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Chelsea, Massachusetts August 20, 2018

# SUSPENSION

Dear Honorable Council Members:

Please be advised that Councilor Damali Vidot, the Chelsea City Council President, has called for a Special Meeting of the Chelsea City Council for Monday, August 20, 2018 at 6:00 p.m., in the City Council Chambers, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA 02150, for the following purposes:

1. Salute to the Flag
2. Roll Call of Members
3. Warrant for the September 4, 2018 State Primary Election
4. Order for the September 4, 2018 State Primary Election.
5. Communication received from Mr. Richard M. Rogers Executive Secretary Treasurer of the Greater Boston Labor Council in support of implementing a moratorium on non-emergency work on gas lines in Chelsea.
6. Resolution introduced by Councilor Vidot regarding the monitoring of all National Grid work being done during the lockout of National Grid's workers and that no new permits for gas construction projects shall be issued by the City of Chelsea.

Sincerely yours,  
Jeannette Cintron White  
City Clerk

The Warrant for the State Primary was received from City Clerk Jeannette Cintron White. Councilor Robinson moved to accept and file the Warrant, pending the order introduced.

The following order was introduced by Councilor Vidot. Councilor Robinson moved to adopt by roll call. The roll call passed 6-0-5-0. Voting yes were Councilors Vidot, Rodriguez, Brown, Bishop, Tejada, and Robinson. Absent were Councilors Lopez, Avellaneda, Perlatonda, Garcia, and Recupero.  
ORDERED, that the warrant for the September 4, 2018 State Primary Election be accepted.

**A copy of a communication was read from Richard M Rogers Executive Secretary-Treasurer Greater Boston Labor Council (United Steel Workers Union). A motion from Councilor Vidot to accept and file was adopted under suspension.**

The following Resolution was introduced by Councilor Vidot. Councilor Bishop objected to the First Reading and it will be brought up at the next scheduled meeting under second readings.  
WHEREAS, National Grid serves more than 1.9 million gas and electric customers in 85 communities in Massachusetts, many of which are in the City of Chelsea; and

WHEREAS, Despite its 24% increase in yearly profit, National Grid's billion dollar company has been unable to reach a fair and equitable contract for its employees; and

WHEREAS, National Grid's failure to bargain in good faith has resulted in the loss of health benefits of 1250 workers of the United Steelworkers Union Local 12003 and Local 12012 having been locked out of their contracts since June 24<sup>th</sup>; and

WHEREAS, Chelsea's aging infrastructure requires the experience of well-trained employees performing services and line inspections on gas projects; and

WHEREAS, A prolonged lockout of National Grid gas workers raises legitimate safety concerns for the public and strains service to National Grid customers; and

WHEREAS, the public safety of the general public in Chelsea is our main priority; now

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED; That the City of Chelsea remain vigilant in monitoring all National Grid work being done during the lockout of National Grid's workers and that no new permits for gas construction projects shall be issued by the City of Chelsea.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; That the City of Chelsea encourages National Grid to put public safety before profits and end the lockout of its gas workers so that Chelsea's gas line inspections, services and repairs may continue to be performed by qualified and properly trained employees.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Paul G. Casino  
Clerk of the Chelsea City Council