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SUSPENSION

January 13, 2020 Chelsea, Massachusetts 02150

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 Zabet, Garcia, Taylor, Recupero, Brown, Vidot, Maldonado, Rodriguez, Avellaneda, and Lopez. Councilor Avellaneda presided over the meeting. The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m.

Memoriums and Celebratory Resolutions:

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., an American Baptist, an activist, and the pastor of the historic Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery Alabama became a spokesperson and leader in the Civil Rights Movement; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is worldly recognized for having possessed incredible courage, bravery and dedication to advocate for racial equality through non-violent resistance in the face of tremendous danger to his life and those around him; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. committed his life in pursuit of justice and unity amongst all Americans until his assassination in 1968; and

WHEREAS, The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Public Service is celebrated each year on the third Monday of January to support and promote service and civic engagement to commemorate his legacy; and

WHEREAS, The People's A.M.E. Church Planning Committee has invited the Reverend Dr. Gregory Groover, Senior Pastor of the Historic Charles Street A.M.E. Church in Boston, to be the keynote speaker in collaboration with various community groups and businesses, such as CHS REACH, Chelsea Public Schools, Chelsea Black Community, CHS Interact Club, Chelsea City Council, Chelsea City Manager, Chelsea Girl Scouts, Chelsea Interfaith Alliance recognizes "everybody can be great, because everybody can serve."; and

WHEREAS, The People's A.M.E. Church, Youth and Young Adult Coalition's homeless initiative 'Project Opening Doors' along with the Rotary Club, Selah Ministries, and the Light of Christ Church have united to support the homeless community in Chelsea, NOW

THEREFORE BE IT that we welcome the new Chelsea Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Almi Abeyta, and present awards to their Chelsea Public School Essay Contest winners, who will share their "I Have A Dream" speeches, the Spirit Award winners and the Young Adult Dreamers and Achievers Award Winners. And

WHEREAS, The People's A.M.E. Church, Youth and Young Adult Coalition's homeless initiative 'Project Opening Doors,' along with the Rotary Club of Chelsea, the Selah Ministries, the Salvation Army and the Light of Christ Church have united their hearts and hands to support the homeless community in Chelsea; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that We, the Members of the Chelsea City Council, on behalf of the Citizens of Chelsea, hereby recognize the efforts of the People's A.M.E. Church led by Reverend Dr. Sandra G. Whitley and the Chelsea Community in exemplifying true leadership in representing Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s vision of unity and the Beloved Community.

Public speaking:

The public speaking portion of the meeting opened at 7:07 p.m. The following came forward to speak:

Roman Pucko, Peabody Mass. Congratulated the Councilor on their new term of office. Agreed with the money allocated for Carter Street and requested that parking spaces be painted.

Ms. Collins Chelsea Resident: Advocated for Bus Lanes and pedestrian use.

Tony Hernandez Chelsea Resident, was concerned about the setting of the tax rates and how they are established.

Joseph Spinazola Trustee for the Joseph Spinazzola Foundation Saugus Mass, a Family Trust and spoke about funds available and grants available.

The public hearing closed at 7:17 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

The City Council Meeting held on December 23, 2019 and January 6, 2020 were approved at the request of Councilor Brown under suspension.

Communications from City Manager:

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

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

Re: *Cable Television Broadcasts of Board Meetings*

Dear Councilors:

I am writing in response to the recent City Council Order requesting that I work with Chelsea Community Cable Television to expand its coverage of City business to include meetings of certain Boards and Commissions.

On Friday, December 27, 2019, I met with Chelsea Cable Executive Director Paula Batchelor to discuss this matter. Chelsea Cable is willing to expand its coverage to board meetings, starting initially with meetings of the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Licensing Commission and the Traffic & Parking Commission. The only issue remaining is to determine whether those meetings will be carried "live" or on tape delay.

In order to broadcast meetings live, the meetings must take place in the City Council Chambers. That is the only venue that can accommodate a live broadcast. Naturally, the City Council must grant permission for the Boards and Commissions of the City to utilize these Chambers for such meetings, including the use of Council chairs and microphones (the only way to ensure proper sound recordings). If the Council approves, I will then notify the Boards that the City Council Chambers will be the location for future meetings. Otherwise, we will arrange for the meetings to be broadcast on tape delay.

I respectfully ask that the Council notify me of this decision at its earliest convenience.

Sincerely,
Thomas G. Ambrosino
City Manager

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

The Honorable Chelsea City Council
Chelsea City Hall
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Re: *Status of Development at Forbes, Midas and Seidman Sites*

Dear Councilors:

I am writing in response to the recent City Council Order requesting an update on development at the old Forbes, Midas (1005 Broadway) and Seidman (25 Sixth St.) sites.

Each of these three developments received Zoning Board of Appeals approval for zoning relief during the course of Calendar Year 2019: the Forbes Development (590 units – decision filed Sept. 16, 2019); Midas Site (38 units – decision filed May 22, 2019); and the Seidman Site (62 units – decision filed Nov. 22, 2019). No work has commenced on any of these projects.

Based upon my most recent conversations with owner's representatives on each site, progress is as follows.

For Forbes, the owner's attorney informed me that some initial preliminary site work should commence in the Spring.

For Midas, as is true for all affordable housing developments, the project requires government subsidies. The lead developer Traggorth Companies expects to seek such funding in the Winter 2020 round. Most projects do require more than one round to secure funding, so it is unlikely that this project will commence in 2020.

Sixth Street also requires government subsidies. The developer TND will likewise submit its subsidy request in the Winter 2020 funding round. Again, construction is unlikely in 2020.

Sincerely,
Thomas G. Ambrosino
City Manager

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The Honorable Chelsea City Council
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Re: *Request for Transfer for Acquisition of Automatic External Defibrillators*

Dear Councilors:

I am writing with a request to transfer surplus capital funds in the Fire Department to allow for the purchase of new Automatic External Defibrillators ("AEDs"). This request does not require any new funding.

You may recall that, within the FY20 Capital Improvement Plan, the City Council approved an expenditure of \$50,000 for new SCBA cylinders (air tanks) for the Fire Department. This was to replace existing cylinders that had reached the end of their service life. The Fire Department completed this purchase with 40 new 30 minute cylinders and 6 new 60 minute cylinders. Thankfully, the project came in under budget. There remains \$11,818 in this account.

The next project for the Fire Chief is upgrading the existing inventory of AED's that are also reaching the end of their serviceable warranty life. He initially intended this project to commence in FY21. However, with this remaining balance from the SCBA cylinder project, the Chief will be able to start this AED replacement immediately. If the transfer of \$11,818 for this new purpose is approved, the Chief will begin to phase out the AED units within his Department and replace all six of the publically deployed units, including those within City Hall. The new AED units are much easier to use and come equipped with a Spanish speaking feature easily activated by the user.

For the above reasons, I respectfully ask the City Council to reallocate the \$11,818 from the SCBA cylinder project to this new AED acquisition project. A draft of the necessary Order to accomplish this transfer 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 accept and file was adopted under suspension.

The Honorable Chelsea City Council
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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. 1, 2019 through Dec. 31, 2019.

I will be available to answer any questions

Yours truly,
Thomas G. Ambrosino
City Manager

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

The Honorable Chelsea City Council
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Re: *Request for Approval of Union Contract with Library Employees (AFSCME Local 708)*

Dear Councilors:

Pursuant to Section 4-3(1) of the Chelsea City Charter, I am writing to request City Council approval for the cost items of the new collective bargaining agreement negotiated with AFSCME Local 708 covering Library Employees for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022. A copy of the Memorandum of Agreement is attached.

The Memorandum of Agreement outlines the changes to the contract terms. The most significant is the elimination of compensatory time. All employees will now be *paid* for overtime. This was a key desire of the City given the problems we have faced providing personnel coverage for employees with excessive compensatory time.

The essence of the cost items of this particular Agreement are the annual raises in the following amounts: FY20 -- 2.5%; FY21 -- 2.75%; and FY22 -- 3%. Because this union has just 4 members, the total cost of all the wage increases over these three years is approximately \$27,000.

I respectfully ask that the City Council approve the cost items of this contract, as well as a transfer from the Salary Reserve Account in the amount of \$4,500 to accommodate the FY20 costs. Copies of the proposed Orders are attached.

Sincerely,
Thomas G. Ambrosino
City Manager

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

The Honorable Chelsea City Council
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Re: *Adoption of M.G.L. c. 60, §3F for Veterans Assistance Fund*

Dear Councilors:

I am writing to request that the City Council consider adopting as a local option the provisions of M.G.L. c. 60, §3F so as to allow for the City to create a new fund to provide financial assistance to veterans in need. The Fund would be supported exclusively by voluntary donations by the City's taxpayers. The statute would allow for the City to include with its tax bills a separate donation form for this purpose, similar to the form currently included with the tax bills for the Community Scholarship Fund. By statute, all of the monies raised for this new Veterans Assistance Fund must be expended solely to provide support for veterans and their dependents in need of immediate assistance with food, transportation or heating expenses. (A copy of M.G.L. c. 60, §3F is attached.)

As you may be aware, the City has many veterans who struggle financially. Although the City, through its Veterans Service Office, does provide financial support to veterans, most of this financial assistance is constrained by strict eligibility requirements set by state and federal law. There is not a lot of discretion allowed on the part of Veterans Agents.

If this new voluntary Veterans Assistance Fund is created, the City would have discretion to establish local and potentially more generous eligibility criteria for the disbursement of these emergency funds. In essence, it would simply provide another source of assistance to Veterans with some additional flexibility on expenditures.

The City Veterans Agent strongly supports establishment of this new Fund. I also support its creation. A draft Order for adoption of the necessary local acceptance is attached.

Sincerely,
Thomas G. Ambrosino
City Manager

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

The Honorable Chelsea City Council
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Re: *Decision on Design of One-Way Broadway*

Dear Councilors:

As you know, for many months we have been deliberating on the merits of the various designs for a new One-Way Broadway configuration from Fifth Street to Second Street. (The design of One-Way Broadway from Second Street to Williams Street is the same in every scenario.) The Council has reviewed four alternatives for this design: 1. one lane of vehicular traffic with an unprotected bike lane; 2. one lane of vehicular traffic with a dedicated, shared bus/bike lane; 3. one lane of vehicular traffic with a protected bike lane; and 4. two lanes of vehicular traffic with a protected bike lane. The preferred alternative of my Administration is Option 2 – the dedicated, shared bus/bike lane. This Option 2 prioritizes public transit riders, a critical constituency in the Downtown, and at the same time provides significant benefits to pedestrians and bicyclists. (Copies of the four designs are attached.)

At this point, I am requesting a specific City Council vote to authorize me to proceed with the design of Option 2. The design of the reconstruction of the Broadway Corridor may take as long as two years, so moving forward without any further delay is warranted.

However, understanding that there remains some legitimate concern over the viability of any option that reduces vehicular traffic to one lane, I am prepared to move forward, as expeditiously as possible, with a pilot program to test the shared bike/bus lane concept before finalizing the design. I anticipate that, working closely with the MBTA and MassDOT, we will be able to launch a pilot sometime in the Summer of 2020. The City will work closely with the Downtown business community, community groups and residents in the planning and development of the pilot. We are confident that, after an anticipated and typical initial period of disruption, the pilot will prove successful. But, if that is not the case, and if the pilot truly results in substantial negative public feedback, adverse impacts on Downtown businesses and intolerable inconvenience to vehicular travel, then the City will abandon this Option 2 and redesign for a different alternative. We believe we will have sufficient opportunity to do that if we launch the pilot in 2020.

I have prepared an Order that would condition my authority to proceed with Option 2 on this requirement of a pilot program for the shared bike/bus lane. I respectfully request that the Council take a vote on this proposed Order.

Sincerely,
Thomas G. Ambrosino
City Manager

The following communication was read from City Manager Thomas G. Ambrosino. A motion from Councilor Robinson moved it to the sub-committee on conference under suspension.

The Honorable Chelsea City Council
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Re: *Free Cash Requests*

Dear Councilors:

I am writing with a group of significant financial requests to be paid from recently certified Free Cash and Retained Earnings. All these requests are aimed at providing improved services and benefits to our residents.

Continuation of the Streetlight Improvement Program -- \$400,000

I would like to continue upgrading streetlights in various areas of the City.

As you know, we have significantly improved the illumination of streetlights in certain neighborhoods and along many of our major commercial corridors. But, additional areas for upgrades remain. In particular, the City is interested in completing lighting improvements in the Downtown, including a full rehabilitation of the decorative streetlights along Fifth Street. Other areas for upgrades include Chester Ave., Shawmut St., Webster Ave. and Spencer Ave. We believe an allocation of \$400,000 will allow us to address a good portion of the remaining heavily traversed areas of the City where lighting is substandard.

New Signage Programs -- \$150,000

There are two new signage projects I would like to pursue.

The first is a street sign improvement program. Many of the Cities that surround Chelsea have recently embarked on street signage improvement efforts. The new street signs in these municipalities are large and decorative and considerably enhance the community's aesthetic look. I would like to do the same here in Chelsea.

I believe a street signage program in Chelsea is actually long overdue. Many of our intersections have no signage. In other areas, the existing street signs are small, faded and difficult to read. The program I propose would replace such signs with new, large decorative signs that include the City Seal.

We estimate that the cost of this entire program including installation would be \$75,000. This includes approximately \$40,000 for the actual street signs and another \$35,000 for DPW Overtime. Both DPW Commissioner Fidel Maltez and I believe that doing the installation of these signs in-house, with our own DPW employees on weekends or otherwise when work is slow, will save considerable money.

In addition to the street sign program, I am also seeking funds in this same signage account for additional flashing Stop Signs, Crosswalk Signs and Speed Signs. These flashing signs, powered by solar energy, have been well-received wherever installed. Several recent Council Orders have requested more of these signs. With this request, we can fulfill those Council Orders. The total requested is \$75,000.

Beacon St. Ramp Improvements- \$100,000

The City would like to do some infrastructure improvements at the bottom of the Route 1 North Beacon St. off-ramp at the Beacon Street and Broadway intersections. These intersections have been the site of many accidents and near misses. The City recently completed an independent traffic study of the area that included recommendations for some infrastructure changes, including sidewalk bumpouts and extensions. If we were doing work with a sidewalk contractor in this area, we would also take the opportunity to replace the badly deteriorated adjacent sidewalks at the end of Boatswain's Way in the area outside the jurisdiction of Admiral's Hill. The City estimates that the total cost of all of this work is \$100,000.

Additional Building Maintenance Funds - \$150,000

The DPW expects to have insufficient funds in its building maintenance account to last through the end of the fiscal year due to several large unanticipated expenses. Among other problems, the City has endured two water leaks in the ceiling of the City Council Conference Room due to the deteriorated City Hall Clock Tower, a serious heating system issue within the floor of the E-911 Building and a

complete boiler failure at the Library, all of which required unplanned and expensive emergency repairs. Additional funding will be necessary to allow the DPW to adequately address our building maintenance needs for the remainder of FY20. The total amount requested is \$150,000, which includes \$50,000 for the anticipated short term repairs of the City Hall Clock Tower.

Massport Soundproofing- \$300,000

Last fiscal year, the City Council passed a Council Order requesting that the City set aside annually \$300,000 (half the PILOT payment from Massport) for an internal soundproofing program. I've previously notified the Council that, although a direct appropriation of this PILOT payment is not legally authorized, the City would consider an annual Free Cash appropriation for this purpose whenever there is adequate funding available.

Given the level of Certified Free Cash, this is a year when such adequate funding is available. Accordingly, I am recommending a \$300,000 appropriation for a new soundproofing program.

I do caution that we are going to have to spend some time, working together, to determine eligibility for this program. The cost of soundproofing even one residential property with new windows and/or doors is significant. This \$300,000 allocation will be nowhere near enough to handle the demand of residential property owners who desire such improvements. We will need to prioritize applicants in some objective fashion, recognizing that recipients of funds will be few, and disappointed residents will be many, as we roll-out this effort.

Downtown Events/Public Art -- \$100,000

I hope that the Council shares my view that the City had a very successful year in 2019 adding events and public art to the Downtown. Much of the success is due to the Council's willingness to fund these efforts with significant appropriations.

At this point, there remains significant funding still available in our previously appropriated Downtown funds for two of the initiatives supported by the City Council -- the Storefront Improvement Program and the Business Assistance Program. Those efforts were generously funded by the Council, and as of this point, we have in excess of \$150,000 and \$100,000 remaining, respectively, for these programs in 2020 and beyond.

Unfortunately, there is very little money remaining in the event and public arts allocations. Because of the many events and artistic efforts unveiled in the Downtown the past few years, including the Night Markets, Fiesta Verano, Dia De Esperanza, the Holiday Tree Lighting, and the Division Street, Cherry St. and Bellingham Sq. public art improvements, we have exhausted our events funding, and we have very little left for public art. In the absence of additional funding, the City would have to substantially scale back our previous efforts in these areas, something I feel would undermine the good momentum we have achieved in the Downtown. For this reason, I am requesting a new appropriation of Downtown Funds, in the amount of \$100,000, to be used exclusively for events and public art. I anticipate that this appropriation, along with some other grant funding, will provide sufficient monies to continue our efforts in the Downtown through the end of Fiscal Year 2021.

New Barrels -- \$50,000

The DPW on a regular basis receives requests for additional barrels, both for solid waste and recycling. The City has made a policy decision to provide such barrels at no cost to residents. Unfortunately, at this point, our inventory of such barrels is limited. To replenish our supply, I am requesting an appropriation of \$50,000.

Holiday Decorations -- \$30,000

We would like to purchase some new Holiday decorations. These have been very well received by our residents. However, some of the ones that we purchased several years ago are getting a bit frayed. It will also be helpful to have some greater variety in the mix. The requested amount is \$30,000.

Hooper St. Retaining Wall -- \$350,000

The City has a significant erosion problem on the hill that separates the upper portion of Hooper St. with the lower end of Crescent Ave. Residential properties on this lower level face future risks if we do not address this problem. The solution appears to be continuation of the existing retaining wall for the entire length of the hill.

Although we do not yet have final pricing, our preliminary engineering review of this situation suggests that installation of the required retaining wall may cost as much as \$350,000. The City would like to commence this work in the Spring of 2020 if at all possible. We request this appropriation now, rather than await the FY21 CIP, in order to allow us to quickly advance this effort.

Debris Disposal at City Yard -- \$350,000

The City has accumulated substantial soil and debris at the City Yard as remnants from various water and sewer construction projects. Some of this material is more than a decade old. The material is taking up substantial space at the City Yard that could be put to much more efficient use. All of this debris must be removed and disposed at various facilities, depending upon contaminants, all in accordance with strict environmental rules. Our estimate of the total cost of disposal is \$350,000.

Willow St. Drainage Analysis -- \$250,000

As many of you know, during any significant rain event, there is substantial flooding in the vicinity of Willow St., often causing the road to close between Central Ave. and Marginal St. Because this flooding has become such a regular occurrence and an ongoing nuisance, I would like to take a detailed study of this entire sewer/drainage watershed with the hope of identifying some engineering solutions to the problem. The cost of an intensified engineering look at this area is approximately \$250,000. My hope is that, within approximately 6-9 months, we might have some recommended comprehensive solutions to the problem.

The total amount of all eleven of these Free Cash requests is \$2,230,000. We have in excess of \$11.7 million remaining in Certified Free Cash. Approval of all of these expenditures will still leave a balance in excess of \$9.5 million.

In addition to these Free Cash requests, there is a request in the Water & Sewer realm for which I am requesting funding from Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings.

Upper Broadway Project -- Retained Earnings (Water \$900,000 & Sewer \$900,000)

As many of you know, the City will be completely reconstructing Upper Broadway, from City Hall to the Revere line. Design work is currently underway. Construction may require as much as 3 full years. We are hopeful that the water, sewer and drainage work will commence sometime in the Summer of 2020. That will be followed by full reconstruction of street and sidewalks and installation of new traffic signals.

This major reconstruction project, at a cost of approximately \$17 million, is being funded from a combination of City, state and federal sources. The roadway and drainage work will be fully funded by state and federal highway funds. Thus far, the City has secured almost \$10 million for this work. But, the water and sewer portion of the project is the sole responsibility of the City. (A breakdown of funding sources is attached.)

With respect to this water and sewer utility work, the City Council previously approved \$6.35 million in funding in the FY20 CIP. Unfortunately, the City's most recent construction estimates for this work suggest that bid prices will be \$8.15 million, leaving a shortfall of approximately \$1.8 million. To cover this shortfall, I am requesting an appropriation of \$900,000 from each of the Retained Earnings Accounts. Approval will still leave over \$2 million in each of the Retained Earnings accounts.

For the above reasons, I respectfully ask that the City Council approve all of these requested expenditures. Drafts of the proposed Orders are attached.

Sincerely,
Thomas G. Ambrosino
City Manager

Communications and Petitions to the Council:

A copy of a communication was received from Ms. Lauren Liecau regarding The Foundation Trust. A motion from Councilor Vidot to accept and file was adopted under suspension.

A copy of a communication was received from Mr. Thomas Horgan, Esq. from Hanley Law Offices regarding the New England Police Benevolent Association, Inc. (NEPBA) Petition for Certification. A motion from Councilor Robinson to accept and file was adopted under suspension.

A copy of a communication was received from the City/Parking Clerk Jeannette Cintron White regarding the actions approved at the January 7, 2020 Traffic and Parking Commission Meeting. A motion from Councilor Garcia to accept and file was adopted under suspension.

New Business:

The following order was introduced by Councilor Robinson. Councilor Robinson moved it to a second reading under suspension.

Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council authorize the transfer of \$11,818.00 representing the unexpended portion of \$50,000.00 Operating Budget authorized from CIP Fiscal Year 2020 Fire Dept SCBA Cylinders Project 0122058-580000 Account Series to the CIP FY20 Fire Dept. AED Units Project 0122058-580000 Account Series Operating Budget.

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 Zobot, Garcia, Taylor, Recupero, Robinson, Brown, Vidot, Maldonado, Rodriguez, Avellaneda, and Lopez.

ORDERED, that pursuant to Section 4-3(1) of the Chelsea City Charter, the Chelsea City Council approve the cost items set forth in the collective bargaining agreement negotiated with the Massachusetts Municipal Library Employees, Chelsea Chapter, Local 708, Massachusetts State Council 93, AFSCME, memorialized in the Memorandum of Agreement for Fiscal Years 2020-2022 dated December 18, 2019.

The following order was introduced by Councilor Avellaneda. Councilor Garcia moved for roll call. Councilor Robinson amended the order to read as follows (to design work on option 2 for One-Way Broadway that would retain Current Broadway sidewalk width except at Bus Stops and cross walks). Councilor Brown amended it to move it to the sub-committee on conference. A roll call on Councilor Browns amendment was defeated 2-9-0-0. Voting yes were Councilors Taylor and Brown. Voting no were Councilors Zobot, Garcia, Recupero, Robinson, Vidot, Maldonado, Rodriguez, Avellaneda and Lopez. Councilor Robinsons amendment passed 7-4-0-0. Voting yes were Councilors Zobot, Taylor, Recupero, Robinson, Brown, Maldonado, and Avellaneda. Voting no were Councilors Garcia Vidot Rodriguez and Lopez. The order was adopted as amended.

Ordered, By this vote the Chelsea City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to commence design work on October on Option 2 for One-Way Broadway that includes one-lane of vehicular traffic with a shared bike/bus lane between Fifth Street and Everett Avenue, provided that a pilot program be commenced prior to finalizing such design that will test the shared bike/bus lane and allow for redesign in the event that the pilot is unsuccessful.

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

ORDERED, that the City hereby accepts the provisions of M.G.L. c. 60 &3F for the purpose of creating a Veterans Assistance Fund and operating such Fund in full accordance with the state.

The following orders were all referred to a second reading under suspension at the request of Councilor Robinson.

ORDERED, that, to fund the collective bargaining agreement negotiated with the Massachusetts Municipal Library Employees, Chelsea Chapter, Local 708, Massachusetts State Council 93, AFSCME, for Fiscal Year 2020, the Chelsea City Council authorizes the transfer of \$4,500 from the Salary Reserve Account #0199959-598000 to the FY2020 Library Department Salaries Account #0161051-510200.

ORDERED, that the Chelsea City Council authorize the appropriation of funds in the amount of \$400,000 in Free Cash to the FY20 DPW Streets and Sidewalks Capital Streetlights Account #0142258-581300.

ORDERED, that the Chelsea City Council authorize the appropriation of funds in the amount of \$115,000 in Free Cash to the FY20 DPW Streets and Sidewalks Street Signs Account #0142252-546500.

ORDERED, that the Chelsea City Council authorize the appropriation of funds in the amount of \$35,000 in Free Cash to the FY20 DPW Streets and Sidewalks Overtime Account #0142252-510400.

ORDERED, that the Chelsea City Council authorize the appropriation of funds in the amount of \$100,000 in Free Cash to the FY20 DPW Streets and Sidewalks Capital Road Improvements Account #0142258-583100.

ORDERED, that the Chelsea City Council authorize the appropriation of funds in the amount of \$150,000 in Free Cash to the FY20 DPW Structures and Grounds Building Maintenance Account #0147052-524100.

- ORDERED, that the Chelsea City Council authorize the appropriation of funds in the amount of \$300,000 in Free Cash to the FY20 Planning Department Contract Services Account #0117552-530600 for a soundproofing program.
- ORDERED, that the Chelsea City Council authorize the appropriation of funds in the amount of \$100,000 in Free Cash to the FY20 Planning Department Downtown Initiative Fund #3108 for Downtown events and public art.
- ORDERED, that the Chelsea City Council authorize the appropriation of funds in the amount of \$50,000 in Free Cash to the FY20 DPW Solid Waste Trash Containers Account #0143052-546700.
- ORDERED, that the Chelsea City Council authorize the appropriation of funds in the amount of \$30,000 in Free Cash to the FY20 DPW Streets and Sidewalks Street Signs Account #0142252-546500 for new Holiday decorations.
- ORDERED, that the Chelsea City Council authorize the appropriation of funds in the amount of \$350,000 in Free Cash to the FY20 DPW Streets & Sidewalks Other Capital Account #55402030-580000 series for work on Hooper Street erosion control.
- ORDERED, that the Chelsea City Council authorize the appropriation of funds in the amount of \$350,000 in Free Cash to the FY20 DPW Solid Waste Trash – Pickup/Disposal Account #0143052-524600 for debris disposal.
- ORDERED, that the Chelsea City Council authorize the appropriation of funds in the amount of \$250,000 in Free Cash to the Willow Street Project Account #55452031 for engineering work related to Willow St. flooding.
- ORDERED, that the Chelsea City Council authorize the appropriation of funds in the amount of \$900,000 in Water Retained Earnings to the FY20 CIP Upper Broadway Construction Project Account #55452029-580000 series for water utility work on Upper Broadway.
- ORDERED, that the Chelsea City Council authorize the appropriation of funds in the amount of \$900,000 in Sewer Retained Earnings to the FY20 CIP Upper Broadway Construction Project Account #55452029-580000 for sewer utility work on Upper Broadway.

The following order was introduced by Councilor Avellaneda. A motion from Councilor Avellaneda for roll call passed 9-2-0-0. Voting yes were Councilors Zobot, Garcia, Taylor, Recupero, Robinson, Maldonado, Rodriguez, Avellaneda, and Lopez. Voting no were Councilors Brown and Vidot.

Ordered, that an amendment to the City Council Rule #22 be made so that the appointment to standing committees consist of only 3 members.

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

Request, that the City Manager instructs DPW to survey and fix every street light that is not working in every district.

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

Request, that the City Manager provide an update on police patrol of Sector 4.

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

Request, that the City Manager look into how the city can make a community center.

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

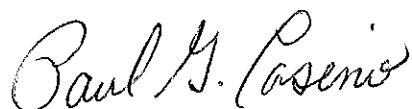
Request, that the City Manager look into a way that the city can have a homeless shelter for the homeless.

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

Ordered, that a subcommittee on conference be held to discuss the implementation of a real estate transfer fee on properties sold in Chelsea and the feasibility of funding homeownership or scholarship programs with monies collected.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Paul G. Casino
Clerk of the Chelsea City Council