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Chelsea, Massachusetts September 24, 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, Brown, Bishop, Tejada, Avellaneda, Robinson, Perlatonda, Garcia, and Recupero. Councilor Rodriguez was absent. Council President Vidot presided over the meeting. The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m.

Prior to the regular order of business the following Firefighters were sworn in. Michael Cross, Kyle Brown, and Michael Frasier.

The following new members of the Youth Commission were then sworn in. Cinthya Mancina, Deja Freeman, Marcela Castillo, Adrianna Vega, Paulela Pierre, Alny Herrera, Alicia Smith, Saira Carreto, and Joseph Turuel.

Memoriums and celebratory Resolutions:

The Resolution introduced by Councilors Tejada, Rodriguez, Avellaneda, and Robinson on the agenda was set aside until the next regular scheduled meeting.

Public Hearing regarding the City Manager's Evaluation:

The public hearing regarding the City Manager's Evaluation was opened to the public . The following came forward to speak:

Rosemary Carlisle, Chelsea Resident and School Committee Member, spoke in favor of the City Manager.

Mike Fraser Chelsea Resident, spoke in favor

Bill Clark Chelsea Resident, spoke in favor

Jose Iraheta Chelsea Resident, spoke in favor

The Public Hearing closed at 7:35 p.m.

Public Speaking:

The public speaking portion opened at 7:36 p.m. The following came forward to speak:

Teresa Czerepica spoke against home owner Trash Fee.

Kathleen Clark Chelsea Resident, spoke about the need to demolish the Building on Warren Ave.

Mary Bourque Superintendent of Schools, spoke in favor of the Chapter 70 additional money allotted from the State and the need to vote in favor.

Kelly Garcia School Committee, spoke in favor of the Chapter 70 State Aid.

Rosemarie Carlisle Chelsea School Committee, spoke in favor of the Chapter 70 State Aid money.

William Clark Chelsea Resident, spoke of the need to tear down the house on Warren Avenue.

Roman Pucko PAV, spoke on the concept of the one-way two-way proposal and not enough time to properly vote.

Sheril McLone Chelsea Resident stated not enough time to vote on the proposal.

Richard Delarusso Chelsea Resident spoke in favor of tearing down the building on Warren Avenue.

The public speaking portion closed at 7:58 p.m.

The minutes of the City Council meeting dated September 10, 2018 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 Brown to accept and file was adopted under suspension.

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

Re: *Notice of Waiver Intent*

Dear Councilors:

Pursuant to the Administrative Code Section 1.12.02, I am writing to notify you of my intention to hire for three part-time positions in Chelsea Community Schools and to grant waivers from the residency requirement set forth in the Administrative Code, Part IV, Section 1.12.01. The three hires are:

1. Yini Hao, 8 Channing St., Quincy as part-time Piano Teacher;
2. Kevin Joyce, 10 Elm St., #3, Everett as part-time Language Instructor; and
3. Kristen Leslie, 15 Whittemore Street, Medford as part-time Art Instructor.

Copies of the resumes are attached. There were no Chelsea applicants for the piano or language teacher. There was one Chelsea applicant for the position of Art Instructor, but she withdrew.

In accordance with Section 1.12.02, I request that you provide me with any comments on the proposed waivers within seven days.

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Sincerely,
Thomas G. Ambrosino
City Manager

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

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

Re: *Additional Appropriation Vote for School Dept. FY19 Budget*

Dear Councilors:

I am writing to request another appropriation vote for the School Department's FY19 Budget. Once again, this requested increase to the Budget, in the amount of \$296,025, will have no impact on the City's budget approved by the City Council in June.

Like the additional Chapter 70 funding identified in my September 4, 2018 letter, this new money of \$296,025 was approved by the Legislature and Governor as part of the final FY19 State Budget. This money is part of a final \$12.5 million state appropriation set aside specifically for communities like Chelsea adversely impacted by the new method for counting economically disadvantaged students. However, these so-called Transitional Relief Funds are not included in the City's Chapter 70 aid nor are they included elsewhere on our Cherry Sheet.

Because these funds were not appearing as a revenue on the City's Cherry Sheet, I originally assumed that the funds did not need City Council appropriation and would be transferred directly by the Commonwealth to the School Department. (The funds have already been wire transferred to the City by the Commonwealth.) However, the Mass. Dept. of Revenue has recently informed the City that the City Council must appropriate the money to the School Dept. DOR has further indicated that, notwithstanding that the funds do not appear on the City's Cherry Sheet as Revenue, the funds should be added as a Receipt on the City's Tax Recapitulation Sheet, thereby directly offsetting the appropriation and resulting in no impact to the City's Budget.

On September 6, 2018, the Chelsea School Committee approved a final revised budget of \$92,126,109, which includes both these new funds of \$296,025 *and* the additional \$630,084 in new Chapter 70 money. (Details on the School Committee votes are attached.) Accordingly, I now ask the City Council to vote to increase the School Department's FY19 Budget to a final amount of \$92,126,109, reflecting both the new Chapter 70 money and this \$296,025 in Transitional Relief. A copy of the required Order is attached.

Sincerely,
Thomas G. Ambrosino
City Manager

The following communication was read from City Manager Thomas G. Ambrosino. A motion from Councilor Robinson to have a second reading was adopted 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 Youth Commission, Ms. Madina Hassan, 10 Fitz Terrace, Chelsea, for a one year term expiring on June 30, 2019. Ms. Hassan is a senior at Chelsea High School.

For appointment to the Council of Elder Affairs, Ms. Jean Chapman, 15 Gardner Street, Chelsea, for a three year term expiring in 2021.

For appointment to the Council of Elder Affairs, Ms. Marianne Winship, 62 Beacon St., Chelsea, for a three year term expiring in 2021.

For appointment to the Chelsea Cultural Council, Ms. Carolina Anzola, 220 Spencer Ave., #103, Chelsea, for a three year term expiring in 2021.

For appointment to the Chelsea Community Schools Advisory Board, Ms. Anne Waller Auerbach, 28 Park Street, Apt. 3, Brookline, Massachusetts, for a three year term expiring in 2021.

For all of these appointments, I request your approval. And, for Ms. Auerbach, I ask for a Residency Waiver. It has been difficult to attract members to the Chelsea Community Schools Advisory Board, with several existing openings remaining unfilled for more than two years. Even with the appointment of Ms. Auerbach, there remain three open positions for interested Chelsea residents.

I have attached resumes for the new appointees except for Ms. Chapman, a senior who did not submit a resume.

Finally, I am confirming that Mr. Robert Saenz has withdrawn his candidacy for a position on the Chelsea Planning Board.

Sincerely,
Thomas G. Ambrosino
City Manager

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

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

Re: *Recent Council Orders*

Dear Councilors:

I am writing in response to three Council Orders approved at the September 10, 2018 meeting.

The first Order requested an update to the traffic light situation at Broadway/Eastern/Clinton. Recognizing the need to improve this intersection, the City has contracted for the installation of a smart traffic signal system at this intersection. The funding was provided by the City Council as part of the FY19 Capital Improvement Plan.

The smart traffic signal system will be a fully operational system providing for green, yellow and red signals. The current flashing system will be eliminated. Utilizing cameras and sensors, the smart

traffic signals will operate on different timing sequences depending upon the flow and extent of traffic on each of the intersecting streets.

The contract for this work has been awarded to Dagle Electric. We expect the work to commence within the next few weeks. The new system should be operational sometime this Fall. We are hopeful that this system will be an improvement over the existing condition.

The second Order requested that the City increase the setting on streetlights on Central and Eastern. However, instead of working with the existing lighting, the City has decided to upgrade the streetlights on these two streets as part of a broader effort to increase lighting throughout the City. A contract for this new lighting is currently out to bid. The funding exists from a prior capital project on lighting. We expect the new lighting to be installed before the end of the calendar year. In other streets where we have installed these new streetlights, such as Sagamore Avenue, residents have noticed a marked improvement in visibility.

Finally, the last Council Order asked that the City consider line painting of parking spaces on residential streets. This same request has been made in the past, and my response has not changed. It is the opinion of myself and others that line painting of legal parking spaces on residential streets would have the unintended consequence of reducing available parking. Because the spaces would be standard size spaces and could only be painted in strict compliance with our parking regulations about distances from corners, hydrants and driveway curbcuts, we feel less vehicles could be accommodated than currently occurs as vehicles of various sizes squeeze into available street space.

Sincerely,
Thomas G, Ambrosino
City Manager

Communications and petitions to the Council:

A copy of a communication was read from Chelsea resident Ms. Beth Novak regarding concerns about the recommendation to institute trash fees to Chelsea homeowners. A motion from Councilor Avellaneda to accept and file was adopted under suspension.

Unfinished Business:

Councilor Robinson requested that the order pertaining the \$25,000 to the I.S.D for Demolition be removed from Conference to be acted upon. No objections. Councilor Robinson moved to adopt by roll call. The roll call passed 8-2-1-0. The following voted yes Councilors Lopez, Brown, Tejada, Avellaneda, Robinson, Perlatonda, Garcia, and Recupero. Voting no were Councilors Vidot and Bishop. Councilor Rodriguez was absent. The order reads as follows:

ORDERED, That the Chelsea City Council authorize the appropriation of \$25,000.00 from the General Stabilization Fund #7020 to supplement the Fiscal Year 2019 Inspectional Services Department Building/Emergency Demolition line item-Account #0124052-538000.

Second Readings:

The following order introduced by Councilor Recupero was read for the second time. A motion from Councilor Recupero to adopt by roll call was made. An amendment by Councilor Robinson to refer it to

the City Solicitor was made. Councilor Recupero objected to the amendment. A second amendment was offered by Councilor Recupero, "any home owner who owned their home 3 years or more be inserted". On roll call the amendment was defeated 5-5-1-0. Voting yes were Councilors Lopez, Bishop, Tejada, Perlatonda, and Recupero. Voting no were Councilors Vidot, Brown, Avellaneda, Robinson, and Garcia. Councilor Rodriguez was absent. The roll call to adopt the order passed 7-3-1-0. Voting yes were Councilors Vidot, Lopez, Bishop, Tejada, Perlatonda, Garcia, and Recupero. Voting no were Councilors Brown, Avellaneda, and Robinson. Councilor Rodriguez was absent.

Ordered, that the City Manager implement, commencing with bills for July 1,2019 and thereafter, a 10% discount on water and sewer bills for all units in any owner occupied single, two-family or three family homes or any owner-occupied condominium that has an individual water meter.

The following communication received from City Manager Ambrosino regarding Appointments to Boards and Commissions was read for the second time. A motion from Councilor Garcia to affirm all of the appointments by roll call with the exception of Robert Saenz who withdrew his name. The roll call passed 10-0-1-0. Voting yes were Councilors Vidot, Lopez, Brown, Bishop, Tejada, Avellaneda, Robinson, Perlatonda, Garcia, and Recupero. Councilor Rodriguez was absent.

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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 City's Tree Warded, Asst. DPW Director Fidel Maltez, 13 Admirals Way, Chelsea, for a three year term expiring in 2021.

For appointment to the Chelsea Cultural Council, Ms. Angelina McCoy, 150 Heard St. Chelsea, for a new three year term expiring in 2021.

For appointment to the Chelsea Youth Commission, for a new one-year terms expiring on June 30,2019, the following nine members:

Cinthya Mancía, 145 Essex St. Chelsea (Chelsea High School-reappointment)

Deja Freeman, 64 Beacon St. Apt. 3, Chelsea (Excel Academy-reappointment).

Marcela Castillo, 110 Chestnut St. Chelsea (Chelsea High School-reappointment).

Adrianna Vega, 85 Blossom St. Chelsea (Excel Academy-reappointment).

Paulela Pierre, 56 Watts St. Chelsea (Chelsea High School-reappointment).

Alny Herrera, 68 Shawmut St. Apt. 1, Chelsea (Chelsea High School).

Alicia Smith, 154 Pearl St. Chelsea High School).

Saura Carreto, 834 Broadway, Chelsea (Chelsea High School).

Joseph Turuel, 149 Shurtleff St. Apt, 2 Chelsea (Chelsea High School).

For appointment to the Planning Board, Ms. Alejandrina Rodriguez, 43 Carmel Street, Chelsea.

For appointment to the Planning Board, Mr. Robert Saenz, 174 Shurtleff St. Chelsea, for a three year term expiring in 2021. Mr. Saenz withdrew.

For appointment to the Planning Board, Indria Alfaro, 75 Palmer St. Chelsea, for a three year term expiring in 2021.

For appointment to the Historical Commission, Ms. Allison E. Cuneo, 126 Washington Avenue, Unit 1, Chelsea, for a three year term expiring in 2021.

For re-appointment to the Chelsea Tree Board, Denise Ortega, 73 Essex St. Apt 1, Chelsea, for a new expiring on September 24,2021.

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

Sincerely,
Thomas G Ambrosino
City Manager

New Business:

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

Request, that a Subcommittee on Conference be scheduled with the MBTA and the City Manager to discuss resident concerns regarding the 111 bus.

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

Request, that a Subcommittee be scheduled to offer three amendments to the inclusionary zoning ordinance.

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

Request, that a Subcommittee on Conference regarding homeownership be scheduled.

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

Request, that the Subcommittee on Conference be scheduled with Emergency Management to talk about what plans are in place for emergency.

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

Request, that the Traffic and Parking Commission look into placing a one way sign on the corner of Orange St. and Carmel St. that is more visible.

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

Request, that the City Manager look into the cost of removing the bump out extension that was made on the corner of Franklin Ave. and Sturgis St. and put it out to bid for removal

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

Request, that a Subcommittee on Conference be scheduled to discuss the rodent sewer baiting program.

The following late order was introduced by Councilor Avellaneda No objections to the late order. A motion from Councilor Avellaneda moved it to the second reading under suspension.

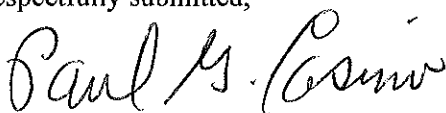
ORDERED, that an increase of the Fiscal Year 2019 School Department original appropriation from \$91,200,000 to \$91,830,084 for a net increase of \$630,084 attributed to an increase in Fiscal Year 2019 Chapter 70 Aid.

The following late order was introduced by Councilor Avellaneda. No objections. A motion from Councilor Avellaneda moved the order to a second reading under suspension.

ORDERED, that the Chelsea City Council increases the Fiscal Year 2019 School Department original appropriation from \$91,200,000 to \$92,126,109 reflecting the increase in Chapter 70 Aid of \$630,084 and the \$296,025 in Transition Relief Funds.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Paul G. Casino
Clerk of the Chelsea City Council