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January 6, 2020 Chelsea, Massachusetts 02150

The Organizational 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, Robinson, Brown, Vidot, Maldonado, Rodriguez, Avellaneda, and Lopez. The senior member Councilor Robinson presided over the meeting. The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m.

The National Anthem was sung by Leah Kazuko CHS Class of 2019 and a student of Berklee College.

The Salute to the Flag was conducted by all in attendance.

The following letter from City Clerk Jeannette Cintron White was accepted and filed at the request of Councilor Vidot under suspension.

Honorable Chelsea City Council
City Hall, 500 Broadway
Chelsea, MA 02150

Dear Honorable Council Members:

Please be advised that City Council Senior Member Leo Robinson has called for a Special Organizational Meeting on January 6, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA for the following reasons:

- 1) Salute to the Flag
- 2) Roll Call of members
- 3) Oath of office for the Chelsea City Council
- 4) Election of officers, roll call positions, seating positions and Delegate to the Chelsea School Committee
- 5) Remarks from new City Council President

Sincerely yours,
Jeannette Cintron White
City Clerk

The Oath of office was then administered to all of the City Councilors by City Clerk Jeannette Cintron White.

Councilor Garcia moved that the rules for the 2019 City Council be the rules for the 2020 City Council until such time that the Rules and Ordinances meets and recommends otherwise. Councilor Lopez seconded the motion and moved for adoption under suspension. Councilor Recupero moved that the seating for 2020 be as drawn at the December 16, 2019 organizational conference. Councilor Rodriguez seconded the motion and moved for adoption under suspension.

Councilor Brown moved that the roll call for 2020 be as drawn at the organizational conference held on December 16, 2019. Councilor Avellaneda seconded the motion and moved for adoption under suspension.

Senior member Councilor Robinson then gave brief remarks to all in attendance before opening nominations for President. Councilor Brown nominated Councilor Avellaneda. The motion was seconded by Councilor Taylor. Councilor Lopez nominated Councilor Vidot. Councilor Garcia seconded the motion. Councilor Vidot moved to close nominations. Roll Call was taken and the vote was 6 votes for Councilor Avellaneda and 5 Votes for Councilor Vidot. Councilor Avellaneda was elected the new President of the City Council for the year 2020. Voting for Councilor Avellaneda were Councilors, Zobot, Taylor, Robinson, Brown, Maldonado, and Avellaneda. Voting for Councilor Vidot were Councilors Garcia, Recupero, Vidot, Rodriguez, and Lopez. City Clerk Jeannette Cintron White administered the oath of office.

After acceptance and remarks from Councilor Avellaneda, nominations were then opened for the office of Vice-President. Councilor Rodriguez nominated Councilor Garcia. The motion was seconded by Councilor Vidot. A motion to close nominations was then made by Councilor Robinson. Roll Call was taken and the vote was 11-0 in favor of Councilor Garcia the newly elected vice-president of the City Council for the year 2020. Voting for Councilor Garcia were Councilors Zobot, Garcia, Taylor, Recupero, Robinson, Brown, Vidot, Maldonado, Rodriguez, Avellaneda, and Lopez. City Clerk Jeannette Cintron White administered the oath of office.

The office of Delegate to the School Committee was then open. Councilor Vidot nominated Councilor Robinson. The motion was seconded by Councilor Recupero. Councilor Brown closed nomination under suspension. Roll call was taken and Councilor Robinson was elected Delegate to School Committee for the year 2020. The vote was 10-0-0-1. Voting for Councilor Robinson was Councilor Zobot, Garcia, Taylor, Recupero, Brown, Vidot, Maldonado, Rodriguez, Avellaneda, and Lopez. Councilor Robinson voted present. City Clerk Jeannette Cintron White administered the oath of office.

Congratulations to all newly elected Councilors was offered by Council President Avellaneda.

The City Manager gave brief remarks to all in attendance and also congratulated the new officers and the City Councilors.

Also making brief remarks to all in attendance was State Rep Dan Ryan. He congratulated the new officers and the City Councilors.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Paul G. Casino

Clerk of the Chelsea City Council