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SUSPENSION

Chelsea, Massachusetts May 8, 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 02150. The following Councilors were present: Councilors Vidot, Avellaneda, Tejada, Rodriguez, Cortell, Murphy, Robinson, Frank, and Garcia. Councilors Recupero and Lopez 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 Avellaneda, Garcia, and Tejada and received late. No objections and Councilor Avellaneda moved that the Resolution be adopted under suspension.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, May 1st recognized as the International Worker's Day worldwide, and is the day to commemorate the ongoing struggle for worker's rights; and

WHEREAS, the Chelsea Collaborative has been organizing the celebration since 1995, and the march in Chelsea has grown to be joined by nearby communities of East Boston and Everett; and

WHEREAS, this year's march and demonstration was to support family unification, humane and just immigration policies, a \$15 living wage rate, a halt to mass deportation and a path to citizenship; and

WHEREAS, THIS May 1st, 2017 thousands of people gathered in front of Chelsea City Hall as a result of this yearly event; and

WHEREAS, many local businesses in support of International Worker's Day and the issues raised closed for the day; now therefore, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Chelsea City Council recognize the Chelsea Collaborative, its executive director Gladys Vega, its Latino Immigrant coordinator Yessenia Alfaro, its staff, members and its partners in nearby communities and the businesses in Chelsea, East Boston and Everett for the efforts in a successful May 1st Celebration.

Public Speaking:

The public speaking opened at 7:20 p.m.

The following came forward to speak:

1. Stanley Troisi 108 Springvale Avenue, spoke against the proposed 2 Hour Parking limit in the Cary Square District.
2. Karen Mochella owner of the Dance Studio, spoke against the proposed 2 Hour Parking limit in the Cary Square District.
3. Resident of 215 Washington Ave., spoke against the proposed 2 Hour Parking limit in the Cary Square District.

The public speaking portion closed at 7:31 p.m.

The minutes of the City Council meeting dated April 24, 2017 were approved at the request of Councilor Garcia under suspension.

Communications from City manager:

The following communication attached to the FY'18 Budget Proposal was read from City Manager Thomas G. Ambrosino. A motion from Councilor Murphy to accept and file the communication, and also refer the Budget to the Sub-Committee on Conference was adopted under suspension.

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

Re: *FY18 Budget*

Dear Councilors:

Enclosed you will find my proposed Fiscal Year 2018 Budget. The Budget funds City expenditures at \$76,890,146 and School Dept. expenditures at \$86,500,000, for a total budget of \$163,390,146. This is \$8.1 million more than FY17, a 5.3% increase.

The most significant aspect of this Budget, and a driving force for much of the increase, is the City's investment and support of the School Department. This year, the Commonwealth increased Chapter 70 funding for Chelsea by a mere \$142,000. The City provided the remaining support. Although the School Dept. still had to make difficult budgetary decisions, those impacts would have been far more severe had the City not stepped forward. With this investment, the City is now more than 5% over net school spending, proof of the City's strong support for its public schools.

There are a total of seven (7) new positions included in this budget that have not been previously funded by the City Council.

First, there is funding proposed for two additional firefighters. As discussed previously, the City has submitted a grant proposal to FEMA for 8 new firefighters. We are reasonably optimistic that this proposal will be funded. If so, the monies for the two firefighters will be utilized as the City's match for the FEMA grant. Either way, we will have additional firefighters in FY18, which is a continuation of our goal to gradually increase our firefighting contingent.

There are also new proposed positions in HR (temporary), Purchasing, IT, Emergency Management and in my office. In each of these departments, we have determined that additional staffing is necessary to complete work that has become more demanding over the past few years. In my office, I have realized after almost 2 years here that I could certainly utilize, and have more than sufficient work for, a full-time rather than part-time assistant.

The FY18 Budget maintains the commitment to fund the revitalization of the Chelsea Downtown. In addition to funding the Downtown Coordinator and the walking patrols for this area, the Budget contains continued funding for our contracts for the Navigators, the Navigator wrap around services, the Youth Navigators and the Healthy Streets' anti-prostitution effort. The FY18 Budget also includes another increase in funding for Summer Jobs to provide better opportunities for our young adults.

In addition to these discretionary increases, the FY18 Budget includes some typical annual increases over which the City has little control. The City's contribution to the pension system, its insurance costs, its solid waste disposal costs and its charter school assessments have all increased. In fact, charter school assessments alone have increased by almost \$1.8 million over FY17, another large driver of the FY18 Budget increase. The FY18 Budget also includes funding for collectively bargained salary increases for all of our unions and identical raises for our small contingent of non-union employees.

As proposed, the FY18 Budget contains a structural deficit of \$674,154, a manageable amount given our strong reserves. We will rely upon Free Cash to cover this deficit.

There is one final point. In order to avoid an even higher deficit, I did revisit some capital items previously approved by the City Council for inclusion in the FY18 Operating Budget as part of the FY18 Capital Improvement Plan. After careful review, the MIS Department determined that it could accomplish the server replacement and storage expansion projects for \$50,000 less than originally proposed. And, the Fire Department determined that it could hold off for one additional year on certain equipment purchases. These adjustments appear in this budget.

I will be available to answer any questions that the City Council has on the FY18 Budget at its upcoming subcommittee meetings.

Sincerely,
Thomas G. Ambrosino
City Manager

The following communication was read from City Manager Thomas G. Ambrosino. A motion from Councilor Garcia to accept and file and also refer the Report to the Sub-Committee on Conference under suspension was adopted.

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

Re: *Independent Audits*

Dear Councilors:

Attached you will find eleven copies of the following audit documents prepared by the City's independent auditor CliftonLarsonAllen LLP. The documents are:

1. the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2016;
2. the GAO and OMB Reports;
3. the Report on Chelsea Retirement System; and
4. the Management Letter.

Representatives from CliftonLarsonAllen are prepared to discuss these documents at a public meeting on a date convenient to the City Council.

Sincerely,
Thomas G Ambrosino
City Manager

The following communication was read from City Manager Thomas G. Ambrosino. A motion from Councilor Avellaneda moved the Appointments on the communication to a second reading under suspension.

The Honorable Chelsea City Council
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Chelsea, Massachusetts 02150

Re: *Appointments to Community Preservation Committee*

Dear Councilors:

Last December, the City Council approved a new Ordinance that created the Community Preservation Committee. This Committee is charged with making recommendations to the City Council for the expenditure of funds collected from the Community Preservation Act tax surcharge.

In accordance with the Ordinance and the pertinent statutory provisions governing this Committee, the City Manager has responsibility for recommending 5 members of the Committee: 4 members of the general public and one member of the HHS Recreation & Cultural Affairs Division.

With respect to the four members of the general public, the City made a public announcement of the openings for more than a three-week period, posted the announcement on

its website and advertised the openings in the Feb. 9, 2017 edition of the Chelsea Record. The City received applications in response to that solicitation, and I made my selections from those applications. The individuals I am recommending have each demonstrated a general enthusiasm about civic involvement in Chelsea as well as a strong interest in open space, recreation, historic preservation and/or affordable housing.

Based upon the above, I recommend the following for initial appointment to the Community Preservation Committee pursuant to Section 2-327(b) of the new Ordinance:

1. Bea Cravatta, as my designee from the HHS Recreation & Cultural Affairs Division, for a one year term expiring in 2018;
2. Jose A. Iraheta, 73 Essex Street, Chelsea, for a three year term expiring in 2020;
3. Yahya Noor, 60 Prescott Avenue, Chelsea, for a two year term expiring in 2019;
4. Caroline J. Bird, 107 Shurtleff Street, Floor 3, Chelsea, for a one year term expiring in 2018; and
5. Christine M. Smith Sutherland, 10 Medford St., Chelsea, for a one year term expiring in 2018.

Copies of the resumes of the general public applicants are attached.

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 actions approved at the April 25, 2017 Traffic and Parking Commission meeting. Councilor Avellaneda recused himself from the discussion and left the Chamber. A motion from Councilor Vidot to approve all items in the communication with the exception of item #3 of which she requested to L.O.T.

Until the May 22nd City Council meeting under suspension. It was adopted.

Second Readings:

The following order was introduced by Councilor Murphy and read for the second time. A motion from Councilor Murphy to adopt by roll call passed 9-0-2-0. Voting yes were Councilors Vidot, Avellaneda, Tejada, Rodriguez, Cortell, Murphy, Robinson, Frank, and Garcia. Councilors Recupero and Lopez were absent.

ORDERED, that the Chelsea City Council authorize the appropriation of funds in the amount of \$15,000.00 from Free Cash to the FY2017 Purchasing Department, Office Supplies Expense Account #0113852-542100.

The following communication was received from City Manager Thomas G. Ambrosino and read for the second time. A motion from Councilor Garcia to affirm the appointment of Mr. Hern Kim to the Chelsea Cultural Council by roll call passed 9-0-2-0. Voting yes were Councilors Vidot,

Avellaneda, Tejada, Rodriguez, Cortell, Murphy, Robinson, Frank, and Garcia. Councilors
Recupero and Lopez were absent.

The Honorable Chelsea City Council
Chelsea City Hall
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Re: *Appointment to Chelsea Cultural Council*

Dear Councilors:

Pursuant to Section 4-2 of the Charter of the City of Chelsea, I am writing to recommend for appointment to an open seat on the Chelsea Cultural Council Mr. Hern Kim, 88 Gerrish Avenue, #307, Chelsea. This is a three year term expiring in 2020. A copy of Mr. Kim's resume is attached.

Sincerely,
Thomas G. Ambrosino
City Manager

New Business:

Under New Business, orders introduced by Councilors Recupero and Lopez were set aside by the President of the City Council President Robinson due to the fact the Councilors could not be in attendance. The orders will be presented at the next scheduled meeting.

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

ORDERED, that the City Manager instruct DPW to replace the Soldier's Home sign located on a post at the intersection of Broadway and Jefferson Ave.

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

ORDERED, that the City Manager instruct DPW to add a Soldier's Home directional sign on the corner of Jefferson and Franklin Ave. and Franklin Ave. and Warren Ave. by the mailbox.

The following order was introduced by Councilor Tejada. A motion from Councilor Tejada to adopt under suspension was adopted. Councilor Tejada also requested that in the order Broadway be replaced with Washington Ave.

ORDERED, that the City manager instruct the Police Chief and DPW to look into putting a camera on the corner of Washington Ave and County Road covering a large and very active four-way intersection.

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

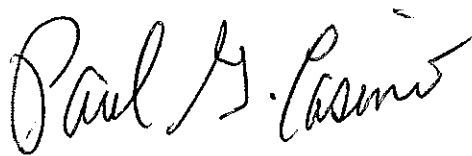
ORDERED, that the City Manager instruct DPW to look into cleaning the graffiti on the post around Spruce and Franklin Ave. and on the pavement around 1 Franklin Avenue. And Sturgis.

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

ORDERED, that the City Manager provide an update on the Fire Department Overtime Account and on whether an appropriation will be needed to close out the Fire Department Overtime Account.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul G. Casino".

Paul G. Casino
Clerk of the Chelsea City Council