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ACCEPTED AND FILED SUSPENSION

Chelsea, Massachusetts, February 26, 2018

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, Lopez, Rodriguez, Brown, Bishop, Tejada, Avellaneda, Robinson, Perlatonda, and Recupero. Councilor Garcia was absent. Council President Vidot presided over the meeting. The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m.

Prior to the start of the Regular meeting the Fire Department Promotional and Swearing-In Ceremony was conducted. The following were promoted:

- Deputy Chief, Edward Mc Garry
- Captain Philip Rogers
- 2 Lieutenants, Carter Glass and David Bishop.

Celebratory Resolutions:

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

RESOLUTION

- WHEREAS;** The International White Ribbon Campaign is an effort to urge men to speak out in opposition to violence against women as a remembrance of the Montreal Massacre, a 1991 tragedy when one man murdered 14 women in Montreal, Canada; and
- WHEREAS;** Jane Doe, Inc. launched Massachusetts White Ribbon Day in 2008 to engage men to help end violence against women, men and children; and
- WHEREAS;** This year's Massachusetts White Ribbon Day will be recognized on the first Wednesday in March, a day proclaimed by Chelsea City Manager as White Ribbon Day for the purpose of joining hundreds of men and boys in a pledge to embrace visions of manhood that foster respect, safety and equality; and
- WHEREAS;** This year's Massachusetts White Ribbon Day aims to strengthen the Massachusetts foundation for responding to the needs of victims regardless of gender identity or sexual orientation and recognizes that victims of sexual assault and domestic violence may be LGBTQ, elderly, disabled, or male; and

- WHEREAS;** The White Ribbon Day pledge states, “From this day forward, I promise to be part of the solution in ending violence against women and any gender-based violence”; and
- WHEREAS;** our municipality wishes to join with others across the Commonwealth to raise awareness of White Ribbon Day and to support survivors of violence; now, therefore, BE IT
- RESOLVED;** on this day, the 26th day of February, 2018, the Chelsea City Council, in our representative capacity of the residents of Chelsea, do hereby take the pledge, recognize White Ribbon Day and, from this day forth, will participate actively in the campaign to end domestic violence.

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

RESOLUTION

- WHEREAS,** It is through learning that we become enlightened and come to understand each other more clearly; and
- WHEREAS,** the Black History Committee, along with Lewis H. Latimer Society, Ron Robinson, the Chelsea Black Community, Joan Cromwell, Henry Wilson, Celeste Williams, and Sharon Caulfield, Associate Dean of Bunker Hill Community College, continue to play a significant role in presenting Black history and cultural celebrations and programming to our community; and
- WHEREAS,** the end-of-the-month celebration honoring Chelsea Trailblazers: High School Coaches Hall of Fame Joanne Lee Nieves, retired teacher and counselor at Chelsea High School for thirty-four years Betty Boyd, Executive Director of School Administration and Finance Gerry McCue, Shaquor Sandiford of Village Talks, Chelsea Restoration Corporation, Eastern Salt Company Shelagh Mahoney and Joe McNamee, Daniel Cruz of Cruz Construction, Associate Dean of Bunker Hill Community College Sharon Caulfield, and U.S. Olympic Festival Team Gold Medalist John Lee; NOW THEREFORE
- BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Chelsea City Council hereby recognizes the end of the month celebration honoring Chelsea Trailblazers and wishes to thank the Black History Committee, Lewis H. Latimer Society and Chelsea’s Black Community “Remembering the Past, Celebrating the Future” for their contributions to the City of Chelsea and beyond.

Public Speaking:

The public speaking portion opened at 7:33.

Shaquor Sandiford, Boys and Girls Club, spoke about the program for Friday March 2, at the Chelsea Boys and Girls Club.

The public speaking closed at 7:36 p.m.

The minutes of the City Council meeting held on February 5, 2018 Special Meeting, and the Regular meeting held on February 5, 2018 were approved at the request of Councilor Bishop under suspension.

Communications from City Manager:

The following communication was read from City Manager Thomas G. 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: *Utility Company Trenches*

Dear Councilors:

I am writing in response to the recent Council Order requesting that I ensure that utility companies are properly restoring the City's streets when they dig for repairs.

Please note that the City's Department of Public Works does have a procedure in place to ensure that, in these circumstances, streets are restored at no cost to the taxpayers. Specifically, each time a utility is granted a Street Opening Permit to conduct a utility repair, money is set aside in an escrow account to ensure that the street is properly restored. The City will not release these funds until it has inspected the restoration trench and determined it is satisfactory.

Naturally, there may be occasions when a trench fails after the DPW has approved the repair and released escrow funds. In those circumstances, if the fault lies with the utility company, the DPW has the ability to refuse to issue a subsequent Street Opening Permit until the prior failed trench is rectified.

If any City Councilor is aware of a location where a trench or spot repair from prior utility work has failed, please feel free to notify me. I will have the Department of Public Works investigate and take appropriate action.

Sincerely,
Thomas G. Ambrosino
City Manager

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

The Honorable Chelsea City Council
Chelsea City Hall
500 Broadway
Chelsea, Massachusetts 02150
Re: Administration Order on Cultural Council

Dear Councilors:

Pursuant to Section 6-1(a) of the City of Chelsea Charter, I am writing to notify you that I have promulgated a new Administrative Order regarding the Cultural Council. At the request of the Cultural Council, I have increased the membership of the Council from five to seven members.

I expect to submit to the City Council prospective candidates for these positions shortly.

Sincerely,
Thomas G. Ambrosino
City Manager

The following communication was read from City Manager Thomas G. Ambrosino. A motion from Councilor Bishop to send it to the Sub-Committee on Conference was adopted under suspension.

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

Re: *Non-Profit Contracts*

Dear Councilors:

I am writing in response to the recent Council Order requesting information about the contracts that the City has with its non-profit partners.

The City currently has twelve (12) active contracts with its non-profit partners: 3 with CAPIC; 3 with the Chelsea Collaborative; 2 with ROCA; and one each with North Suffolk Mental Health Association, The Neighborhood Developers, MGH Chelsea and Mystic Valley Elder Services. A list of the contracts, their values and end dates are set forth in the attached spreadsheet.

For each of the contracts, I have included a scope of services, a budget and information on the number of clients served. Those documents should provide all the information requested in the Council Order.

Please note that, in addition to these active contracts, we will have contracts soon for the Safe and Successful Youth Initiative (“SSYI”) with non-profit partners ROCA, North Suffolk and TND. But, those contracts covering 2018 have not yet been executed. I’ve included in the package of materials information on the SSYI grant as well as the budgets for FY16 and FY17 for your review.

Because the backup material is extensive, I’ve made one copy of all materials which is available in the City Council office.

Sincerely,
Thomas G. Ambrosino
City Manager

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

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

Re: Quarterly Hiring Report

Dear Councilors:

Pursuant to Administrative Code Section 1.12.02, I have enclosed the required statistical quarterly report on hiring for the twelve month period from Jan, 2017 through Dec.31, 2017.

I will be available to answer any questions.

Very truly,
Thomas G. Ambrosino
City Manager

The following communication was read from City Manager Thomas G. Ambrosino. A motion from Councilor Avellaneda moved the communication with regards to Appointments to Boards and Commissions 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 re-appointment to the Planning Board, Mr. Henry Wilson, 105 Beacon Street, #1, Chelsea, for a new three year term expiring on March 26, 2021.

For re-appointment to the Planning Board, Mr. Sashir Rao, 148 Congress Ave., Chelsea, for a new three year term expiring on February 28, 2021.

For re-appointment to the Planning Board, Mr. Lad Dell, 14 Breakwater Drive, Chelsea, for a new three year term expiring on February 28, 2021.

For appointment to the Board of Library Trustees, Ms. Isabel Garcia, 373 Crescent Ave., Unit 2, Chelsea, for a three year term expiring on February 28, 2021.

For appointment to the Board of Library Trustees, Ms. Kristina Larsen Shaw Byrnes, 604 Washington Avenue, Apt. 5, Chelsea, for a three year term expiring on February 28, 2021.

For re-appointment to the Board of Library Trustees, Ms. Beth Novak, 126 Bloomingdale Street, Chelsea, for a new three year term expiring on February 28, 2021.

For appointment to the Board of Registrars of Voters, Mr. Gerrit DeYoung, 165 Winnisimmet Street, 2C, Chelsea, to take the place of Ms. Naysha Muniz-Buckley, who has moved out of the City. This term expires on September 24, 2020.

For re-appointment to the Board of Registrars of Voters, Ms. Faye Dookharan, 39 Cherry St., Chelsea, for a new three year term expiring on February 28, 2021.

For re-appointment to the Board of Registrars of Voters, Ms. Liz Joyce, 45 Garland St., Chelsea, for a new three year term expiring on February 28, 2021.

For appointment to the Human Rights Commission, Ms. Olivia Anne Walsh, 91 Crest Avenue, Chelsea, to take the place of Mr. Juan Gallego, who resigned. This term expires on June 30, 2018.

For re-appointment to the Board of Assessors, Mr. Fella Goldberg, 1 Boatswains Way, Chelsea, for a new three year term expiring on February 28, 2021.

For re-appointment to the Board of Assessors, Ms. Kathleen Conlon, 83 Tudor St., Chelsea, for a new three year term expiring on February 28, 2021.

For re-appointment to the Board of Health, Ms. Catherine Maas, 38 Beacon St, Chelsea, for a new three year term expiring on February 28, 2021.

For re-appointment to the Board of Health, Ms. Madeline Scammell, 59 Eleanor St, Chelsea, for a new three year term expiring on February 28, 2021.

For re-appointment to the Board of Health, Dr. Dean Xerras, 1441 Centre St, Newton, for a new three year term expiring on February 28, 2021.

For re-appointment to the Conservation Commission, Stephen Sarikas, 137 Prescott Ave, Chelsea, for a new three year term expiring on February 28, 2021.

For re-appointment to the Conservation Commission, Judith Dyer, 11 Heard St, Chelsea, for a new three year term expiring on February 28, 2021.

For re-appointment to the Conservation Commission, Alan Orloff, 100 Commandants Way #104, Chelsea, for a new three year term expiring on February 28, 2021.

For re-appointment to the Economic Development Board, Richard Pantano, 99 Exeter St, Chelsea, for a new three year term expiring on February 28, 2021.

For re-appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals, Joseph Mahoney, 200 Captain's Row #403, Chelsea, for a new three year term expiring on February 28, 2021.

For re-appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals, Marilyn Vega-Torres, 77 Essex St., Chelsea, for a new three year term expiring on February 28, 2021.

For appointment to the Council of Elder Affairs, Roberta Tarris, 57 Cherry Street, Chelsea, for a three year term expiring on February 28, 2021.

For re-appointment to the Council of Elder Affairs, Robert Bradley, 28 County Rd, Chelsea, for a new three year term expiring on February 28, 2021.

For re-appointment to the Council of Elder Affairs, Antonio Ortega, PO Box 410016, Cambridge, for a new three year term expiring on February 28, 2021.

For re-appointment to the Council of Elder Affairs, Irene Malachowski, 23 Garland St, Chelsea, for a new three year term expiring on February 28, 2021.

For re-appointment to the Council of Elder Affairs, Greg Walczak, 124 Chester Ave, Chelsea, for a new three year term expiring on February 28, 2021.

For appointment to the Cultural Council, Devra Sari Zabot, 60 Dudley St., Unit 316, Chelsea, for a three year term expiring in 2021.

For appointment to the Cultural Council, Amy Ingrid Schlegel, 36 Medford St., Unit 3, for a three year term expiring in 2021.

I respectfully request your approval of these appointments. I have attached resumes for most of the new appointees.

Sincerely,
Thomas G. Ambrosino
City Manager.

Second Readings:

The following orders were all introduced by Councilor Bishop Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Finance. Councilor Bishop moved to adopt all of the orders by one roll call if there were no objections. There were no objections. Prior to the start of the roll call Councilor Avellaneda recused himself from the vote and left the room. The roll call passed 9-0-1-1. Voting yes were Councilors Vidot, Lopez, Rodriguez, Brown, Bishop, Tejada, Robinson, Perlatonda, and Recupero. Councilor Garcia was absent. Councilor Avellaneda recused.

ORDERED: that the Chelsea City Council authorize the appropriation of \$50,000.00 from Free Cash to supplement the Fiscal Year 2018 DPW Streets and Sidewalks Division – Maintenance Citywide, Account 0142252 – 524600 for Improved Broadway Lighting.

ORDERED: that the Chelsea City Council authorize the appropriation of \$30,000.00 from Free Cash to supplement the Fiscal Year 2018 DPW Streets and Sidewalks Division – Street Signs, Account 0142252 – 546500 for New Welcoming and Neighborhood Signage.

ORDERED: that the Chelsea City Council authorize the appropriation of \$17,744.00

from Free Cash to supplement the Fiscal Year 2018 DPW Streets and Sidewalks Division – Maintenance Citywide, Account 0142252 – 524600 for Pole Removal at Broadway/Williams.

ORDERED: that the Chelsea City Council authorize the appropriation of \$35,000.00 from Free Cash to supplement the Fiscal Year 2018 MIS – Contract Services, Account 0115552 – 530600 for Data Reporting/Transparency Software – OpenGov.

ORDERED: that the Chelsea City Council authorize the appropriation of \$10,000.00 from Free Cash to supplement the Fiscal Year 2018 DPW Streets and Sidewalks Division – Pest Control, Account 0142252 – 571000 for Rodent Control.

New Business:

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

Ordered, that the City Manager instruct DPW to paint the crosswalk at the corner of Spruce ST. and Williams St.

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

REQUEST, the Traffic and Parking Commission put up a “no parking here to corner” in front of 1 Franklin Ave. before the drive way.

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

Request, that the City Manager submit a review of the City’s contract with Comcast in order to evaluate them and consider what other companies like Fios can offer.

The following order was introduced by Councilor Recupero. Councilor Recupero amended the order to include the words “to have the ordinance written by the next City Council meeting”. Councilor Recupero moved roll call and the amendment passed 9-1-1-0. Voting yes were Councilors Vidot, Lopez, Rodriguez, Brown, Bishop, Tejada, Robinson, Perlatonda, and Recupero. Councilor Avellaneda voted no. Councilor Garcia was absent.

REQUEST, that the City Manager instruct the City Solicitor to write up an ordinance to require all new police and fire hires to live in the City of Chelsea for a period of five years.

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

REQUEST, that the Traffic and Parking Commission look into improving the overall resident parking program to better benefit the residents of Chelsea.

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

REQUEST, that the Traffic and Parking Commission look into changing the hours of Chelsea City Hall parking lot for residential parking to 7:00 P.M.-7:00 AM, with the exception of a snow emergency, and report back to the Council their findings.

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

REQUEST, that the City Manager instruct the DPW Director to look into adjusting the settings of the LED street lights throughout the City for better visibility.

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

REQUEST, that City Manager and ISD give an update on the status of the Irish Club.

The following order was introduced by Councilor Bishop. Also signing the order were Councilors Robinson, Tejada, Lopez, Recupero, Brown, Vidot, Perlatonda, and Rodriguez. A motion from Councilor Bishop moved the order to a second reading under suspension.

Ordered, that the City Manager transfer the sum of \$20,000,000. From Free Cash Account to the City of Chelsea Stabilization Account.

The following order was introduced by Councilor Vidot A motion from Councilor Rodriguez to table was approved.

Ordered, that a Special Subcommittee be established to assist the City Manager in determining the needs of a teen/community recreation center.

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

Ordered, that a Sub-Committee on Conference be scheduled to discuss the expansion of recycling across the City.

The following Order was introduced by Councilors Robinson, Vidot, Bishop, Tejada, Perlatonda, Lopez, Recupero, Rodriguez, and Brown. A motion from Councilor Robinson to adopt under suspension and send copies to the State Delegation and Governor, was adopted under suspension.

WHEREAS: the shift from a low income (LI) to economically disadvantaged (ED) definition of poor students reduced the 2016 (FY17) and 2017 (FY18) counts of low income students in a small number of school districts including Chelsea Public Schools.

WHEREAS: in Chelsea, we went from 5,833 low income students in 2015 (FY16) to 4,008 in 2016 (FY17), a loss of 1,825 students of poverty and \$2,349,740 in Foundation Budget.

WHEREAS: in terms of Chapter 70 aid, most districts, 92% in FY17 and 95% in FY18, were better off under this new definition and decile allocation except for a small handful of gateway city school districts with high numbers of immigrant students, in particular Chelsea Public Schools.

WHEREAS: the State recognized the imperfections with the method used to calculate economically disadvantaged students, attempted to make whole in FY17 and FY18 with a “transitional relief” allocation.

WHEREAS: under the leadership of the Chelsea Public Schools Superintendent in 2017, a small working group worked to resolve the discrepancy of the count of economically disadvantaged students prior to the FY19 budget and the group made recommendations to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE).

WHEREAS: the DESE failed in the new calculation to take the recommendations to include homeless, fostercare, migrant, and immigrant students in their counting method which would have further increased the accurate count of economically disadvantaged students.

WHEREAS: the DESE did implement the recommendation to include all MASSHealth categories which improved the accurate count of economically disadvantaged students, increasing Chelsea’s count by an additional 799 students.

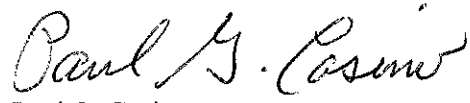
WHEREAS: to offset increases to the Chapter 70 budget, the FY19 Governor’s budget decreases the per pupil allocation for poor students in Chelsea from \$4,400 to \$4,100, resulting in a loss of funding of \$1,077,100 for Chelsea Public Schools, alone.

WHEREAS: students of poverty are more expensive to educate this year, FY19, compared to last year, it is against our core beliefs as leaders to allow our education funds to be decreased simply because we have become more accurate this year in identifying our economically disadvantaged students.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Chelsea City Council stands behind and supports Chelsea Public Schools and the Superintendent in their advocacy to continue to seek accurate counts of economically disadvantaged students **and** to maintain per pupil allocations used in the FY18 foundation budgets. The Chelsea City Council asks the legislature to increase the Governor’s budget to include and make whole the per pupil economically disadvantage allocation in school districts. Our students’ futures are too valuable to short change.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul G. Casino". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Paul G. Casino
Clerk of the Chelsea City Council