

Chelsea, Massachusetts June 29, 2020

A meeting of the Chelsea City Council was held at the Chelsea City Hall located at 500 Broadway Chelsea, Massachusetts 02150. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic it was televised through WebEx connections. The following Councilors participated: Councilors Zobot, Garcia, Taylor, Recupero, Robinson, Brown, Brown, Vidot, Maldonado, Rodriguez, Avellaneda, and Lopez. Council President 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 Vidot. Councilor Vidot moved to adopt under suspension and it was adopted.

Celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Anthony and Donna Bongiovanni

Whereas, Anthony and Donna Bongiovanni celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, June 28, 2020; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Bongiovanni are long-time Chelsea residents with a residence at 46 Gillooly Rd.; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Bongiovanni have two children, Gino and Roseann Bongiovanni and their spouses Alicia Bongiovanni and Sandro Fifarola; and

Whereas, The couple have five grandchildren, Emma, Olivia, Anthony, Luca and Louisa; and

Whereas, Donna and Anthony are active in Chelsea as members of the three-time Bocce League Champions of Chelsea; the Senior Center Bowling League, The Golf League and are poll workers for Election Days; and

Whereas, Donna's grandparents Rita and John, came from Italy to Chelsea and opened up Rita's Flower Shop, a convenience store at 416 Crescent Ave. and were active and engaged property owners. Rita campaigned in Chelsea for John F. Kennedy's Presidency and was recognized by the President for her volunteerism and activism; and

Whereas, Donna is retired from the Medical Records Department at Lawrence Memorial Hospital, and

Whereas, Anthony came from Marsala, Sicily, one of seven children, quickly learning English, attending Northeastern University and working hard from his childhood all the way through to his retirement from Bank of America just a few short years ago; and

Whereas, Donna and Anthony were married at St. Anthony's Church in Revere on June 28, 1970 and they renewed their vows at St. Anthony's on their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary; now there be it

Resolved, That the Chelsea City Council Congratulates Mr. and Mrs. Bongiovanni on 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary and wishes them many more years of happiness, health and well-wishes.

The following Resolution was introduced by Councilor Recupero and all members of the Chelsea City Council. A motion from Councilor Recupero adopted the Resolution under suspension.

Chelsea City Council Resolution

Whereas, The City of Chelsea recognizes the Department of Public Works for their effort and hard work during COVID-19, and,

Ordered, that the City of Chelsea thank all of the workers in the Department of Public Works and their Commissioner, Fidel Maltez.

**Communications from 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  
500 Broadway  
Chelsea, Massachusetts 02150

Re: Resolution Request for PARC Grant for Mace Tot Lot

Dear Councilors:

As many of you know, each year the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs ("EOEEA") host a competitive grant program entitled the Parkland Renovation and Acquisition for Communities ("PARC"). Annually, the City of Chelsea, through the Department of Planning and Development, applies for funding to renovate existing park and recreation spaces, or to build new open spaces that contribute to the environmental equity, quality of life and public health of our residents. Chelsea has been fortunate that EOEEA has generously funded a multitude of open space and recreation projects in our community for over a decade.

The requirements of the PARC grant program include the following: 1, that the land dedicated as "open space in perpetuity," per Article 97 of the Massachusetts Constitution or will be following acquisition; 2. The recipient municipality devote matching funds for the project, which in Chelsea is only a required 30% match; 3. The municipality continually maintain parks and recreation facilities that were renovated or constructed with PARC grant funds; and 4. The municipality maintain an updated, state-approved Open SPACE AND Recreation Plan.

As you know, the City owns Mace Tot Lot, situated along Crescent Avenue, which provides healthy recreational opportunity for the surrounding neighborhood. At the point the physical condition of this public space has deteriorated past its useful life. The playground equipment, requiring frequent repair, is outdated and does not conform to contemporaneous safety and accessibility standards. The rubber surface, concrete walkways and surrounding retaining walls have also sustained damage, while their accompanying landscape elements warrant improvement.

For these reasons, the City desires to make the Mace Tot lot the focus of the next PARC grant application. The City has initiated a public process with neighborhood residents to design improvements to Mace Tot Lot in a manner that would meet the needs of the residents of the area, children whom utilize the playground and the community as a whole. A community meeting is scheduled for tomorrow night, June 23, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. Following the meeting, the City will commence work on the grant application. The application is due on July 15, 2020.

If the project is selected for funding, the City will be notified around November. We will then be expected to complete the final design and construction drawings by June 30, 2021, and all work must be completed by June, 2022 due to the fiscal year regulations governing state finance.

With respect to funding, the process works as follows. If the grant is awarded to Chelsea, the State will reimburse 70% of the cost of the park, up to a maximum state share of \$400,000. However, the PARC grant is a reimbursement grant. This means that the City expends the funds for the project and those requests reimbursement from the Commonwealth. Further, the PARC regulations require that before the Commonwealth will execute the PARC grant, the City must appropriate the full amount of the project cost. So, if our grant application is successful, I will be returning to the City Council to seek full funding for the project, likely sometime in the winter.

For your convenience, I have attached a Resolution to endorse this grant submission. The Resolution authorizes the City staff to submit the grant application authorizes me to enter into contracts for the grant and completion of the project, and, if successful in receipt of the grant, limits the site for open space/residential use in perpetuity. Because the Mace Tot Lot is recommended for improvement in our open space and Recreation Plan and serves a densely populated urban neighborhood that lacks a large number of existing parks, the City believes that the project has an excellent chance of being funded under the PARC grant program.

For all of the above reasons, I respectfully ask that the Council approve the attached Resolution and allow the City to proceed with this PARC application for the Mace Tot Lot.

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  
500 Broadway  
Chelsea, Massachusetts 02150

Re: Notice of Residency Waivers

Dear Councilors:

I am writing to notify you of my intention to grant residency waivers to two current DPW employees. Both are long term Chelsea residents who are moving out of the City. Mr. Radames Garcia is moving to 20 Eustis St. Saugus. And, Mr. Kevin Chavez is moving to 14B Linden Street, Medford. Both are valued members of the DPW whom we wish to retain. A supporting memo from DPW Public Works Commissioner is attached.

In accordance with Administrative Code, Part IV Section 1.12.02, I request that you provide me with any comments on these proposed waivers within seven days.

Sincerely,  
Thomas G. Ambrosino  
City Manager

**Second Readings:**

The following order was introduced by Councilor Robinson. Councilor Robinson moved to adopt by roll call. The roll call passed 11-0-0-0. Voting yes were Councilors Zabol, Garcia, Taylor, Recupero, Robinson, Brown, Vidot, Maldonado, Rodriguez, Avellaneda, and Lopez.

CITY OF CHELSEA  
ORDER 2021

APPROPRIATE THE FY2021 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE OPERATING BUDGET AND

MOTION: That the Council act on the report of the Community Preservation Committee on the FY2021 Community Preservation budget, in accordance with MGL Chapter 44B, Section 6:

That the Council reserve for appropriation the following amounts from estimated FY2021 receipts as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee:

- \$77,588, 10% of estimated revenues for the acquisition creation and preservation of open space;
- \$77,588, 10% of estimated revenues for the acquisition, preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of historic resources;
- \$77,588, 10% of estimated revenues for the acquisition, creation, preservation and support of community housing;
- \$504,319, 65% of estimated revenues to the Budgeted Reserve.
- And appropriate from FY2020 estimated revenues:
- \$38,793, 5% of estimated revenues for CPC Administrative Expenses.

The following Transfer Orders were all introduced by Councilor Robinson. A motion from Councilor Robinson to adopt all under one order passed 11-0-0-0. Voting yes were Councilors Zabol, Garcia, Taylor, Recupero, Robinson, Brown, Vidot, Maldonado, Rodriguez, Avellaneda, and Lopez.

Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council authorizes the transfer of \$18,500.00 from Salary Reserve Account #0199959-598000 to the FY2020 Auditing-Overtime Account #0113551-510400.

Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council authorizes the transfer of \$1,500.00 from the Salary Reserve Account #0199959-598000 to the FY2020 Auditing Department-Unused Sick Leave Account#0113551-519100.

Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council authorizes the transfer of \$350.00 from the Salary Reserve Account #0199959-598000 to the FY2020 Purchasing Department-Unused Sick Leave Account #0113851-519100.

Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council authorizes the transfer of \$75.00 from the Salary Reserve Account #0199959-598000 to the Treasurers Department-Overtime Account #0114551-510400.

Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council authorize the transfer of \$711.00 from the Salary Reserve Account #0199959-598000 to the FY2020 Parking Department-Unused Sick Leave Account #0129351-519100.

Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council authorize the transfer of \$21,000.00 from the Salary Reserve Account #0199959-598000 to the FY2020 DPW Administrative Department-Overtime Account #0142151-510400.

Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council authorizes the transfer of \$6,140.00 from the Salary Reserve Account #0199959-598000 to the FY2020 DPW Snow Removal Department-Overtime Account #0142351-510400.

Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council authorize the transfers of \$135.00 from the Salary Reserve Account #0199959-598000 to the FY2020 Library Department-Sick Buyback Account #0161051-515900.

Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council authorizes the transfer of \$17,843.00 from the Salary Reserve Account #0199959-598000 to the FY2020 DPW Buildings and Grounds Department-Overtime Account #0147051-510400.

The following appropriation orders were introduced by Councilor Robinson. The 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 the Chelsea City Council authorize the appropriation of \$26,000.00 from Free Cash to the Fiscal Year 2020 Judgement-Claims/Judgement Account #0194152-571200.

Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council authorize the appropriation of \$43,893.00 from Free Cash to the Fiscal Year 2020 DPW Snow Removal-Contract Services Account #0142352-530600, to provide supplemental funds for final snow and ice operations.

Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council authorizes the appropriations of \$1,600.00 from Free Cash to the FY2020 Employees Benefits-Medicare Account #0191051-517600.

Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council authorize the appropriation of \$28,250.00 from Free Cash to the Fiscal Year 2020 DPW Snow Removal-Salt Account #0142352-546300, to provide supplemental funds for final snow and ice operations.

The following orders were introduced by Councilor Robinson. On roll call the orders passed 10-0-1-0. Voting yes were Councilors Zobot, Garcia, Taylor, Recupero, Robinson, Brown, Maldonado, Rodriguez, Avellaneda, and Lopez. Councilor Vidot was absent.

Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council authorizes the appropriation of \$7,157.00 from Free Cash to the FY2020 DPW Buildings and Grounds Department-Overtime Account #0147051-510400.

Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council authorizes the appropriation of \$38,253.00 from Free Cash to the FY2020 DPW Buildings and Grounds Department-Other Expenditure Account #0147052-570000.

Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council authorizes the appropriation of \$50,000.00 from Free Cash to the FY2020 DPW Solid Waste Department-Trash Pickup/Disposal Account #0143052-524600.

The following orders were introduced by Councilor Robinson. On roll call the orders passed 11-0-0-0. Voting yes were Councilors Zabol, Garcia, Taylor, Recuperero, Robinson, Brown, Vidot, Maldonado, Rodriguez, Avellaneda, and Lopez.

Ordered, that in accordance with the M.G.L.Ch. 44, Section 64, budget management procedures, whereby costs incurred in FY19 were not paid and is owed to the vendor, and to meet this obligation funds are required from the current year FY20 budget, that Council authorizes the expenditure of \$2,781.33 from the Parking Department expenditure line to satisfy the unpaid Citation Print Rolls costs owed to Passport Labs, Inc.

Ordered, that in accordance with M.G.L. Ch. 44, Section 64, budget management procedures, whereby costs incurred in FY17 and FY19 were not paid and are owed to the vendor, and to meet this obligation funds are required from the current year FY20 budget, that Council authorizes the expenditure of \$750.05 from the Fire Department expenditure line to satisfy the unpaid equipment (cylinder) costs owed to Firematic Supply, Inc.

Ordered, that in accordance with M.G.L. C, Section 64, budget management procedures, whereby costs incurred in FY19 were not paid and are owed to the vendor, and to meet this obligation funds are required from the current year FY20 budget, that Council authorize the expenditure of \$150.00 from the Human Services Department expenditure line to satisfy the unpaid HR Seminar costs owed to Massachusetts Municipal Personnel Association.

Ordered, that in accordance with M.G.L. Ch.44, Section 64, budget management procedures, whereby costs incurred in FY18 were not paid and are owed to the vendor, and to meet this obligation funds are required from the current year FY20 budget, that Council authorize the expenditure of \$97,356.79 from the School Department expenditure line to satisfy the unpaid student transportation costs owed to Puritan Distribution Inc. d/b/a North Shore Shuttle for the transport of Chelsea Special Education students and Chelsea students who reside in shelters outside of Chelsea, to settle costs not billed timely by the vendor to the School Department.

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 Zabol, Garcia, Taylor, Recuperero, Robinson, Brown, Vidot, Maldonado, Rodriguez, Avellaneda, and Lopez.

Ordered, that pursuant to Section 3-5 of the City of Chelsea Ordinances, and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53A of the Massachusetts General Laws, the City Council hereby accepts the gift to the City of Chelsea to support Public Food Support Program in the amount of \$100.00 from the friends of Ms. Nancy Messom.

The following order was introduced by Councilor Robinson. A motion from Councilor Robinson to adopt by roll call passed 10-0-1-0. Voting yes were Councilors Zabol, Garcia, Taylor, Recuperero, Robinson, Vidot, Maldonado, Rodriguez, Avellaneda, and Lopez. Councilor Brown was absent.

#### **Revolving Funds**

WHEREAS, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, &53E1/2 the City has adopted a new Ordinance Section authorizing six revolving funds; and

WHEREAS, each year, the Ordinance requires the City to annually vote on or before July 1 on the amount that may be spent from each of these revolving funds during the upcoming fiscal year;

Now, therefore, IT IS ORDERED,

Chelsea Community Schools (#4407)

Aggregate expenditures from the fund shall not exceed \$100,000 in a single fiscal year;

All money received after the fund has reached a balance of \$100,000 shall be credited to the General Fund;

Elder Affairs Revolving Fund (#3802)

Aggregate expenditures from the fund shall not exceed \$1,000 in a single fiscal year,

All money received after the fund has reached a balance of \$1,000 shall be credited to the General Fund.

Emergency Management Hazardous Material Revolving Fund (#4615)

Aggregate expenditures from the fund shall not exceed \$30,000 in a single fiscal year;

All money received after the fund has reached a balance of \$30,000 shall be credited to the General Fund;

Vacant, Unsafe Buildings and Nuisance Properties Revolving Fund (#4627)

Aggregate expenditures from the fund shall not exceed \$30,000 in a single fiscal year;

All money received after the fund has reached a balance of \$30,000 shall be credited to the General Fund

Tax Title Foreclosure Properties Revolving Fund (#4631)

Aggregate expenditures from the fund shall not exceed \$100,000 in a single fiscal year;

All money received after the fund has reached a balance of \$100,000 shall be credited to the General Fund;

Chelsea Public Library Revolving Fund (#4201)

Aggregate expenditures from the fund shall not exceed \$20,000 in a single fiscal year;

All money received after the fund has reached a balance of \$20,000 shall be credited to the General Fund.

The following order was introduced by Councilor Robinson. A motion from Councilor Robinson to adopt by roll call passed 10-0-1-0. Voting yes were Councilors Zobot, Garcia, Taylor, Recupero, Robinson Brown, Vidot, Rodriguez, Avellaneda, and Lopez. Councilor Maldonado was absent.

**Authorization of a Revolving Account  
For the School Department Non-Resident Student Tuition Revolving Fund**

WHEREAS, Section 71F of Chapter 71 of the General Laws authorizes cities and towns to accept and establish department revolving funds subject to certain budgetary restrictions ; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chelsea School Committee adopted and implemented a tuition fee to be charged to other public school systems wishing to use the Chelsea Public School's special education programs and further voted to establish a Non-Resident Student Tuition revolving fund for the receipt and disbursement of said tuition and fees collected by Chelsea Public Schools.

THEREFORE, subject to the following conditions, the City Council hereby authorizes the establishment of a revolving fund for the School Department in accordance with the provisions of Section 71F of Chapter 71 of the General Laws, subject to the following conditions:

Only proceeds received by the City, pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c. 71 section 71F shall be credited to the fund;

Aggregate expenditures from the fund shall not exceed \$250,000 in a single fiscal year;

All proceeds received in a single year after the fund has reached a balance of \$250,000 shall be credited to the General Fund;

Expenditures from this fund shall be authorized by the School Committee or their designee and shall not exceed the available balance of the revolving fund:

Such funds shall be expended only for purpose directly associated provisions of M.G.L. c. 71 Section 71F;

No expenditures may be made from such revolving fund for the purpose of paying full or part-time employee's wages or salaries unless the revolving fund is also charged for the costs of fringe benefits associated with the wages or salaries so paid;

The School Department shall provide a report including all receipts and expenditures of this fund to the City Manager on a quarterly basis and to the City Council on an annual basis in accordance with the provisions of Section 53E1/2 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws;

This revolving fund requires authorization for each ensuing fiscal year, and

This fund is hereby authorized until June 30, 2021.

The following order was introduced by Councilor Recupero and read for the second time. A motion from Councilor Robinson L.O.T.



Order, the appropriation of funds in the amount of \$300,000 in Free Cash to the FY20 Planning Department Housing Rehabilitation Fund #3090 for a housing rehabilitation program eligible to Chelsea households in all areas of the City who earn up to 100% of Area Median Income

The following order introduced by Councilor Brown read for the second time is an amendment to a previous order. Adopted under suspension.

Order that the City Manager instruct the Director of Public Works to paint the cross walks at the following locations; Williams and Spruce Street, Boatswain and Beacon Street, Admirals Way and Captains Row, Spruce Street and Second Street.

Amended introduced by Councilor Brown in regards that the City Manager instruct the Director of Public Works to paint the cross walks at the following locations: Williams and Spruce Street, Boatswain and Beacon Street, Spruce and Second Street.

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, Vidot, Maldonado, Rodriguez, Avellaneda, Lopez.

Order, that the City Council appropriate the following amounts from PEG Access and Cable Related Fund:

For the Public Access via Chelsea Community Cable Television

Salaries: \$190,299.00

Operations \$45,916.00

Capital \$5,000.00

Total: \$251,215.00

For Educational Access via Chelsea School Department

Salaries: \$77,700.00

Operations: \$76,000.00

Capital: \$0.00

Total: \$153,700.00

For Governmental Access via City Manager's Office

Salaries \$0.00

Operations: \$30,000.00 (Translation Services)

\$50,000.00 (Reserve for Pilot Resident Internet Project)

Capital: \$50,000.00 (City Hall Fiber Server Deployment)

Total: \$130,000.00

#### **Unfinished Business:**

The following order (City Budget) was introduced by Councilor Robinson and read for the second time. A motion from Councilor Robinson to adopt by roll call passed 8-3-0-0. Voting yes were Councilors Zobot, Garcia, Taylor, Recupero, Robinson, Brown, Maldonado, and Avellaneda. Voting no were Councilors Vidot, Rodriguez, and Lopez.

Order, in regards that the following sums as classified and designated with respect to each department or under taking as Salaries, Operations and Maintenance and Capital are hereby appropriated in General Fund of the City of Chelsea as listed below and as summarized; Salaries \$49,580,934, Operations & Maintenance \$131,210,157, and Capital \$295,000, totaling \$181,086,091.

The following amendments to the City Budget were offered by Councilor Avellaneda. The amendments were defeated by roll call 2-9-0-0. Voting yes were Councilors Avellaneda, and Lopez. Voting no were Councilors Zabol, Garcia, Taylor, Recupero, Robinson, Brown, Vidot, Maldonado, and Rodriguez.

Amend, FY2021 proposed budget section 0112351 General Fund City Manager Salaries line item 510200 \$495,871.00 to be reduced by \$81,286.19 to total 414,584.81.

Amend, FY2021 Proposed budget section 0117551 general Fund Planning & Development Personnel Regular Salary line item 510200 \$345,337.00 to be reduced by \$78,003.12.

The following Order was introduced by Councilor Robinson. (Water Enterprise Fund) The roll call passed the order 10-0-1-0. Voting yes were Councilors Zabol, Garcia, Taylor, Recupero, Robinson, Brown, Maldonado, Rodriguez, Avellaneda, and Lopez. Councilor Maldonado was absent.

Order, in regards of the following sums, designated as appropriations, are hereby appropriated in the Water Enterprise Fund of the City of Chelsea as follows; Salaries \$521,140, Operations and Maintenance \$7,065,086, Capital \$1,500,904 totaling \$9,087,130.

The following order was introduced by Councilor Robinson. (Sewer Enterprise Fund). The roll call passed the order 9-2-0. Voting yes were Councilors Zabol, Garcia, Taylor, Recupero, Robinson, Brown, Maldonado, Avellaneda, and Lopez. Councilors Vidot and Rodriguez were absent.

Order, in regards that the following sums, designated as appropriations, are hereby appropriated in the Sewer Enterprise Fund of the City of Chelsea as follows; Salaries \$521,140, Operations and Maintenance \$10,928,977, Capital \$1,563,857, totaling \$13,013,974.

The following order was introduced by Councilor Robinson. (General Stabilization Fund). The roll call passed 11-0-0-0. Voting yes were Councilors Zabol, Garcia, Taylor, Recupero, Robinson, Brown, Vidot, Maldonado, Rodriguez, Avellaneda, and Lopez.

Order, in regards of the appropriation and assessments in the General Fund are to be financed in part by General Stabilization Funds of the City of Chelsea as follows: Stabilization Funds: \$4,965,819.

**New Business:**

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

Request, that the City Manager consider acting expeditiously, in advance of our community discussions, to declare by Executive Order racism as a Public Health crisis to highlight the need for concrete steps to address structural racism in education, housing, public safety, health care and other areas, of society.

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

Request, in regards that the City Manager give and update on the status of Pearl, Park, and Congress Street about the traffic congestion in the area.

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

Request, that DPW fix the broken streetlights throughout the City of Chelsea.

The following order was introduced by Councilor Avellaneda. On roll call the order passed 11-0-0-0. Voting yes were Councilors Zobot, Garcia, Taylor, Recupero, Robinson, Brown, Vidot, Maldonado, Rodriguez, Avellaneda, and Lopez.

- Whereas,** The City owns parkland located at the Mace Tot Lot at 59 Crescent Avenue; and
- Whereas,** The renovation and refurbishment of the City's recreational facilities corresponds with the goals of Chelsea's 2017 *Open Space and Recreation Plan* and advances the public health, well-being, and quality of life of Chelsea residents; and
- Whereas,** Mace Tot Lot is the sole playground situated in this neighborhood area and is a vital recreational asset for City residents, yet has not been substantially renovated and remains in a condition that warrants refurbishment; and
- Whereas,** The Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EOEAA) is offering reimbursable grants to City to support the preservation and restoration of urban parks thorough the Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities (PARC) Program (301 CME 5.00); and
- Whereas,** The City requests to apply for a PARC grant in the amount of \$400,000.00 for the renovation of the playground, including new playground equipment, rubber safety surfacing, water feature, landscape elements, site furniture, and other amenities; and
- Whereas,** The renovation of this facility is projected to cost approximately \$750,000 and should the City receive the PARC grant, the grant will reimburse the City seventy percent, up to \$400,000, of the total project cost; and
- Whereas,** If awarded, the PARC grant reimburses the City for design and construction up to the amount of the grant, and the City is required by PARC grant guidelines to set aside the full amount of the project and certify that full funding, including the State share, is available for the project prior to reimbursement. Additionally the PARC grant requires the site be permanently dedicated to open space use, which it presently is; be it therefore
- Ordered** By this vote, the Chelsea City Council affirms Mace Tot Lot as protected open space in perpetuity under Article 97 of the Massachusetts Constitution, endorses and approves the grant application for the Massachusetts Parkland Acquisition and Renovations for Communities funds to be prepared by the Department of Planning and Development. If the City is awarded a PARC grant for the renovation of Mace Tot Lot, the City Council endorses the project for the PARC funds prepared by the Department of Planning and Development, certifies the City Manager's authority to enter into an agreement for

receipt of these funds, and directs the City Manager to take any and all action necessary to accomplish the project.

The following order was introduced by Councilors Garcia, Avellaneda, and Vidot. On roll call the order passed 10-1-0-0. Voting yes were Councilors Zobot, Garcia, Taylor, Recupero, Brown, Vidot, Maldonado, Rodriguez, Avellaneda, and Lopez. Voting no Councilor Robinson.

Request, that the Chelsea Licensing Commission consider reducing the renewal fee liquor licenses given the impact of COVID-19.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Paul G. Casino (FM)*

Paul G. Casino

Clerk of the Chelsea City Council