2014** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. RESOLUTION 2014-0017 ADOPTED.
14. RESOLUTION add additional recitals as requested by the Granting Agency to Resolution No. 2014-3 that authorized the Municipal Courts Department to submit an application for Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Grant from the Criminal Justice Division of the Office of the Governor of Texas for the Juvenile Case Manager Program Delinquency Prevention Initiative and to accept funds, if awarded - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. RESOLUTION 2014-0018 ADOPTED.
15. ORDINANCE supplementing the City of Houston, Texas Master Ordinance providing for the issuance of Combined Utility System Revenue Obligations and authorizing Issuance of City of Houston, Texas, Combined Utility System First Lien Revenue and Refunding bonds in one or more series designations, authorizing the Mayor and City Controller to approve the amounts, interest rates, prices, and terms thereof and certain other matters relating thereto; providing for the payment thereof; making other provisions regarding such bonds and matters incident thereto; awarding the sale of the bonds; authorizing the defeasance, final payment, and discharge of certain City of Houston, Texas Combined Utility System Commercial Paper Notes, Water & Sewer System Junior Lien Revenue and Refunding Bonds, Series 2004A-1 and Series 2004A-2, Combined Utility System First Lien Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2005, Combined Utility System First Lien Revenue and Refunding Bonds, Series 2006 and Series 2006A and Combined Utility System First Lien Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2007A and Series 2007B; authorizing the execution and delivery of an Escrow Agreement; authorizing the purchase of and subscription for certain Escrowed Securities; authorizing Bond Insurance, Escrow verification and engagement of an Escrow Agent, a Co-Bond Counsel Agreement, and a Special Disclosure Counsel Agreement; authorizing execution and delivery of a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement; and declaring an emergency - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0441 ADOPTED.
20. ORDINANCE accepting a commemorative bronze sculpture of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. into the public art collection of the City of Houston, Texas, and approving and authorizing agreement between the City of Houston and **THE BLACK HERITAGE SOCIETY** for the donation of such work of art - **DISTRICT D - BOYKINS** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0442 ADOPTED.
22. ORDINANCE awarding the contract to **DIVERSIFIED UTILITY CONSULTANTS, INC** for Electric, Gas and Water Regulatory and Technical Professional Consulting Services; providing a maximum contract amount - \$340,000.00 – General Fund - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0443 ADOPTED.

24. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2013-0950 (passed on October 16, 2013) to increase the maximum contract amount and expand the scope of work between the City of Houston and **LEIDOS, INC (formerly Science Applications International Corporation)**; approve and authorize a second amendment to the contract - \$73,345.00 - Grant Fund - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0444 ADOPTED.
25. ORDINANCE awarding a contract to **URS GROUP INCORPORATED** for Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Planning for Cyber Disruption Response Planning - \$290,000.00 - Grant Fund - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0445 ADOPTED.
27. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing the submission of an application to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, for assistance under the General Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Program; declaring the City's Eligibility for such grant; authorizing the Director of the Department of Neighborhoods to act as the City's Representative in the application process, to accept such grant funds, if awarded, and to apply for and accept all subsequent awards, if any, pertaining to the program - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0446 ADOPTED.
28. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing the submission of an application to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, for assistance under the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Program; declaring the City's eligibility for such grant; authorizing the Director of the Department of Neighborhoods to act as the City's representative in the application process, to approve, accept such grant funds, if awarded, and to apply for and accept all subsequent awards, if any, pertaining to the program - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0447 ADOPTED.
29. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2012-925 to increase the maximum contract amount to \$785,000.00 for a contract between the City of Houston and **PORTER HEDGES LLP** to provide construction-related legal services for the Houston Airport System and approving and authorizing Amendment No. 1 to the contract - \$450,000.00 - Enterprise Fund - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0448 ADOPTED.
30. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2012-935 to increase the maximum contract amount to \$345,000.00 for a contract between the City of Houston and **WALTER P. MOORE** for construction-related consulting services for the Houston Airport System and approving and authorizing Amendment No. 1 to the contract - \$100,000.00 - Enterprise Fund - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0449 ADOPTED.
31. ORDINANCE appropriating \$260,784.15 out of Metro Projects Construction DDSRF for the Relocation of a pipeline for the Buffalo Speedway Paving and Drainage: Holmes Road to West Airport Boulevard Project; approving Pipeline Adjustment Reimbursement Agreement with **COPANO NGL SERVICES LLC - DISTRICT K - GREEN** - had not been received, and the City Secretary announced it would be considered at the end of the Agenda if received during the meeting.
33. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,174,000.00 out of Public Health Consolidated Construction Fund and awarding Design/Build Contract between the City of Houston and **DRYMALLA CONSTRUCTION COMPANY** for a 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 - \$1,400,000.00

- Special Waste Transportation & Inspection Fund - **DISTRICT I – GALLEGOS** – had not been received, and the City Secretary announced it would be considered at the end of the Agenda if received during the meeting.
36. ORDINANCE appropriating \$302,200.00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **R. G. MILLER ENGINEERS, INC** for Houston Heights, John Brashear and Memorial Heights Paving and Drainage; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF **DISTRICTS C - COHEN and H - GONZALEZ** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0450 ADOPTED.
37. ORDINANCE appropriating \$358,100.00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **UNITED ENGINEERS, INC** for Potomac and Nantucket Area Drainage and Paving; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF - **DISTRICT G - PENNINGTON** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0451 ADOPTED.
38. ORDINANCE appropriating \$230,000.00 out of Metro Projects Construction DDSRF as an additional appropriation to the Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **NATHELYNE A. KENNEDY & ASSOCIATES, L.P.** for Work Order Bridge Rehabilitation Design/Replacement (approved by Ordinance No. 2013-0010); providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery Relating to construction of facilities financed by the Metro Projects Construction DDSRF - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0452 ADOPTED.
39. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,634,610.00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF as an additional appropriation to the Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **DANNENBAUM ENGINEERING CORPORATION** for Laura Koppe Road Paving And Drainage: Hirsch To Homestead (Approved By Ordinance No. 2013-0309); providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF – **DISTRICT B - BOYKINS** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0453 ADOPTED.
40. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,017,000.00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **HUITT-ZOLLARS, INC** for Linkwood Drainage and Paving; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF – **DISTRICT K - GREEN** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0454 ADOPTED.
42. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,268,452.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **KIT PROFESSIONALS, INC** for Wastewater Force Main Renewal and Replacement; 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; G – PENNINGTON and I - GALLEGOS** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0455 ADOPTED.

44. ORDINANCE appropriating \$100,000.00 out of Metro Projects Construction DDSRF and \$100,000.00 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF-A; approving and authorizing a Professional Construction Management and Inspection Services Agreement between the City of Houston and **GUNDA CORPORATION** for Storm Water and Paving Projects - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0456 ADOPTED.
45. ORDINANCE appropriating \$40,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Construction Management and Inspection Services Contract between the City of Houston and **INFRASTRUCTURE ASSOCIATES, INC** for Waterline and Sanitary Sewer Projects; providing funding construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0457 ADOPTED.
46. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,072,643.00 out of Metro Projects Construction DDSRF: awarding a contract to **TRAFFIC SYSTEMS CONSTRUCTION, INC** for Citywide Intersection Redesign And Street Safety Improvements #3; 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 Metro Projects Construction DDSRF - **DISTRICTS A - STARDIG; E - MARTIN and K - GREEN** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0458 ADOPTED.
47. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,993,610.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding a contract to **BRH-GARVER CONSTRUCTION, L.P.** for Chasewood Lift Station Replacement and Willowchase Lift Station Diversion; 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 and K - GREEN** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0459 ADOPTED.
49. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,983,099.81 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding a contract to **GRAVA LLC**, for Waterline Rehab and Replacement Project II; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the city; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering and testing, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0460 ADOPTED.
50. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,718,900.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding a contract to **BLASTCO TEXAS, INC**, for Rehabilitation of Water Storage Tanks at Various Locations - Package 3; 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 - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0461 ADOPTED.

51. ORDINANCE appropriating \$2,345,600.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding a contract to **METRO CITY CONSTRUCTION, L.P.** 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 D – BOYKINS; E - MARTING AND I - GALLEGOS** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0462 ADOPTED.
52. ORDINANCE No. 2014-0427, passed first reading May 7, 2014
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 - **SECOND READING** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0427 PASSED SECOND READING IN FULL

MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA WERE CONSIDERED AS FOLLOWS:

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS

2. **VIRTUO GROUP CORPORATION** for purchase of Professional Services for Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity Framework - \$500,000.00 - Grant Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Christie.

Council Member Christie stated that he wanted to recommend when they passed the cyber security program, for whoever oversaw that, to check with the Exxon Corporation because they were supposed to have some of the best cyber security in the world and it may save the City some dollars on making theirs the best City Information Technology Systems Cyber Security in the world.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that the City did have a representative on the Greater Houston Partnership Cyber Security Task Force, so there was a discussion with the big players Council Member Christie mentioned and others, there was a collaborative effort as well to determine best practice.

A vote was called on Item No. 2. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0427 ADOPTED.

9. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,704,739.14 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund for spending authority to purchase Software Licenses and Integration Services for Public Works & Engineering Department – was presented.

Council Member Laster stated that ultimately he would like to tag the item, but if there were members around the table who would like to discuss it he would release his tag on Item Numbers 9 and 9a, and asked if 10 and 10a were not in right now were they taggable, and

Mayor Parker stated no, and Council Member Laster stated that it would be his intention to tag those two items today if they came in, that he would release his tags for the purpose of discussion, and Council Member Green stated that he would support the tag.

After discussion by Council Member Boykins, Mayor Parker stated that because they had no Council meeting next week anything delayed today would be delayed for two weeks and people would have to work overtime to finalize the contract and they had a very short window, that the IT Director, Mr. Charles Thompson, was in the back and they could bring him forward, that it was her understanding that it would simply jam them up on executing the contract, it would not cause a financial impact, that this particular item was extending an existing contract, or the purchase of an existing contract that they already had, that Item No. 10a was a major implementation contract.

Upon questions by Council Members Boykins, Bradford, Kubosh, Laster, Davis, Stardig, Pennington, Martin, Green and Gonzalez, Mr. Thompson stated that because they did not have a meeting next week it put pressure on being able to fully execute the contract, based on their purchase agreement through GSA, a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement, they had the opportunity to leverage a 68% discount if they could execute the full contract by May 30, 2014, that the initial purchase, if they executed before May 30, 2014, afforded them the opportunity to save \$1.5 million in purchasing and then based on that purchase price before May 30, 2014, would save \$300,000 annually on maintenance.

Mayor Parker stated that the tag was not going to cost them any money, the tag was going to put a tremendous burden on personnel trying to execute the contract in the time remaining.

Council Member Laster stated that he was moving to tag Item Numbers 9 and 9a so that they as Council Members could have a little time to absorb this, that ultimately Council may choose to vote for these products, that where he sat today he did not have a comfort level that they had a public discussion about a major item that would require multiple companies, he believed, that should be bidding on this project to get the best deal, that he believed the departments had the wherewithal to make the contract work, if they were at the end of the month, to make it work, they were suggesting about a 68% discount, of what, how do they know what the discount was compared to the fact that they had not done any independent bids or discussions, those were his thought processes and that was why he was asking to tag the items and would continue to tag them throughout the day.

Mayor Parker stated that she thought there may be some confusion between Item Numbers 9 and 9a and 10 and 10a, that 9 and 9a referenced an extension of licenses for software that they already had within the Public Works Department, 10 and 10a was the massive expansion to which Council Member Laster referenced, they were well on the way to addressing the concerns that he raised, yes, every potential user department in the City had been engaged, there was a robust conversation, but she thought that was 10 and 10a and was going to ask Mr. Thompson to explain the difference between the two items.

Mr. Thompson stated that Item Numbers 9 and 9a were extending software and implementation of working solutions from the provider listed for Public Works, the importance were the divisions within Public Works that used software, revenue generating sections of Public Works, and the reason why it was listed separately was to insure that they could talk about it separately and to protect the revenue of the City, that Item Numbers 9 and 9a and 10 and 10a were separate items, however downstream 9a had an impact on the savings of 10 and 10a.

After further discussion by Council Members, Council Member Boykins asked

Mr. Dave Feldman, City Attorney, if they could execute the contract, if it was tagged and delayed, in two days, and Mr. Feldman stated that it was highly unlikely, the contract itself would be executed beforehand, that was not the question, the question was getting the requisite approvals.

After further discussion by Council Members, Council Member Laster stated that he would tag Item No. 9. Council Member Gallegos absent.

Mayor Parker stated that Council Member Laster had tagged Item 9 and had ended the discussion on the item. Council Member Gallegos absent.

- 9a. **INFOR PUBLIC SECTOR, INC** - \$3,363,050.80; **CLOUDNEXA, INC** - \$1,500,000.00; **PRECISION TASK GROUP** - \$632,000.00 for Spending Authority to purchase Software Licenses, Software Maintenance, Integration Services, and Cloud Computing Services from the General Services Administration Schedule 70 Contract and the Texas Department of Information Resources through the Cooperative Purchasing Program for the Department of Public Works & Engineering - \$5,495,050.80 - Enterprise and Dedicated Drainage & Street Renewal Funds – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford, and tagged by Council Member Laster. Council Member Gallegos absent.

Items received during the meeting.

Mayor Parker stated that Item Numbers 10 and 10a had been received and asked the City Secretary to call the items. Council Member Gallegos absent.

10. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing an agreement between the City of Houston and **INFOR PUBLIC SECTOR, INC** for purchase of Software Licenses, and Support through the U.S. General Services Administration Contract – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Laster. Council Member Gallegos absent.
- 10a. **INFOR PUBLIC SECTOR, INC** for purchase of Software Licenses, and Support under the Master Agreement and the U.S. General Services Administration Schedule 70 Contract \$4,913,049.91 – General and Central Service Revolving Funds – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford, and tagged by Council Member Laster. Council Member Gallegos absent.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

12. RESOLUTION designating the High First Ward Area of the City of Houston as a Historic District **DISTRICT H – GONZALEZ** – was presented. Council Member Gallegos absent.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that he fully supported the item, but knew that some of his colleagues, in talking with them, had some questions about the district and the boundaries, so in an effort to make sure they felt comfortable and could get some of their questions answered he would tag Item No. 12, and Council Member Stardig stated that she would join in the tag so she would get a response as well.

Mayor Parker stated that if Council Members would let them know that they had questions about the item they would be happy to respond.

Council Member Pennington stated that he would like to ask a question, and Council Members Gonzalez and Stardig removed their tags for purposes of discussion.

Council Member Pennington stated that he had looked at the map of the proposed area and there was substantial gerrymandering, that he knew that was all authorized by the Planning Department to get the 67% vote, but he wondered if there was some way in order to create a little more uniformity in the boundaries that there would be some way that Planning proponents could propose building construction requirements to get more lots in to a historic district that would maybe not be absolutely conforming, but give more uniformity, that he thought in the long run it would be better if they did have more tools rather than just exclude an area down until they got 67% of the vote, that he did not know what exactly that would entail, that this was a small area to begin with and when they started gerrymandering around some of the houses were covered and some were not.

Mayor Parker stated that she would be cautious of the word gerrymandering, which was really designed to keep the undesirables out, that she preferred to see uniformed boundaries, she thought it better protected the neighborhoods and the historic assets, but they had given the Planning Director the ability to draw those boundaries to keep people out who did not want to be in, that this was actually designed to give flexibility so that they could protect their historic assets and those who voted for it could be included and if there were large swaths that voted against it, even though they were a contributing structures, they could be kept out of the district, that she found that, frankly, very frustrating, but they created it for a reason, to give maximum flexibility to respond neighborhood needs, that if a vacant lot was in the historic district it would have to conform to certain design standards, that she was not interested in opening up the Historic Preservation Ordinance, unless in fact they made it stronger.

Council Member Boykins stated that if he was not mistaken this was in Council Member Gonzalez district and he met with the group yesterday and he was very impressed on how they went out with the first proposed boundaries and realized that 60% or 30% or whatever it was the homeowners had to agree, that it did not come back in so they redrew the lines to accommodate the neighbors and he was really impressed, so if there was anything that he could do to help with this Council Member Gonzalez had his support on it.

Mayor Parker stated that Item No. 12 had been tagged by Council Members Gonzalez and Stardig.

16. ORDINANCE approving a first amendment to lease agreement between the City of Houston, Texas, as landlord, and **J.B. SMITH MFG. CO., LLC**, as tenant, for approximately 5,400 rentable square feet of real property located under the overpass in the space between the east side of the railroad tracks and west of Terminal Road, Houston, Harris County, Texas, for use by tenant as parking space - Revenue - **DISTRICT I - GALLEGOS** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0463 ADOPTED.
17. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing an agreement between the City of Houston, Texas, and **THE HOUSTON PARKS BOARD** to accept an assignment of a purchase and sale agreement to acquire approximately 32.187 acres of property to be added to the Houston Sports Park located on South Kirby Drive - **DISTRICT D - BOYKINS** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0464 ADOPTED.
18. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing a second amendment to the Memorial Park Development Agreement between the City of Houston and **THE MEMORIAL PARK CONSERVANCY** for the Houston Parks and Recreation Department to amend the scope of work for the Seymour Lieberman Trail and Council Authorization of improvements to Memorial Park – **DISTRICTS C - COHEN AND G - PENNINGTON** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Costello absent. ORDINANCE 2014-0465 ADOPTED.

19. ORDINANCE making findings concerning the permanent taking of approximately 0.2125 acres of **BRAEBURN GLEN PARK** in connection with a project to Renovate Fire Station No. 68 and to expand the parking lot for the Fire Station - **DISTRICT J - LASTER** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. ORDINANCE 2014-0466 ADOPTED.
21. ORDINANCE relating to the Retail Gas Utility Rates of **CENTERPOINT ENERGY RESOURCES CORP. D/B/A CENTERPOINT ENERGY ENTEX and as CENTERPOINT ENERGY TEXAS GAS**; approving suspension of an interim rate adjustment and otherwise maintaining current rates in effect until changed – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. ORDINANCE 2014-0467 ADOPTED.
23. ORDINANCE accepting the proposal from **AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL GROUP**, through National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, PA., a Member Company, and approving and authorizing the purchase of a Commercial Crime Insurance Policy for Public Employee Dishonesty \$78,634.00 – Property and Casualty Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. ORDINANCE 2014-0468 ADOPTED.
26. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Economic Development Agreement between the City of Houston, Texas, **TRENDMAKER CLEAR LAKE LLC**, and **CLEAR DORADO LAND ASSOCIATES, L.P.** for the Construction of certain public works and improvements - **DISTRICT E - MARTIN** – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Martin. Council Member Boykins absent.
32. 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 building line block pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas - **DISTRICT C - COHEN** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. ORDINANCE 2014-0469 ADOPTED.
34. ORDINANCE appropriating \$199,000.00 out of Public Health Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **HMA CONSULTING, INC** for Department Wide Security Upgrades; providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Public Health Consolidated Construction Fund – **DISTRICTS B - DAVIS; C - COHEN; D - BOYKINS; H - GONZALEZ; I - GALLEGOS; J - LASTER and K - GREEN** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. ORDINANCE 2014-0470 ADOPTED.
35. ORDINANCE appropriating \$11,700.00 out of Metro Projects Construction DDSRF; approving and authorizing an advance funding agreement between the City of Houston and **THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION** for the Construction of Buffalo Speedway Overpass Railroad Grade Separation - **DISTRICT K - GREEN** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. ORDINANCE 2014-0471 ADOPTED.
41. ORDINANCE appropriating \$500,000.00 out of Metro Construction – Other Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **JAYMARK ENGINEERING CORPORATION** for Safe Sidewalk Program; providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the

Metro Construction – Other Fund – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Boykins absent. ORDINANCE 2014-0472 ADOPTED.

43. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,027,456.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **KLOTZ ASSOCIATES, INC** for Northbrook Diversion and Abandonment Phase 1 – Construction of Proposed Williamcrest Lift Station And Gravity Diversion Of Willow Meadow Lift Station; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund – **DISTRICT J - LASTER and K – GREEN** - was presented.

Council Member Green stated that this was an appropriation for a lift station that would service a street in their district, Williams Crest, that did not have City services, water or sewer, but the lift station would provide service for the surrounding area, as well as this area, whenever it came onto the City rolls with regard to City services, that it was his request that they could get some assistance in getting water and sewer for the residents who lived on this particular street and City services as sidewalks, they have had a public meeting and had Legal and Public Works out there to see if they could get some assistance, and would ask Mayor Parker for her assistance in working through this, and Mayor Parker stated that it was noted.

A vote was called on Item No. 43. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0473 ADOPTED.

48. ORDINANCE appropriating \$22,154,500.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund, awarding a contract to **BRH-GARVER CONSTRUCTION, L.P.**, for Lift Station Renewal and Replacement, 54-Inch Gravity Sewer Line; 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 and sewer system consolidated construction fund - **DISTRICTS C - COHEN and J - LASTER** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0474 ADOPTED.

NON CONSENT AGENDA - NUMBER 53

MISCELLANEOUS

53. **SET A PUBLIC HEARING DATE** regarding the designation of a Tax Abatement Reinvestment Zone for Breckenridge Group Houston Texas, LP - **DISTRICT I – GALLEGOS - SUGGESTED HEARING DATE - 9:00 A.M. - WEDNESDAY - MAY 28, 2014** – was presented.

Council Member Gonzalez moved to set 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 28, 2014, for a public hearing regarding the designation of a Tax Abatement Reinvestment Zone for Breckenridge Group Houston Texas, LP, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0428 ADOPTED.

MATTERS HELD - NUMBERS 54 through 55L

54. 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 – **(This was Item**

11 on Agenda of May 7, 2014, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER KUBOSH) - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0475 ADOPTED.

54a. MOTION by Council Member Bradford/Seconded by Council Member Gonzalez to adopt recommendation from Purchasing Agent to award to **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 – **(This was Item 11a on Agenda of May 7, 2014, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER KUBOSH)** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0429 ADOPTED.

55. **WRITTEN MOTION by Council Member Cohen to amend Item 55L 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:" - **(TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS LASTER AND COHEN)** – was presented.

Mayor Parker stated that it was her intention, as always, to go down the amendments as presented, it was also her understanding that there was going to be a request to delay the main item as amended, that there was some discussion about whether to delay each individual proposed amendment, her strong request to Council was that they vote on the amendments that had been presented, amend the main item, and if it was the desire of the body to delay final consideration for two weeks she would prefer that they delay the fully amended item so that people would not feel that there were a lot of moving parts still out there.

After discussion by Council Members Bradford Boykins and Pennington, a vote was called

on Item No. 55. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0430 ADOPTED.

55a. WRITTEN MOTION by Council Member Green to amend Item 55L as follows:

"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." – (**TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS LASTER AND COHEN**) – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0431 ADOPTED.

55b. WRITTEN MOTION by Council Member Davis to amend Item 55L as follows:

"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 – (**TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS LASTER AND COHEN**) – was presented.

Mayor Parker stated that she had indicated that there would be no surprises and hoped that Council Members responded appropriately.

A vote was called on Item No. 55b. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0432 ADOPTED.

55c. WRITTEN MOTION by Council Member Gallegos to amend Item 55L 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.” - (**TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS LASTER AND COHEN**) - was presented.

After discussion by Council Members Christie, Gallegos, Costello, Pennington and Boykins, Mayor Parker stated that she could not contemplate any changes to the ordinance that would impact this or vice versa, this was a standalone piece of the ordinance, it was just a question of whether they believed it should apply to small businesses or only to the largest businesses, and would bring the City Attorney into the question.

Mr. Feldman stated that it was important to understand that this related only to the section, the article of the ordinance, dealing with discrimination of employment, no amendment that had been offered, other than the Gallegos amendment, changes that article in any way, in a very simple and straightforward it prohibits discrimination against any individual on the basis of a protected characteristic, it did not or would not change by any amendment, so what they had today was what they would have at the end of the day, regardless of when the end of the day was, that if it remained at 50 then employers with less than 15 employees would not be covered by the ordinance, and he would add, what Council Member Gallegos was proposing was consistent with the evolution of Civil Rights Laws generally, when Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 was initially passed it was more than 15 employees, and Congress provided that it would go down to 15 employees after a certain period of time, which it did.

A vote was called on Item No. 55c and a roll call vote was called.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Mayor Parker voting aye	Council Member Gallegos voting aye
Council Member Stardig voting no	Council Member Laster voting aye
Council Member Davis voting aye	Council Member Green voting aye
Council Member Cohen voting aye	Council Member Costello voting aye
Council Member Boykins voting no	Council Member Robinson voting aye
Council Member Martin voting no	Council Member Kubosh voting no
Council Member Nguyen voting aye	Council Member Bradford voting aye
Council Member Pennington voting no	Council Member Christie voting no
Council Member Gonzalez voting aye	MOTION 2014-0433 ADOPTED.

55d. WRITTEN MOTION by Council Member Gonzalez to amend Item 55L as follows:

“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." - **TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS LASTER AND COHEN** – was presented.

Mayor Parker stated that she understood Council Member Davis may offer a substitute on this item.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that he appreciated all of the hard work by the community leaders and the administration on this important issue and yielded to Council Member Davis and stated that he fully supported his motion to amend Item 55L.

Council Member Davis offered the following substitute motion for Item No. 55d:

"I move to amend Section 17-51 of Exhibit A of the proposed ordinance, Item 55L on the May 14, 2014 Agenda, by deleting subsection (b) of Section 17-51 in its entirety, and re-lettering the remaining subsections accordingly."

Council Member Davis stated that around the horseshoe there was a letter and information that was going out on the radio, a discussion and dialog, the letter was from Alliance Defending Freedom, and asked the City Attorney to address it as it related to 17-51(b), and to the people in the gallery, even if Section 17-51(b), the bathroom language, was removed, places of public accommodation would still be forced to allow biological males to use the women's restrooms, locker rooms, etc..

Mr. Feldman stated that in fact the letter contented that it would make it more so the case, by eliminating (b), that they needed to understand that in every other City that had a Non Discrimination Ordinance, and there were many that did, the language that was in (b) did not exist, the language that was in (a), which made it unlawful for any place of public accommodation to intentionally discriminate against any person on the basis of any protective characteristic, that was the language that was in any other ordinance, their ordinance was unique because they had (b) in it, so to the extent that people were saying that by taking out (b) they were somehow opening up a flood gate to the use of restrooms by people of the opposite sex, that was just wrongheaded, it had not occurred in any of the other cities, including Dallas, that the effect, when they looked at (b), people were focusing entirely on the good faith defense, but they were missing the first sentence of (b), which was really the most important sentence, the first sentence of (b) stated, "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 was consistent with an appropriate to that persons expression of gender identity", that was essentially an affirmative statement of the right of an individual to go into a restroom in accordance with their expression of gender identity, the reason why they then put in the good faith defense, which was the further part of (b), was to give a proprietor an opportunity to defend him or herself from denying someone entry into a restroom because they did not believe that person's gender identity matched the designation of the restroom, effectively then what (b) did was put the burden of proof on the proprietor, instead of the opposite way around, by taking out (b) they then go simply back to basic, conventional, Civil Rights Law, which was that a person who had been excluded, a person who had been denied a service, if they made a complaint, they were going to have to establish that the reason why they were excluded was intentional discrimination based on a protected characteristic, so the burden then stayed with the complainant instead of shifting to the proprietor.

Mayor Parker stated that she thought unintentional misinformation delivered and

misinformation flying around about this, that other than the need to consume food there was no other more basic human need than to be able to eliminate waste, it was inhuman to expect people who were in transition to have to search for the nearest gender neutral bathroom under extreme circumstances, and their thought, when they were drafting the language, was that they knew people would focus on the issue of transgender use of public restrooms, because that was what had been focused upon every other time these kind of ordinances had been passed, and they thought it was important to say that people ought to have the right to safe, appropriate, public accommodation in toileting, and by putting the language there they were affirming that opportunity, they put it up front so that everybody could see where the controversy was and they thought they could have a productive conversation around it, but instead everybody focused on that, as they always expected them to do, but they focused on the language, and it was clear that the language had become a distraction and one of the first rules of negotiating was when they started getting in trouble to stop talking, so they defaulted to the original language which placed all of the protected categories on an even footing, and did not single out the transgender community, that she wanted to offer a strong thanks to Council Member Gonzalez for offering his amendment, which was an attempt to further clarify the verbiage that they had put in, that Council Member Davis' cut through all that and simply removed the language, and that was the appropriate thing to do, now all of the intended protected groups, under the ordinance, were treated exactly the same, and that was the intent and the effect of Council Member Davis' amendment.

After discussion Council Member Bradford stated that he would tag Council Member Davis' motion to amend Item No. 55L, and Council Member Christie stated that he would also tag the motion.

Council Member Gonzalez moved to allow him to withdraw Item No. 55d, seconded by Council Member Christie. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0434 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated that the offered substitute amendment to Item No. 55d by Council Member Davis had been tagged, and Item No. 55d had been withdrawn.

Mayor Parker stated that they were on Item No. 55e by Council Member Pennington.

Council Member Pennington stated that he filed six proposed amendments and would like to withdraw Item Numbers 55e, 55f, 55h and 55j.

55e. WRITTEN MOTION by Council Member Pennington to amend Item 55L as follows:

"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"*. – **(TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS LASTER AND COHEN)** – was presented.

Council Member Pennington stated that he would withdraw Item No. 55e.

55f. WRITTEN MOTION by Council Member Pennington to amend Item 55L as follows:

"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." – **(TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS LASTER AND COHEN)** – was presented.

Council Member Pennington stated that he would withdraw Item No. 55f.

55g. WRITTEN MOTION by Council Member Pennington to amend Item 55L as follows:

"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. – (TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS LASTER AND COHEN) – was presented.

After discussion by Council Member Pennington, Mayor Parker stated that she would ask Mr. Feldman for a response on this issue, that the administration thought it was unnecessary and in appropriate, that they were talking about Item No. 55g,

Mr. Feldman stated that he thought what Item No. 55g effectively did was remove the ability of the Inspector General to investigate to determine whether or not in fact there had been intentional discrimination, if someone could overcome a claim of discrimination by simply submitting an affidavit saying that they did not discriminate effectively they were doing away with the prohibition against discrimination in its entirety, that he simply did not see how this worked in the context of an ordinance where they had an obligation to investigate a complaint to determine whether or not intentional discrimination had occurred, that accepting an affidavit as true, and as essentially an absolute defense, was basically denigrating the very concept of intentional discrimination, that why would they take away from the fact finder the ability to ascertain whether or not the claim had merit.

Mayor Parker stated that Council Member Pennington would like the ability of someone, in response to compliant, to assert a reason for discriminating and that closes the investigation, and Mr. Feldman stated that these very factors that were identified in the proposed amendment, were exactly what the Inspector General would be looking at, it was just a question of whether they accepted an affidavit as being a statement of fact, or they had the opportunity to investigate, they would still be looking at the same factors, and Mayor Parker stated that it was the administration's hope that Council would vote this down because, in essence, it took the ability of the Inspector General to investigate complaints.

After further discussion by Council Members Gonzalez, Green, Bradford, Pennington, Boykins, Martin and Kubosh, Council Member Kubosh moved a friendly amendment “on the first offense”, and Council Member Pennington stated that he would accept that.

Mayor Parker stated that the Office of Inspector General already had the ability to investigate complaints, they would take affidavits and statements and a range of information and consider that, and the first charge of the OIG was to try to resolve the complaint without moving it forward, to get the parties together to explain if both parties agreed to mediate, there were a lot of steps before they ever got to judicial process, and Mr. Feldman stated that was correct, an ordinance of this kind did not work if they had to prosecute people in Municipal Court, it worked if they could conciliate and achieve voluntary compliance, the Inspector General, as a matter of course, would be receiving a sworn statement from the individual who was accused of engaging in discrimination, that happened anyway, that was part of the regular procedure of the Office of the Inspector General, that the amendment said that if the affidavit was received then the complaint shall be dismissed, that he would have great concerns, as City Attorney, that this basically took the whole investigative scheme and turned it on its head, that as City Attorney he had to emphasize that this would gut the ability of the Inspector General, and would also like to say, with respect to Council Member Kubosh friendly amendment, the question he would have was what first offense were they talking about, any first offense of discrimination on any basis, a first offense as to a particular individual, he did not understand it.

Council Member Boykins asked Mr. Feldman if they took out where it said “Office of Inspector General shall” and changed it to “may dismiss” would it make a difference, and Mayor Parker stated that the Inspector General already had the ability to dismiss, that it would just make it more difficult.

A roll call vote was called on Item No. 55g.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Mayor Parker voting no	Council Member Gallegos voting no
Council Member Stardig voting no	Council Member Laster voting no
Council Member Davis voting no	Council Member Green voting no
Council Member Cohen voting no	Council Member Costello voting no
Council Member Boykins voting no	Council Member Robinson voting no
Council Member Martin voting no	Council Member Kubosh voting aye
Council Member Nguyen voting no	Council Member Bradford voting no
Council Member Pennington voting aye	Council Member Christie voting no
Council Member Gonzalez voting no	MOTION 2014-0435 FAILED.

55h. **WRITTEN MOTION by Council Member Pennington to amend Item 55L as follows:**
“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” – (**TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS LASTER AND COHEN**) – was presented.

Council Member Pennington stated that he would withdraw Item No. 55h.

55i. **WRITTEN MOTION by Council Member Pennington to amend Item 55L as follows:**
“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.” – **(TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS LASTER AND COHEN)** – was presented.

After discussion by Council Members Pennington, Boykins, Kubosh, Cohen and Bradford, Mayor Parker stated that the reason that something like this was not already in the ordinance was that Municipal Court Judges already had the discretion to do this exactly, this guaranteed a second bite at the apple, that they believed it was within the discretion of a Municipal Court Judge to decide on a dismissal or deferred adjudication and that was the appropriate place for the discretion to be rather than an amendment that removed all discretion from a Municipal Court Judge; that she would submit that making use of the courts in the legal process was the only way they had achieved civil rights in the United States.

A vote was called on Item No. 55i. Council Members Kubosh and Pennington voting aye, balance voting no. MOTION 2014-0436 FAILED.

55j. **WRITTEN MOTION by Council Member Pennington to amend Item 55L as follows:** “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.” – **(TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS LASTER AND COHEN)** – was presented.

Council Member Pennington stated that he would withdraw Item No. 55j.

55k. **MOTION by Council Member Bradford/seconded by Council Member Laster** to amend Item 55L to incorporate “in accordance with federal law” into Section 17-122(a)(2) – **(TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS LASTER AND COHEN)** – was presented.

After discussion by Council Members Bradford and Laster a vote was called on Item No.

55k. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0437 ADOPTED.

55l. **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 – **(These was Item 14 on Agenda of May 7, 2014, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS LASTER and COHEN)** - was presented.

Mayor Parker stated that Council Member Gonzalez had passed out a written amendment, it basically allowed them to take care of housekeeping in the ordinance, no matter what Council Members changed and she would urge their support.

Council Member Gonzalez offered the following written motion to amend Item No. 55l:

“To allow the City Attorney to undertake such nonsubstantive changes to the adopted amendments to Item No. 55L that are necessary to conform the amendments to the publishing conventions used for ordinances that are included in the Code of Ordinances.”

A vote was called on Council Member Gonzalez written motion to amend Item No. 55l. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0438 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated that there was a proposed amendment to Item No. 55l that was

tagged earlier and she understood it was the will of Council to delay the main item so that amendment could be fully vetted, that she wanted to remind Council Members and the public that they had a Council break week already established for next week and then they would be coming back on the day after Memorial Day, so they would have a consolidated Council meeting on Wednesday, May 28, 2014, that she suggested to all Council Members, if they chose to do this that they clear their calendars for the day because they would have the public session and the business session both on Wednesday, that she also wanted to state for the record that she was in full support of the language in the original ordinance, she was in full support of Council Member Gonzalez's substitute language and had that remained she would have voted for it, but she certainly thanked Council Member Davis for offering some language that put all of the protected groups on even footing and gave them the opportunity to say this was about what they said originally when they started this process, they did not have an ordinance that applied to anyone, so this ordinance would now treat everyone equally, if they in fact ultimately passed Council Member Davis' amendment.

Council Member Laster moved to postpone Item No. I, as amended, for two weeks, seconded by Council Member Christie.

Council Member Boykins requested that the City Legal Department incorporate all of the amendments that had passed today into a single document for review and hopefully they could get them by Friday, and Mayor Parker stated that was the intent of trying to get as much of this as possible done today as they could, that they would get it as quickly as they could.

After further discussion by Council Members Cohen, Gallegos, Boykins and Kubosh, Mayor Parker stated that she appreciated their optimism and no doubt two weeks from now they would come to a conclusion on this ordinance, that as she had stated throughout this process, it had been remarkably respectful and civil, and she had not heard name calling, the process here had been unlike any other City in America, and they should be proud of that, but she had to say that this was intensely personal, and the idea that they were going to be able to resolve an issue where someone could come before this body and say that they must have the right to discriminate in order to follow their religion, she did not think they were going to be able to resolve in the next two weeks, so they were going to have to make a hard vote, some Council Members were going to have to make a hard vote in two weeks, but it was personal, it was not academic, it was her life that was being discussed, and while they could say around the Council Chamber that it applied to the range of protected groups, and it did, and it was right and appropriate that the City of Houston finally acknowledges a local ordinance that respected African Americans, Hispanics and those of different religions, the debater was about her, the debate was about two gay men at the Council table, it was very intensely personal, and she did not think it was appropriate to forget that.

A roll call vote was called on Council Member Laster's motion to postpone Item No. 55I for two weeks.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Mayor Parker voting aye
Council Member Stardig voting aye
Council Member Davis voting aye
Council Member Cohen voting no
Council Member Boykins voting aye
Council Member Martin voting no
Council Member Nguyen voting aye
Council Member Pennington voting aye
Council Member Gonzalez voting no

Council Member Gallegos voting no
Council Member Laster voting aye
Council Member Green voting aye
Council Member Costello voting no
Council Member Robinson voting aye
Council Member Kubosh voting aye
Council Member Bradford voting aye
Council Member Christie voting aye
MOTION 2014-0435 ADOPTED.

Items received during the meeting.

8. ORDINANCE appropriating \$4,328,880.00 out of Miscellaneous Capital Projects/Acquisitions CP-Series E Fund; awarding contract to **MOCA SYSTEMS, INC** for Technical Advisory Services for the Justice Complex Project Managed by the Finance Department for the Houston Police and Municipal Courts Departments; providing a maximum contract amount – was presented.

Council Member Pennington stated that they had not received any details about the item, that he wondered when they were going to get a report, that he would like to have some input on this.

Mayor Parker stated that this was discussed at the Fiscal Affairs Committee meeting, this was the selection of a technical advisor to help sort through the issues, that they had a timeline and were in critical need of a new criminal justice facility, but they were committed to making monthly or bimonthly reports as the Chair dictates to the Fiscal Affairs Committee through this process and if he felt he needed more information on this particular agenda item it was taggable.

Council Members Pennington and Kubosh stated that they would tag Item No. 8.

- 8a. **MOCA SYSTEMS, INC** for Technical Advisor Services for the Justice Complex Project Managed by the Finance Department for Houston Police Department and Municipal Court Department – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Costello, and tagged by Council Members Pennington and Kubosh.
31. ORDINANCE appropriating \$260,784.15 out of Metro Projects Construction DDSRF for the Relocation of a pipeline for the Buffalo Speedway Paving and Drainage: Holmes Road to West Airport Boulevard Project; approving Pipeline Adjustment Reimbursement Agreement with **COPANO NGL SERVICES LLC - DISTRICT K – GREEN** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0476 ADOPTED.
33. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,174,000.00 out of Public Health Consolidated Construction Fund and awarding Design/Build Contract between the City of Houston and **DRYMALLA CONSTRUCTION COMPANY** for a 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 - \$1,400,000.00 - Special Waste Transportation & Inspection Fund - **DISTRICT I – GALLEGOS** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2014-0477 ADOPTED.

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Gallegos announced events that he attended or would be attending; and stated that last week he shared with District I constituents and City Council colleagues, through their monthly E newsletter, his support for renovating Gus Wortham Golf Course, that over the past five months he had met with dozens of residents, community leaders and public officials about the future of Gus Wortham Park Golf Course, that those in favor of a renovated golf course and those who preferred to see a botanic garden, in his opinion, they could have both and he would work hard to insure that both were in District I, that there were approximately \$55 million waiting to be invested in their community, that was why he supported a \$15 million Capital Campaign to raise private funds to renovate Gus Wortham and a \$40 million Capital Campaign to raise private funds for the Houston Botanical Garden at Glenbrook Park Golf Course, that he strongly believed both projects, when completed, would attract tourism and spur economic development throughout their community and the City, that as the Mayor

announced last week at her press conference, they had begun discussions on terms of agreement for a botanical garden at Glenbrook and renovations at Gus Wortham, they had stressed that a renovated golf course must include other public amenities that everyone could enjoy, such as a jogging path along the parameter, bayou launch site for kayaks and canoes and a dog run, it must also include a club house, with a reception hall and space for a restaurant with outdoor dining so that all of the residents in the surrounding area could enjoy the green space, the dozens that he had over the past five months had been invaluable and helped shape his decision, that he deeply appreciated everyone's passion, commitment and love for Gus Wortham and their community. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Laster, Kubosh and Bradford absent.

Council Member Stardig announced events that she attended or would be attending. Council Members Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Kubosh and Bradford absent.

Council Member Nguyen announced events that he attended or would be attending; and stated that he wanted to welcome JD Clowney to the Houston, Texans; that today was Mr. Tony Topping, District A, last day with the City Council and would like to wish him well. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Pennington, Kubosh and Bradford absent.

Council Member Christi stated that he wanted to remind Council Members that they unanimously passed the Capillary Electro Genetic Analyzers today, it was only one vendor, they spent \$422,000, if they did it with Harris County Forensic Center it would only have been \$211,000; that in the last few days listening to public speakers he wanted to reiterate it was a great City, everyone was dealt with respect and intelligence, that it was a joy to stay until 9:45 p.m., the citizens were well intentioned, both sides and it was just a joy to hear the citizens of Houston, it is a good and compassionate City and they would do the right thing for them. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Pennington, Kubosh and Bradford absent.

Council Member Robinson announced events he attended or would be attending; and stated that he wanted to extend his congratulations to his deaf friend Brad and Jessica Bosworth, who were at the hospital today, imminent with the birth of their son. Council Members Stardig, Martin, Pennington, Kubosh and Bradford absent.

Council Member Boykins announced events he attended or would be attending; and stated that they were in prayer for Ms. Kyssi Andrews, who just had surgery for Cancer; that Mr. Dominique Hosea, a brother of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., was still in intensive care recovering from a shooting near Texas Southern University two weeks ago, that he wanted to keep him and his family in their prayers; and they were still continuing to pray for Mr. Tony Morris's recovery. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Pennington, Kubosh and Bradford absent.

Council Member Laster stated that he wanted to thank his colleagues, over the last several days they had been through marathon sessions, he wanted to thank them for their demeanor and wanted to thank all of the community who had come out and spoken on the important issues before them; and announced events he attended or would be attending. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Pennington, Kubosh and Bradford absent.

Council Member Costello stated that he wanted to remind his colleagues that the administration was going to roll out the proposed budget tomorrow and as such they would start their budget workshops, but bear in mind that since they deferred Item No. 55I for two weeks it was going to impact their schedule, they had scheduled for that afternoon ARA, the Controller's Office and the Department of Neighborhoods, they would revise their schedule. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Pennington, Kubosh and Bradford absent.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that he wanted to wish Mr. Jerry Peruchini, District H, a very Happy Birthday; announced events he attended or would be attending; and stated that he wanted to extend best wishes to Mr. Tony Topping as he wraps up his service on Houston City Council today, that he wished him success on his next adventure, that as many of them knew Tony had spent many years as a dedicated staff member and currently worked for Council Member Stardig, that he wanted to acknowledge Tony's friendship to the District H team and mentorship of many of their staffs over the years. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Martin, Pennington, Kubosh and Bradford absent.

Council Member Cohen announced events she attended or would be attending; and stated that she would be going out of town tomorrow, her daughter Marcie Lofnick, had been selected as the commencement speaker for the University of Texas McCombs School of Business. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez, Kubosh and Bradford absent.

Council Member Green announced events he attended or would be attending; and stated that he knew Mayor Parker's birthday would be on Saturday and his birthday was on Friday and they were having a party and everyone was invited; that he wanted to congratulate Dr. James Wesley Ward, who had been named the new Provost at Texas Southern University. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez, Kubosh and Bradford absent.

Council Member Davis stated that last week a historic ruling was handed down by the U.S. Supreme Court ordering the Fifth Circuit of Appeals to revisit the Robbie Tolan case, who was shot on New Year's Eve in Bellaire, in his driveway, by a police officer, so it had been the first time in 10 years where the U.S. Supreme Court had overturned a decision, that it had been an emotional week, he knew Mayor Parker stated that it was personal for her, but the ordinance was also personal for him because for those who say that discrimination did not exist, that the ordinance was not necessary, just because they had not personally experienced it did not mean that it did not exist, that he was a little bit upset with some of the ministers, because they were overshadowing some of the parts, they were not telling the entire story, so in the next two weeks he was going to get on his soap box and campaign throughout the same media outlets that they were doing and let the people really understand the entire ordinance, that when he had the opportunity for Mr. Feldman to go into his district he did not change the minds of all of the pastors, but they had a better understanding of the ordinance and they brought forth the information that they gave to him, they wanted a reentry piece added to it, and he thanked Mayor Parker for having the meeting on Friday about reentry and the way they could work together that was going to benefit the constituents in the City of Houston, that if they looked over the last 10 years, they had Dillard's with their discrimination incident, they had hiring discrimination against women in certain areas, that Brass Pro failed to hire Blacks and Hispanics at their national stores, they had Denny's, they had racial and ethnic minorities face more subtle housing discrimination in the U.S., that they say the law was on the books but they were still having problems, that some people failed to realize that they were trying to get control of it at the local level, that he was a hetero sexual male and he could not put himself in their shoes and they could not put themselves in his shoes, that he was the African American male that was discriminated against at a bar on Washington, that yes he could simply go to another bar, he had his own bar, but the point was when he got into the bar at "Roak" on Washington he did not even feel like having a drink, it was a joyous occasion with his buddy for his birthday and he simply picked his drink up, sat it back down, and walked out, that this week, May 17th, would mark the 60th anniversary of Brown vs the Board of Education, that 60 years ago there were still problems in Alabama and other States not accepting and still discriminating after a federal court case was determined, overturning Plessy vs Ferguson, and they were still talking about this today, that he understood the different schools of thought that racial was different from gender identity, but it was still the point of discrimination, and that was the only thing he was looking at, and he considered himself to be somewhat of an educated person, and again

just the point of being discriminated against, that was the common denominator that they all needed to look at, and yes, did he have concerns about his twin daughters, who were seven, he sends them to restroom by themselves, and that was the first thing that popped in his head, but then he began to listen to the statistic by the lady from the Women's Shelter who said that most of the people who were sexually assaulted came from people they knew, and it was causing him to open his eyes, that some of the phone calls that he got, he was listening to some of them and they were taking religion and using it to the defense, it sounded like the same people, when he read his history books, that used it against them as Blacks in defense of slavery, and he understood there was a difference, that he wanted to make sure he was on the right side of the ordinance by making sure that everything that he was supposed to put in, like the amendments, to making sure that he represented his district property, and they had taken up polling in the district, and probably about 40% of the people said they would be for the amendment, that as a leader he needed to step up and make the right decision, that he had been getting threats, that it was going to be his last term in office, but he did not believe that, he believed that his district would support a Council Member who had done well for them in the last two years and four and a half months, and working with his other colleagues would begin to do more things, like the workforce development, the reentry, more jobs in the community, that he thought the good would outweigh some that may consider this bad, but he was going to continue to speak on the principles that he knew and that he had experienced as an African American male, he thought that this type of ordinance was needed and they needed to look at it to make sure it was the best thing for the City of Houston; that he wanted to wish Mayor Parker a Happy Birthday and to make sure she went into a bar that she could get into. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez, Kubosh and Bradford absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she wanted to remind Council Members that Saturday was Demo Day, they would be spanning out across the City to demolish derelict properties; for Council Members to check their emails, if they were interested in the issue of reentry for returning felons, her staff had been working on setting up a reentry fair or fest for the fall and they had done preliminary research, they would like to loop Council Members in who were interested in the issue, a working meeting for staff would take place on Friday; a reminder that there was no Council meeting next week, the next meeting would be a consolidated meeting on Wednesday, May 28, 2014, that she wanted to wish everybody a happy Memorial Day. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez, Kubosh and Bradford absent.

There being no further business before Council, the City Council adjourned at 12:13 p.m. Council Members Stardig, Boykins, Martin, Pennington, Gonzalez, Kubosh and Bradford absent.

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

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

/S/Anna Russell

Anna Russell, City Secretary