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**ACCEPTED AND FILED  
SUSPENSION**

Chelsea Massachusetts, September 11, 2017

A Regular meeting of the Chelsea City Council was held at the Chelsea City Hall located at 500 Broadway Chelsea Massachusetts 02150. The following Councilors were present: Councilors Vidot, Avellaneda, Tejada, Rodriguez, Recupero, Cortell, Murphy, Lopez, Robinson, Frank, and Garcia. Councilor Robinson presided over the meeting. The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m.

**Chelsea Police Department Promotion and Swearing-In Ceremony**

The following promotions were made: Lieutenant David Rizzuto, Lieutenant Edwin Nelson, Sergeant Rich Ruggerio, and Sergeant Myles Coen.

Swearing-In, Officer Maria Barbosa.

City Clerk Jeannette Cintron White administered the oath of office to all.

**Memoriums and celebratory resolutions:**

The following Resolution was introduced by Councilor Robinson and all members of the City Council. A motion from Councilor Tejada to adopt under suspension was adopted.

**RESOLUTION**

- WHEREAS,** Community Action Programs Inter-City, Inc. (CAPIC) has provided valuable anti-poverty services to the residents of Chelsea for 50 years; and
- WHEREAS,** CAPIC participated in establishing the MGH Chelsea Health Center, CRW Home Care Corp., Meals on Wheels, CRW Transportation, Upward Bound, Choice Thru Education, Chelsea ASAP, and has employed hundreds of Chelsea residents; and
- WHEREAS,** CAPIC identified the Mystic Tobin Bridge as a source of lead paint and exposed hazards of leaded drinking glassware from McDonalds Corporation while also participating in reducing the incidence of lead poisoning in Chelsea children from 22% to 3%; and
- WHEREAS,** CAPIC relocated 200 families displaced by the great Chelsea conflagration in 1973; and also provided thousands of Chelsea residents with Housing Services, Emergency Services, Head Start, Child Development, After School and Summer Camp, Family Network, Fuel Assistance, Weatherization, Toys for Tots, Youth

Activities In-School and Out of School Services, USDA Food Distribution, SUDS Housing & Basic Services and serves as Responsible Payee; alongside working with Suffolk Law Steve Callahan and students providing legal services to Chelsea, Revere, and Winthrop residents; NOW THEREFORE,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that on behalf of the citizens of Chelsea, we the Members of the Chelsea City Council wish to congratulate the Members of CAPIC on their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and for helping so many people over a long period of exemplary service.

The following Resolution was introduced by Councilor Robinson and all members of the City Council. A motion from Councilor Garcia to adopt under suspension was adopted.

### RESOLUTION

**Whereas,** On September 26, 2017 at 6:00 PM, the City of Chelsea will officially celebrate Arbor Day; and

**Whereas,** As part of this special day, the Massachusetts Tree Wardens & Foresters Association will come to the City of Chelsea to plant a public shade tree; and

**Whereas,** Children, parents, community leaders, public officials and municipal employees are invited to participate in the planting event; and

**Whereas,** This event helps to ensure that the City maintains its status as a Tree City USA; and

**Whereas,** This year, the City of Chelsea has officially been recognized as a Tree City USA for its 13<sup>th</sup> year by the National Arbor Day Foundation; and

**Whereas,** Being a Tree City USA gives Chelsea the benefits of having more State resources to further enhance the quantity and quality of trees in Chelsea; and

**Whereas,** The Tree City USA Award is given by The National Arbor Day Foundation, in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service, to recognize environmental improvement and encourage higher levels of tree care throughout America;  
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

**Resolved,** The City Council would like to recognize the efforts of the Department of Public Works and the community for their work toward improving Chelsea's environment via an enhanced tree program; for securing the Tree City USA status for the 13<sup>th</sup> year in a row; and for having a successful 2017 Arbor Day event.

The following Resolution was introduced by Councilor Lopez and all members of the City Council. A motion from Councilor Lopez to adopt under suspension was adopted.

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS,** the City of Chelsea employs a large number of dedicated workers, Police, Fire, City Hall and City Yard workers; and  
**WHEREAS,** performing their day to day assignments, Vu Lam, Luis Cetina, and their crew of the DPW Team, go above and beyond to keep Chelsea clean, seven days a week; **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT**  
**RESOLVED,** that we, the Members of the Chelsea City Council, on behalf of the citizens of Chelsea, wish to go on record so as to recognize you, Vu Lam, Luis Cetina, and your team for your job performance while working for the DPW here in Chelsea.

### **Public Speaking:**

*The public speaking portion of the meeting opened at 7:45. No one came forward and the public speaking portion closed at 7:46 p.m.*

*The minutes of the City Council meeting dated June 5, 2017 and June 19, 2017 were approved at the request of Councilor Garcia under suspension.*

### **Communications from City Manager:**

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

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

Re: *Rate Increases*

Dear Councilors:

I am writing to inform you of Water, Sewer and Trash rate increases that were approved this week following a public hearing. The rates are effective as of July 1, 2017. The new fee schedules are attached.

#### **Water Rate**

The new water rates are \$5.11 per hundred cubic feet ("HCF") for Tier 1 (1-1,000 per month in cubic feet), \$6.22 for Tier 2 (1,001-2,500 monthly cubic feet), and \$7.45 for Tier 3 (over 2,500 monthly cubic feet). These water rates represent a 9% increase over current rates.

I understand that, coming on the heels of a 10% increase in FY17, a 9% increase in FY18 is a bitter pill for residents. However, as I have said many times in the past, the goal of an

Enterprise Fund System is at least to break even. And, despite the large rate increase last year, we did not do so. Based upon our best estimates, we anticipate that, when we close the books on FY17, the Water Enterprise Fund will have a deficit in excess of \$500,000. We simply cannot absorb that kind of a deficit on an annual basis. Even with the 9% increase in rates, we estimate that we will probably end FY18 with a deficit of more than \$200,000. However, I am reluctant to raise rates beyond 9% this year, and we do have some remaining Retained Earnings in the Water Enterprise Fund to cover our anticipated FY18 loss.

**Sewer Rate**

The new sewer rates are \$8.60 per hundred cubic feet (“HCF”) for Tier 1 (1-1,000 per month in cubic feet), \$9.38 for Tier 2 (1,001-2,500 monthly cubic feet), and \$10.78 for Tier 3 (over 2,500 monthly cubic feet). These new sewer water rates represent an increase of 4%. This is precisely what we have determined is necessary to cover our FY18 costs.

**Combined Rate**

For residential customers who use under 1,000 cubic feet per month and pay Tier 1 rates, the new combined water and sewer rate is \$13.71, an increase of 5.79%. With this increase, the average water and sewer bill in Chelsea for FY18 (assuming annual usage of 120 HCF) will be \$1,645.20. The average for the entire MWRA service area in FY17 was \$1,524.84, so anticipating increases in most of the MWRA communities, I expect Chelsea will remain close to the norm, even with this year’s increases.

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**Trash Rate**

The new trash rate is \$27.35 monthly for residential property and \$129.05 monthly for commercial units in mixed buildings. Owner occupied units remain exempt from this fee.

This new charge represents an increase of 10%. Residential owners will pay an additional \$29.88 annually as a result of this increase. Again, I concede that annual increases of 10% are painful. But, we are simply not covering the cost of our trash system with our fees. Even with this increase, we expect to have a shortfall of more than \$130,000 at the end of FY18.

As I have stated repeatedly, the goal of setting fees for trash is to cover the costs of our Solid Waste Department budget. Obviously, we are not doing so with our current rate structure. This imbalance will only be exacerbated if we decide to expand our trash and recycling program, including new recycling bins and/or new barrels for all residents, as we have previously discussed. At some point, we may need to re-consider the current rate structure, including the policy decision to fully exempt owner occupied units from this charge (as opposed to some reduced rate). However, that is a discussion for another day.

I am available to answer any questions the Council has about these new rates.

Sincerely,  
Thomas G. Ambrosino  
City Manager

The following communication was read from City Manager Thomas Ambrosino. A motion from Councillor Cortell moved the appointments 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 City of Chelsea, I am writing to recommend the following individuals to Boards and Commissions in the City.

For appointment as the labor representative to the Chelsea Housing Authority as recommended by the Greater Boston Labor Council, Mr. Tony Hernandez, 3 County Road, Chelsea. Mr. Hernandez is assuming the unexpired term of Bert Taverna, who resigned. This term expires on March 20, 2021.

For appointment to the newly re-constituted Tree Board, the following five individuals.

1. DPW Asst. Director Fidel Maltez, the City Manager's representative, for a three year term expiring in 2020.
2. Ms. Diane Paxton, 92 Eleanor St., Chelsea, for a three year term expiring in 2020.
3. Ms. Julie A. Malinowski, 117 Beacon St., Chelsea, for a two year term expiring in 2019.
4. Ms. Molly A. Dunn, 50 Boatswains Way, Apt. 104, Chelsea, for a two-year term expiring in 2019.
5. Ms. Denise Ortega, 73 Essex Street, Apt. 1, Chelsea, for a one year term expiring in 2018.

For appointment to the Chelsea Library Board of Trustees, Ms. Monica Elias, 105 Franklin Ave., Apt. #2, Chelsea, for a new three year term expiring in 2020.

For appointment to the Chelsea Historical Commission, Ms. Alison Sheppard, 27 Pembroke Street, Chelsea, to take the place of Devra Zobot, who resigned. This will be for a new three year term expiring in 2020.

For appointment to the Board of Registrars of Voters, Ms. Naysha Muniz-Buckley, 89 Pearl St., Unit 3, Chelsea, for a three year term expiring in 2020.

For appointment to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board, Mr. Shaun Dempsey, 25 Medford St., Unit 2, Chelsea, to take the place of Ms. Tiffany Managad, who resigned. This term expires on June 19, 2018.

For appointment to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board, Deputy City Manager Ned Keefe, to take the place of former Treasurer Robert Boulrice as the City Manager's designee to the Board. Mr. Boulrice is moving and will be resigning shortly. This term expires on June 19, 2018.

For re-appointment to the Economic Development Board, for five year terms expiring in 2022, Mr. John Fuchs, 11 Botswains Way, Chelsea, and Mr. Timothy Fraser, 38 Williams St., Chelsea.

For appointment as Harbormaster and Asst. Harbormaster, Lt. Robert Griffin and Sgt. John Noffle of the Chelsea Police Department. Both officers are members of the Chelsea Yacht Club.

For appointment to the Community Preservation Committee, Ms. Michele Lopez, 240 Revere Beach Parkway, #3, Chelsea, to take the place of Christine Smith-Sutherland, who resigned. This term expires on June 30, 2018.

For appointment to the Youth Commission, Ms. Cinthya Mancina, 145 Essex St., Chelsea, to take the place of a Chelsea youth who moved out of state. This term expires on June 30, 2018.

I respectfully request your approval of these appointments. I have attached resumes for the persons not already working for or on existing boards of the City.

Sincerely,  
Thomas G. Ambrosino  
City Manager

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

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

Re: *Grant Support*

Dear Councilors:

Each year, the Chelsea Police Department seeks grant money from the U.S. Justice Department to assist in its crime prevention efforts. This specific grant, the Justice Assistance Grant, requires a supporting resolution from the City Council. The amount of the requested grant is \$37,922.

Accordingly, I hereby request that the City Council support and approve the attached Resolution.

Sincerely,  
Thomas G. Ambrosino  
City Manager

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

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

Re: *Requested Approval for Increase in Capital Project*

Dear Councilors:

I am writing with my first request in FY18 for some supplemental funds. In this case, the funds are necessary to realize one of the projects identified in our FY17 Capital Improvement Plan – the completion of a fully signalized pedestrian crossing on Marginal Street near the P.O.R.T. Park entrance.

As you may recall, the City included in the FY17 CIP \$145,000 for this pedestrian signal on Marginal Street. The purpose of this pedestrian traffic light is to provide safe passage to the park for residents and visitors walking from the nearby neighborhood. At present, there is no safe way to cross Marginal Street anywhere near the park entrance.

The funds that the City identified in its FY17 CIP were intended to cover only the cost of the actual pedestrian traffic signal. Those funds were available as part of the 2007 Settlement Agreement between the City and Eastern Minerals, specifically as excess funds remaining following the Highland Park artificial turf improvement project.

Unfortunately, as we began the planning for the installation of this pedestrian traffic signal system, it became apparent that, to make safe passage for the neighborhood, more than just a pedestrian traffic signal was necessary. We realized that all of the sidewalks along Marginal Street in the area of this light were much too narrow for pedestrian traffic. So, to ensure the safety of pedestrians, we have decided to widen the sidewalks on Marginal Street in the surrounding area. Because that involves not just sidewalk work, but relocation of drains and catch basins, the total cost of this project has increased significantly. Further adding to the project cost is the fact that the traffic signal itself is more expensive than originally estimated. Based upon our completed design plans, the current estimated cost, with the typical 20% contingency, is now \$402,000, an increase of \$257,000.

Although this is a major change in scope, I still feel this signalization project is a worthwhile effort. If we want to get pedestrians safely to the park from the abutting neighborhood, the new scope of work is essential. Accordingly, I am asking that the City Council fund this additional \$257,000 capital cost. We have funds available for this purpose in our Operating Stabilization Account. The requested Order is attached.

If these additional funds are approved and the project proceeds, our goal is to have this work completed sometime during the 2018 construction season, hopefully in time for Summer 2018 use of the park.

Sincerely,

Thomas Ambrosino  
City Manager

The following communication was read from City manager Thomas Ambrosino. A motion from Councilor Murphy to adopt under suspension was adopted.

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

Re: *Requested Approval for Increase in School Dept. FY18 Budget*

Dear Councilors:

Similar to last year, the final FY18 State Budget approved by the State Legislature, and signed by the Governor, included a significant increase in Chapter 70 funds for the Chelsea School Department. I am writing now to request City Council approval for an increase to the Chelsea School Department Budget to reflect that increase in state aid. The total amount of the requested budget increase is \$1,046,185, for a revised School Department FY18 Budget of \$87,546,185.

Because all of this increase to the School Department's Budget is fully funded by Chapter 70 aid to the City, there is no adverse impact on the municipal side of the City's budget. For this reason, I respectfully ask that the City Council approve the full \$87,546,185 revised budget approved by the School Committee on August 23, 2017.

Sincerely,  
Thomas G. Ambrosino  
City Manager

**Communications and petitions to the Council:**

A copy of a communication was received from City Clerk /Parking Clerk Jeannette Cintron White regarding the Warrant for the City Preliminary Election September 26, 2017. A motion from Councilor Tejada to accept and file was adopted under suspension. A formal vote will be taken under New Business.

A copy of a communication was received from City Clerk/parking Clerk Jeannette Cintron White regarding the actions approved at the August 29, 2017 Traffic and Parking Commission meeting. A motion from Councilor Recuperero to accept and file was adopted under suspension.

A copy of a communication was received from Timothy C. Sullivan, Executive Director of Mass Housing regarding their approval of a loan for the Chelsea Village housing development. A motion from Councilor Cortell to accept and file was adopted under suspension.



**Unfinished Business:**

The following Ordinance was removed from the Sub-Committee on Conference by Councilor Avellaneda under suspension. The Ordinance was introduced by Councilor Robinson. Councilor Avellaneda moved to adopt the Ordinance by roll call. The roll call passed 11-0-0-0. Voting yes were Councilors Vidot, Avellaneda, Tejada, Rodriguez, Recupero, Cortell, Murphy, Lopez, Robinson, Frank, and Garcia.

WHEREAS, It is the express purpose of municipal zoning to promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the inhabitants of the City of Chelsea; and

WHEREAS, A specific objective of the City of Chelsea's Zoning Ordinance states the need to encourage the most appropriate use of land throughout the City of Chelsea; and,

WHEREAS, The City Administration and the City Council have reviewed extensive studies that outline the secondary effects of adult entertainment establishment on our neighborhoods;

WHEREAS, After a public hearing and a review of all materials and based on the reports submitted from the Chelsea Police Department and presented by the Administration the City Council has determined that regulating adult entertainment establishments will combat the secondary effects of such as increases in the need for public safety, minimize impacts on residential neighborhoods of the city, minimize adverse impacts on the quality of life and provide adequate assurance for the management and security of the establishments,

WHEREAS, The City Council has further determined that the adult entertainment establishments are associated with adverse secondary effects including, but not limited to property crimes, larcenies, robberies, prostitution, public intoxication and indecency, obscenity, urban blight, declining property values, litter and gang activity.

WHEREAS, The City Administration and the City of Chelsea Planning Board has recommended after a public hearing, the adoption of the amendment to revision of the City of Chelsea Zoning Ordinance - Article VI - Regulations For Specific Uses Section 34-136A – Adult Entertainment Uses,

WHEREAS, the Chelsea City Council, after due notice, public hearing, and deliberation further finds:

- 1) That the zones that are most appropriate for adult uses are the Business Highway and Shopping Center zones;
- 2) That the promotion of the health, safety, and general welfare of Chelsea residents is best achieved by placing adult entertainment establishments in

- the business highway and shopping center zones where said establishment's secondary effects will be limited and less frequent;
- 3) That the amendment to Section 34-136A – Regulations for Specific Uses – Adult Entertainment uses advances legitimate aspects of public interest;
  - 4) That it further promotes the health, safety, and general welfare of the inhabitants of the City of Chelsea; and
  - 5) That it encourages the most appropriate use of land throughout the City of Chelsea;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, that the Revised Code of Ordinances of the City of Chelsea as amended, be further amended and adopted as follows:

That Chapter 34, Article VI Special Use Regulations be amended by adding a new Section 34-136A Adult Entertainment Uses, which shall read as follows:

**ARTICLE VI. - REGULATIONS FOR SPECIFIC USES**

34-136 Adult Uses  
 34-136 A Adult Entertainment Establishments  
 Purpose The purpose of this section is to provide by special permit for the construction and operation of Adult Entertainment Establishments; to regulate sexually oriented businesses in order to promote health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the city; and to address the adverse secondary effects of Adult Entertainment Establishments on the community as determined in public hearings by the Planning Board and the City Council. Both public bodies relied on evidence of the City's long standing history of criminal activity that emanated from adult use establishments, and the adverse secondary effects found in the court cases, including but not limited to City of Renton v. Playtime Theaters, Inc., 475 U.S. 41 (1986), Barnes v. Glen Theatre, Inc., 501 U.S. 560 (1991), City of Erie v. Pap's A.M., TDA "Kandyland", 529 U.S. 277 (2000), Showtime Entm't, LLC v. Town Of Mendon, 472 Mass. 102, 107, 32 N.E.3d 1259, 1264 (2015); Baby Dolls Topless Saloons, Inc. v. City of Dallas, 295 F. 3d 471 (5<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2002); and Ben's Bar Inc., v. Village of Somerset, 316 F. 3d 702 (7<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2003).

Findings: The City Council has reviewed studies in other communities including but not limited the City of New Orleans "Adult Live Performance Venues Study" (Sept. 2016), a 2013 study by Harvard University Law School John M. Olin Fellow study; a 1997 City of Houston review and findings as to sexually oriented businesses. Based on these findings and others, the City Council has determined that regulating adult entertainment establishments will combat the secondary effects of such as increases in the need for public safety, minimize impacts on residential neighborhoods of the city, minimize adverse impacts on the quality of life and provide adequate assurance for the management and security of the establishments. The City Council has further determined that the adult entertainment establishments are associated with adverse secondary effects including, but not limited to property crimes, prostitution, public intoxication and

indecenty, obscenity, urban blight, litter and gang activity. This determination is based on the reports and presentation from the Chelsea Police Department.

The City further finds that the deleterious secondary effects of Adult Entertainment Establishments were exacerbated by the remote, poorly lit conditions in the Industrial Zone of the City, and that such Establishments are incompatible with Residential Zones in the City, and that the Business Highway Zone and Shopping Center Zone are the most appropriate zones for such Establishments because the lighting, proximity to law enforcement, and public visibility in such Zones all function to decrease the deleterious secondary effects.

**Applicability** This section applies to any Adult Entertainment Establishment as defined in this Zoning Ordinance.

**Definitions** The following words, terms and phrases when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

*Adult Entertainment Establishments* shall include adult bookstores, adult motion picture theaters, adult paraphernalia stores, adult video stores, or establishments which display live nudity for their patrons as defined by Chapter 40A, Section 9A of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts General Laws, as amended.

*Special permit granting authority* means the zoning board of appeals for the issuance of special permits.

**Procedures** Any applicant seeking to operate or construct an Adult Use establishment/facility shall first obtain a special permit from the city of Chelsea Zoning Board of Appeals (“special permit granting authority”). Applications for shall include a site plan and be filed in accordance with the rules and regulations of the special permit granting authority concerning special permits.

In accordance with Section 34-217, Special Permits, the applicant shall provide the special permit granting authority with seventeen (17) copies of the application. All plans and maps shall be prepared, stamped and signed by a professional engineer licensed to practice in the state.

Applications shall include the name and address of the legal owner of the establishment/facility, together with the names and addresses of all persons having any direct or indirect ownership or security interest in the establishment/facility. Applications shall include the name and residential address of operator of the establishment/facility.

**General Requirements:** The construction or operation of an adult use shall be permitted in the BH and SC districts by the issuance of a special permit pursuant to these zoning ordinances. Special permits shall be granted by the special permit granting authority, unless otherwise specified herein, only upon its written determination that the benefit to the city and the neighborhood outweigh the adverse effects of the proposed use, taking into account the characteristics of the site and of the proposal in relation to that site.

In addition to specific factors set forth above, all such adult entertainment establishments shall be constructed and operated in a manner that minimizes any adverse visual, safety and

environmental impacts, and issued pursuant to Section 34-214(b) of this Zoning Ordinance. The zoning board of appeals may impose reasonable conditions to insure the location and operation of the Adult Entertainment Establishment is consistent with the City of Chelsea Zoning ordinances.

The special permits may also impose reasonable conditions, safeguards, and limitations on time and use and may require the applicant to implement all reasonable measures to mitigate unforeseen adverse impacts of the Adult Entertainment Establishments such as safety and noise, should they occur.

All operations and construction of Adult Entertainment Establishments shall be in compliance with laws, licensing rules, ordinances and regulations at all times.

The term of the special permit shall be at the discretion of the special permit granting authority but shall not be greater than five (5) years. The time period may be extended or the permit renewed by the special permit granting authority upon a determination that the operation of the Adult Entertainment establishment has been conducted in accordance with the special permit. Request for a renewal must be submitted at least 180 days prior to the expiration of the special permit. Submitting a renewal request shall allow for the continued operation of the establishment until the special permit granting authority acts. At the expiration of the permit term (including extensions and renewals), the Adult Entertainment establishment the use will no longer be permitted.

All Adult Entertainment Establishments facilities or establishments shall have reasonable sound barriers from any adjacent parcel that is used for residential purposes.

All Adult Entertainment facilities or establishments shall not operate before noon and shall cease operations no later than 1 p.m.

**New Business:**

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

ORDERED, that the City Manager and the Fire Chief look into repainting all the fire hydrants and their perimeters for better visibility.

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

ORDERED, that the City Manager and the Traffic and Parking Commission look into putting a stop sign on the corner of Jefferson and Franklin, the side heading towards Washington Avenue, and one on the corner of Franklin and Lafayette.

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

ORDERED, that the City Manager instruct DPW to look into clearing up all the overgrown trees around Soldiers Home area.

The following order was introduced by Councilor Garcia. A motion from Councilor Garcia to send it to the Traffic and Parking Commission for recommendation was adopted under suspension.

ORDERED, that residents who have previously applied for and received a Resident Parking Sticker have the option of renewing their permit(s) online to avoid lines and create a smooth process.

The following order was introduced by Councilor Murphy. A motion from Councilor Murphy to adopt by roll call passed 11-0-0-0. Voting yes were Councilors Vidot, Avellaneda, Tejada, Rodriguez, Recupero, Cortell, Murphy, Lopez, Robinson, Frank, and Garcia.

Whereas, the City of Chelsea City Council has continually expressed a desire to increase the Chelsea Police Department's use of special initiatives focused on Anti-Gang, Drug and Anti-Crime activity; and

Whereas, the United States Department of Justice, Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program, if approved, will help fund some of the special initiatives that the City Administration and Police Department wish to undertake:

Be it hereby RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Chelsea, as follows:

That the City Council hereby supports and wholeheartedly endorses the City of Chelsea's application to the United States Department of Justice for the Justice Assistance Grant Program, Local Solicitation for the amount of \$37,922.

The following order was introduced by Councilor Garcia. A motion from Councilor Garcia referred the order to the Sub-Committee on Conference under suspension.

Request, that the following changes be considered and recommended for consideration to the Traffic and Parking Commission:

### **Proposed Change in Visitor Parking Procedure**

Each Chelsea household is eligible for one Visitor Parking Permit so guests can park near their homes. These permits allow guests to park their non-commercial vehicles near the resident's home.

The purpose of the City's Resident Parking regulation is to maximize the availability of parking for Chelsea residents while discouraging long-term parking on residential streets near commercially zoned areas or transportation access points.

To ensure Visitor Parking Permits are not used for commuting or to park vehicles in violation of Resident Parking Permit requirements, use of these permits is limited as follows:

- Visitor Parking Permits are for the use of out-of-town guests and cannot be used on vehicles owned by Chelsea residents.
- A vehicle can be parked for up to 24 hours at the same location. After 24 hours vehicles must be moved to a new location to avoid receiving a storage ticket.
- Permits cannot be used on the same vehicle for more than 3 consecutive days defined as Monday at 12:01 AM to Saturday at 11:59 PM.
- Permit use is monitored and recorded on electronic devices used by Parking Control Officers. Patterns of excessive use on the same vehicle will result in ticketing and revocation.
- Permits cannot be used on taxicabs or oversized vehicles.

Residents may request an exception to the 3 day maximum for visitors staying for up to two weeks by applying for parking consideration. Residents will need to provide their name, email and street addresses and their guest's name and vehicle information. The requirement that vehicles not stay in the same space for more than 24 hours still applies.

### **Visitor Parking Permit Application**

Visitor Parking Permits will be provided to Chelsea residents for use by their guests to park near residents' homes. When placed on the dashboard, it may be used in locations signed as "Resident Parking Only". All permits expire each year on January 31.

The City of Chelsea **does not** provide short-term parking permits for sub-letters. Individuals seeking on-street parking must meet the eligibility requirements for a resident parking permit.

### **Eligibility**

Each Chelsea household is eligible to receive one Visitor Parking Permit. All outstanding parking tickets must be paid prior to receiving a visitor permit. If the household has a car they do not need to apply separately for a Visitor Parking Permit; each household will receive one with the first Resident Parking Permit provided for that household.

### **Application Process for Visitor Parking Permit**

Permits would expire on January 31 and can be renewed starting in November.

Residents who have previously applied for and received either a Resident Parking Permit will receive **one** Visitor Parking Permit at no extra cost.

For a household without a vehicle or those who only require a VPP, they need to apply separately and the price is **\$25.00**.

New Visitor Parking Permits may be obtained by mail or in person at the City Clerk's office at 500 Broadway. When applying, the applicant must include or bring proof of residency and payment (as required, see fee information below).

**Fees**

- For households with one or more vehicles, a Visitor Parking Permit will be provided for no extra charge with the Resident Parking Permit (maximum one VPP per household).
- For household without a vehicle or those who only require a VPP, the price is **\$25.00**.
- There is no fee for senior citizens (age 65 or older) or persons with disabilities. To waive fee, if you are a senior citizen include proof of age with your application. If you are a person with a disability include a copy of the front and back of your parking placard.
- For replacement VPP, if one is lost or stolen, the fee is \$50.00. Only one replacement permit can be made per year. The resident who received the original Visitor Parking Permit is the only person that may request a replacement.

The following order was introduced by Councilor Robinson. A motion from Councilor Robinson to adopt by roll call passed 11-0-0-0. Voting yes were Councilors Vidot, Avellaneda, Tejada, Rodriguez, Recupero, Cortell, Murphy, Lopez, Robinson, Frank, and Garcia.

ORDERED, that the warrant for the City Preliminary Election September 26, 2017 be accepted.

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

ORDERED, that a Subcommittee on Conference be scheduled to discuss the possibility of cleaning up the City statues.

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

ORDERED, that a Subcommittee on Conference be scheduled to discuss the possibility of establishing a jaywalking program.

The following order was introduced by Councilor Murphy. A motion from Councilor Murphy moved the order to a second reading under suspension.

ORDERED, that an increase of the Fiscal Year 2018 School Department original appropriation from \$86,500,000 to \$87,546,185 for a net increase of \$1,046,185 attributed to an increase in Fiscal Year 2018 Chapter 70 Aid.

*The following order was introduced by Councilor Murphy. A motion from Councilor Murphy moved the order to a second reading under suspension.*

ORDERED: that the Chelsea City Council authorize the appropriation of \$257,000.00 from Operating Stabilization Fund #7023 to supplement the Fiscal Year CIP2017 – Port Park Signalized Crossing Project - Account #55401725-584500.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Paul G. Casino  
Clerk of the Chelsea City Council