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Chelsea, Massachusetts May 22, 2017

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE Chelsea City Council was held. The meeting was held at the Chelsea City Hall located at 500 Broadway, Chelsea Massachusetts. The following Councilors were present: Councilors Vidot, Avellaneda, Tejada, Rodriguez, Cortell, Lopez, Robinson, Frank, and Garcia. Councilors Recupero, Murphy, and Garcia were absent. Council President Robinson presided over the meeting. The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m.

Memoriums and celebratory resolutions:

The following Resolution was introduced by Councilors Vidot, and Lopez. A motion from Councilor Vidot to adopt under suspension was adopted.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Chelsea is an 'Environmental Justice' community; and

WHEREAS, GreenRoots (formerly known as Green Space) has had a long-standing commitment to improving quality of life through environmental justice efforts; and

WHEREAS, On April 30th, 2017 thousands of people marched in Washington D.C. to protest the climate policies of our new Administration; and

WHEREAS, GreenRoots in Chelsea led by Roseann Bongiovanni, Maria Belen-Power organized a bus trip for Chelsea residents to participate in the 'People's Climate March'; and

WHEREAS, Local community leaders, young and old sacrificed hours of travel and marched in 91 degree weather to demand action in protecting the environment; and

WHEREAS, GreenRoots dedication to organize and build a membership reflective of the city has activated people in areas that previously were under addressed; and

WHEREAS, local conversations have deepened and broadened to speak of environmental justice on a global scale and how it intersects with other social justice issues in marginalized communities like Chelsea; and

WHEREAS, the momentum that GreenRoots has gained locally through education, outreach and advocacy is followed by putting boots to the ground and marching when necessary for environmental justice everywhere, now therefore; BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Chelsea City Council recognize GreenRoots, staff, youth eco-crew, members, leaders and friends for its commitment to environmental sustainability and representing Chelsea during the 'People's Climate March' in Washington, D.C.

Public Speaking:

The public speaking portion of the meeting opened at 7:14 p.m. The following came forward to speak:

Resident of 275 Spruce Street, spoke against the 2 hour proposal, by Traffic and Parking in the Cary Square District.

Resident of 139 Washington Avenue, spoke in favor of the proposal.

Resident of 60 Dudley Street, spoke in favor of the proposal.

Resident 1 Franklin Ave. Spoke against the proposal.

Resident of 175 Cottage Street, spoke against the proposal.

Resident of 284 Washington Ave. spoke against the proposal.

Resident of 117 Washington Ave. spoke in favor of the proposal.

Resident of 190 Webster Ave. spoke in favor of the proposal.

Resident of 179 Washington Ave. spoke against the proposal.

Resident of 70 Lafayette Ave. spoke against the proposal.

Resident of 55 Park Street. Spoke in favor of the proposal.

Resident of 42 Willard Street. Spoke in favor of the proposal.

Resident of 3 County Road. Spoke in favor of the proposal.

Resident of 13 Cheever Street. Spoke against the proposal.

Resident of 305 Commandant Way. Spoke in favor of the proposal.

Resident of 135 Washington Ave. spoke in favor of the proposal.

Resident of 30 Beacon Street. Spoke in favor of the proposal.

Resident of 70 Lafayette Ave. spoke against the proposal.

Resident of 113 Beacon Street. Spoke against the proposal.

Resident of 108 Springvale Ave. spoke against the proposal.

Resident of 373 Crescent Ave. spoke in favor of the proposal.

Resident of 25 Hooper Street. Spoke in favor the \$15 an hour Resolution.

The public hearing closed at 8:00 p.m.

The minutes of the City Council dated May 8, 2017 and the minutes of the Special Meeting of May 8, 2017 were approved at the request of Councilor Lopez under suspension.

Communications from City Manager:

The following communication was read from City Manager Thomas G. Ambrosino. A motion from Councilor Cortell moved it to a second reading under suspension.

The Honorable Chelsea City Council
Chelsea City Hall
500 Broadway
Chelsea, Massachusetts 02150

Re: Appointments to Boards and Commissions

Dear Councilors:

Pursuant to Section 4-2 of the Charter of the Chelsea, I am writing to recommend the following individuals to Boards and Commissions in the City.

For appointment to the Advisory Board for Community Schools, Mr. Kevin Sandoval, 45 Carroll Street, Chelsea, to fill the unexpired term of Ms. Sara Arman, ending on March 6, 2019. Ms. Arman has resigned.

For appointment to the Board of Registrars of Voters, Ms. Faye Dookharan, 39 Cherry Street, Chelsea, to fill the unexpired term of Frank Kowalski, which term ends on February 28, 2018. Mr. Kowalski has resigned.

I respectfully request your approval of these appointments. Resumes are attached.

Sincerely,
Thomas G. Ambrosino
City Manager

The following communication was read from City Manager Thomas G. Ambrosino. A motion from Councilor Vidot moved it to a second reading under suspension.

The Honorable Chelsea City Council
Chelsea City HALL
500 Broadway
Chelsea, Massachusetts 02150

Re: Appointments to Youth Commission

Dear Councilors:

I had committed previously to the City Council that I would re-establish the Chelsea Youth Commission. On December 5, 2016, I promulgated a new Part II, Section 16.00 of the Administrative Code authorizing an update version of this Commission.

Subsequent to that action, a small group of volunteers under the direction of the new HHS Division of Recreation & Cultural Affairs solicited applications for this Commission, conducted interviews and has now recommended nominations. A list of the recommended members, all of whom I approve, is attached.

I respectfully request your approval of these appointments. All are young Chelsea adults between the ages of 13 and 20. The appointments are for a one year term.

Sincerely,
Thomas G. Ambrosino
City Manager

The following communication was read from City Manager Thomas G. Ambrosino. A motion from Councilor Cortell to accept and file was adopted under suspension.

The Honorable Chelsea City Council
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Re: *Sidewalk Parking of Motorized Scooters/Mopeds.*

Dear Councilors:

I am writing in response to your Council Order requesting enforcement of a no sidewalk parking rule for motorized scooters and/or mopeds.

Unfortunately, there is not a lot of clarity on the issue of whether sidewalk parking of motorized scooters/mopeds is illegal in the City of Chelsea. The City's Traffic & Parking Regulations, which do include a prohibition against sidewalk parking, typically apply to motor vehicles and motorcycles with license plates issued by the Registry of Motor Vehicles. These scooters/mopeds are not issued such license plates. And, although one might broadly interpret the definition of "vehicle" in the existing Traffic & Parking Regulations to extend to these motorized scooters/mopeds, it is not how those Regulations have been historically interpreted by either the Chelsea Police Department or Chelsea Parking Control.

In addition to the City's Traffic & Parking Regulations, the City does have a general Ordinance provision, Section 24-7, which prevents placing any item on a public way that interferes with the convenient use of the way for public travel. That provision can be utilized for enforcement against the sidewalk parking of motorized scooters/mopeds, provided they are interfering with the travel of the public. But, in most cases where these scooters/mopeds are attached to poles, there is adequate room for passage of the public, so the Police can rarely invoke this Ordinance provision.

In light of the above, my recommendation is that, if this is truly a concern for the City Council, it should adopt a new Ordinance provision which expressly prohibits the sidewalk parking of motorized scooters and mopeds. The appropriate location would probably be within Ordinance Section 6-153, which already addresses other concerns about motorized scooters. (A copy of that Ordinance, adopted by the City Council in 2004, is attached for your review.) A simple amendment to that Ordinance which adds a sentence that says something like "sidewalk parking of any motorized scooter as defined above is strictly prohibited" would accomplish the goal. The downside is that then the City would need to be prepared to issue Resident Parking stickers for these vehicles, and these vehicles would be parking in the street and competing with existing parking demands. But, that is a balancing test best undertaken by the City Council.

Unfortunately, in the absence of a new Ordinance with a clear sidewalk parking prohibition as proposed above, we do not believe the Police have the authority to issue tickets for sidewalk parking of these scooters/mopeds when they are not otherwise interfering with public passage.

Sincerely,
Thomas G. Ambrosino
City Manager

The following communication was read from City Manager Thomas G. Ambrosino. A motion from Councilor Tejada to accept and file was adopted under suspension.

The Honorable Chelsea City Council
Chelsea City Hall
500 Broadway
Chelsea, Massachusetts 02150

Re: *Fire Department Overtime Update*

Dear Councilors:

I have attached for your information and review the reply of Fire Chief Len Albanese to your request for an update on Fire Department overtime expenditures for Fiscal Year 2017. As you will see from the Chief's memorandum, he does expect to need approximately \$63,000 in additional funds to cover his remaining overtime expenses for FY17.

Within the next few weeks, I will be preparing required financial orders to cover deficits in certain appropriation accounts to close out Fiscal Year 2017. This Fire Department overtime deficit, and the other deficits mentioned by Chief Albanese, will be included in these financial requests.

Yours truly,

Thomas G. Ambrosino
City Manager

Communications and petitions to the Council:

A copy of a communication was received from Louis T. Addonizio regarding the temporary signage stating "Two Hour Parking" in the Cary Square District. A motion from Councilor Frank to accept and file was adopted under suspension.

It was also noted for the record that E-Mails total of 3 late and 8 on time were received at the City Council office 8 in favor and 3 opposed to the plan. There were no objections and they were entered for the record.

Unfinished Business:

Councilor Rodriguez moved to adopt the following item by roll call. The roll call failed to pass the proposal 2-5-3-1. Voting yes were Councilors Cortell and Frank. Voting no were Councilors Vidot, Tejada, Rodriguez, Lopez, and Robinson. Councilor Recuperero, Murphy, and Garcia were absent. Councilor Avellaneda recused himself from the vote.

The following communication from the City Clerk /Parking Clerk Jeannette Cintron White dated April 25,2017 with regards to Item #3 (the proposal to temporary have "Two Hour Parking" restriction in the Cary Square District).

Second Readings:

The communication regarding the Appointments to the Community preservation Committee was read for the second time. A motion from Councilor Tejada to affirm the appointments by roll call passed 7-0-4-0. Voting yes were Councilors Vidot, Tejada, Rodriguez, Cortell, Lopez, Robinson, and Frank. Absent were Councilors Avellaneda, Recuperero, Murphy, and Garcia.

Appointed were: Bea Cravatta one year term.

Jose A. Iraheta, three year term

Yahya Noor, two year term

Caroline J. Bird, one year term

Christine M. Smith Sutherland, one year term

New Business:

The following order was introduced by Councilor Lopez. A motion from Councilor Lopez to adopt under suspension was adopted.

ORDERED, that the City Manager instruct Chelsea Police and DPW to install a security camera at the far end of Marlborough Street.

The following order was introduced by Councilor Robinson. A motion from Councilor Cortell to adopt under suspension was adopted.

ORDERED, that a Sub-Committee on Conference be scheduled with the Senior Planner Project Manager for the Reimagining Broadway relating to transportation and infrastructure of the downtown area.

The following order was introduced by Councilor Robinson. A motion from Councilor Tejada to adopt under suspension was adopted.

ORDERED, that a Subcommittee on Conference be scheduled with the Downtown Coordinator to update the City Council on the Broadway project.

The following Resolution was introduced by Councilors Vidot, Lopez, Tejada, Rodriguez, Avellaneda, Cortell and Robinson. A motion from Councilor Vidot to adopt by roll call passed 8-0-3-0. Voting yes were Councilors Vidot, Avellaneda, Tejada, Rodriguez, Cortell, Lopez, Robinson, and Frank. Absent were Councilors Recupero, Murphy, and Frank.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, We are a community of low, middle/working class families; and

WHEREAS, In recent years, cost of living and rents have increased significantly in Chelsea; and

WHEREAS, A full-time worker in Massachusetts earning the minimum wage still only earns \$22,880 a year; and

WHEREAS, Many workers earning the minimum wage are forced to work three or more jobs to support their families; and

WHEREAS, Our state's economy thrives when all working people are able to meet their basic needs; and

WHEREAS, Employers paying adequate wages equates to more efficient work and better retention making it easier to recruit; and

WHEREAS, Workers having more money in their pockets allow them to support local businesses and create more jobs; and

WHEREAS, When the Massachusetts minimum wage bill rose from \$8 to 11 in June 2014, our state's economy added more than 150,000 jobs; and

WHEREAS, Eight other states, from California to Maine, have eliminated the sub-minimum wage for tipped workers, without seeing any harm to restaurants or a reduction in tipping; and

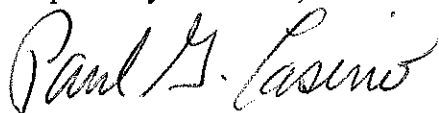
WHEREAS, Massachusetts has the highest gap between tipped worker wage and minimum wage salaries in the entire nation; and

WHEREAS, The demographics of tipped workers (restaurant workers, hairdressers, car wash staff, airport wheelchair, parking attendants; valets) by in large represents that of the constituents of this very community; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Chelsea City Council does hereby support legislation (H.B. 2365 and S.B. 1004) to create a statewide \$15 per hour minimum wage for all workers in Massachusetts culminating in 2021.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Paul G. Casino
Clerk of the Chelsea City Council