

Chelsea, Massachusetts September 21, 2020

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 in attendance: Councilors Zobot, Garcia, Taylor, Recupero, Robinson, Brown, Vidot, Melinda Vega 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 Robinson and all members of the City Council. A motion from Councilor Robinson to adopt under suspension was adopted.

WHEREAS, During National Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15 to October 15) the Chelsea City Council recognizes the contributions made and the important presence of Hispanic and Latino Americans to the United States and celebrates their heritage and culture; and

WHEREAS, Hispanics have had a profound and positive influence on our country through their strong commitment to family, faith, hard work, and service. They have enhanced and shaped our national character with centuries-old traditions that reflect the multi-ethnic and multi-cultural customs of their community; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 4,700,000 Hispanic-owned firms in the United States, supporting millions of employees nationwide and contributing more than \$600,000,000,000 in revenue to the economy of the United States; and

WHEREAS, more than 80,000 Hispanics served in the Vietnam War, representing 5.5 percent of individuals who made the ultimate sacrifice for the United States in the conflict, even though Hispanics comprised only 4.5 percent of the population of the United States during the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, approximately 148,000 Hispanics soldiers served in the Korean War, including the 65<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, known as the "Borinqueneers" the only active duty, segregated Latino military unit in the United States history; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans are dedicated public servants, holding posts at the highest levels of the Government of the United States; NOW THEREFORE, BE IT,

RESOLVED, that the Chelsea City Council does hereby support September 15 to October 15, 2019 as Hispanic Heritage Month and encourage participation in this special annual tribute by learning and celebrating the generations of Hispanic Americans who have positively influenced and enriched our nation and society.

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

WHEREAS, Beginning at sundown on September 18, 2020, the Jewish people celebrate Rosh Hashanah, the New Year 5781; and

WHEREAS, Jews have been a part of the American fabric since 1654, by 1890 there were 82 Jews in Chelsea, in 1910 there were 11,000 Jews or one-third of the population, and by the 1930s the Jewish community constituted almost one-half of the city's population; and

WHEREAS, In 1915, future Justice of the United States Supreme Court Louis D. Brandeis addressed the Jew of Chelsea stating that "Chelsea Jews constitute a larger percentage of the population than in any other city of the United States..." and

WHEREAS, Chelsea Jews were early and active participants in political and military life, elected to local government positions such as alderman and on the school committee, and

Contributed greatly to the rich social, economic and spiritual fabric of the city that exists today, and

WHEREAS, At one time, there were 21 synagogues in the city of Chelsea and a thriving community of Jews among the myriad of immigrants from all nations; and

WHEREAS, Today the population of Chelsea is made up of a diverse and eclectic group of immigrants from all over the world who contribute to the vitality and powerful sense of community in the city; and

WHEREAS, This year of 5781 brings unique challenges across the globe and within the city due to the present health crisis of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, The Jewish commitment is to repair the world and correct injustices directed against the Jewish community and all faiths, ethnicities and races to not tolerate racism or bigotry wherever it may be found;  
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED That the Chelsea City Council honors the Jewish New Year of 5781 and joins with the Jewish community in continuing to endorse the goal of racial and social equality.

Public Speaking:

Susan Backstrom, 260 Clark Ave

Beverly Martin Ross, 229 Washington Ave

Kenneth Umemba, 38 Addison St

Stacey Smith, 266 Grove St

Jennifer Hassell, 131 Orange St

Rev. Sandra Whitley, 28 Bellingham St

Joan Cromwell, 38 Addison St

Jaylen Hassell, 131 Orange St

Alex Floyd-Vargas, 260 Clark Ave

2hr parking

Javier Hernandez, 160 Chestnut St

Joseph Mahoney, 308 Broadway

Rosaivette Baez, 5 Englewood Ave

**Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes of the City Council Meeting held on September 14, 2020 were approved at the request of Councilor Garcia under suspension.

**Communications and petitions to the Council:**

A copy of a communication was received from City Clerk/Parking Jeannette Cintron White in regards of actions approved at the September 8, 2020 Traffic and Parking Commission Meeting. A motion from Councilor Robinson for roll call passed 9-0-1-1. Voting yes were Councilors Zobot, Garcia, Taylor, Recuperero, Robinson, Brown, Melinda Vega Maldonado, Rodriguez, and Lopez. Councilor Vidot was absent and Councilor Avellaneda recused himself.

**Unfinished Business:**

Councilor Recuperero requested that the Order pertaining to the \$300,000 for the FY21 Housing and Community Development Department Housing Rehabilitation Fund be taken from the Table and acted upon. The roll call to remove from the Table requested by Councilor Robinson passed and the order was sent to Conference under suspension by Councilor Recuperero. The roll call was 11-0-0-0. Voting yes to remove from the Table were Councilors Zobot, Garcia, Taylor, Recuperero, Robinson, Brown, Vidot, Melinda Vega Maldonado, Rodriguez, Avellaneda, and Lopez.

**Second Readings:**

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

Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council authorize the appropriation of \$96,796.50 as a transfer from special revenue TNC Surcharge Distribution Fund #5019 from funds distributed to Chelsea from the Commonwealth Transportation Infrastructure Fund-in order to supplement the Fiscal Year 2021 DPW Streets and Sidewalks Capital Road Improvements line item-Account #0142258-583100 to be used for the purpose of roadway repair.

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

Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council authorize the appropriation of \$817,000 from General Stabilization Account Fund #7020 to the City Hall Tower Capital Improvement Project Account #55402032-58300.

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

Ordered, that in accordance with the M.G.L. CH. 44, Section 64, budget management procedures, whereby costs incurred by the Police Department in FY19 were not paid and are owed to the vendor, and to meet this obligation funds are required from current year FY21 Police Department Budget, that the City Council AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF \$295.76 FROM THE Police Department expenditure line to satisfy the unpaid copier lease costs owed to Ricoh USA, Inc.

The following order was introduced by Councilor Robinson and read for the second time. Councilor Brown amended the order to insert the word equity. On roll call the amended carried the motion was adopted 11-0-0-0. Voting yes were Councilors Zobot, Garcia, Taylor, Recupero, Robinson, Brown, Vidot, Melinda Vega Maldonado, Rodriguez, Avellaneda, and Lopez.

Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council authorize the appropriation of \$252,000 from General Stabilization Fund #7020 to create an Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion funded for Fiscal Years 2021 and 2022.

The following communication received from City Manager Thomas G. Ambrosino for Boards and Commission appointments was read for the second time. A motion from Councilor Garcia to approve the appointments by roll call passed 11-0-0-0. Voting yes were Councilors Zobot, Garcia, Taylor, Recupero, Robinson, brown, Vidot, Melinda Vega Maldonado, Rodriguez, Avellaneda, and Lopez.

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 appointment to the Conservation Commission, Ms. Devan Bruan, 220 Spencer Avenue, #304, Chelsea to fill unexpired term of Mr. Alan Orloff, who resigned. Term expires February 28, 2021.

For appointment to the Chelsea Disability Commission, Ms. Susan Backstrom, 260 Clark Ave. Chelsea, to fill the unexpired term of Ms. Marianne Winship, moved from the city. Term expires June 30, 2021.

For appointment to the Chelsea Housing Authority, Ms. Sharon M. Caulfield, Chelsea, five year term expiring Nov.8, 2025.

For appointment to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board, Ms. Jayde Umemba, Chelsea, two year appointment expiring on June 30,2022.

For appointment to the Chelsea Youth Commission:

Britney Alcazar, 135 Walnut St. Chelsea, -Northeast Regional  
Carla Garcia 31 Breakwater Drive, Chelsea—Northeast Regional  
Emily Menjivar, 17 Lawrence St. Chelsea—Chelsea High School  
Salma Jabri, 59 Madison Ave. Chelsea, Excel Academy  
Semaj Faust 226 Washington Ave. Chelsea, Northshore Educational Consortium  
Branden Garcia, 461 Crescent Ave. Chelsea, Chelsea High School  
Brian Jones, 2 Webster Ct. Chelsea—Northeast Regional

For appointment to the Planning Board, Mr. Alan Nguyen, 130A Cottage Street, Chelsea, for three-year term expiring in 2023.

I respectfully request your approval of these appointments. I have attached resumes for all but the Youth Commission appointment.

Sincerely,  
Thomas G. Ambrosino  
City Manager

The following communication was read from City Manager Thomas G. Ambrosino and read for the second time. Appointments to Boards and Commissions. Councilor Garcia moved to approve all of the appointments by roll call passed 11-0-0-0. Voting yes were Councilors Zabol, Garcia, Taylor, Recupero, Robinson, Brown, Vidot, Melinda Vega Maldonada, Rodriguez, and Lopez.

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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 Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board, for new two year terms expiring on June 30, 2022, the following five individuals;

Teri Weider, 100 CAPTAINS Row, No. 103 Chelsea;  
Gerritt DeYoung, 165 Winnisimmet, St. Chelsea;  
Brian Hatelberg, 18 Franklin St. Chelsea;  
Norieliz DeJusus, 31 Louis St. Chelsea; and  
Deputy City Manager Ned Keefe, 143 Whitcomb Ave. Boston, the appointee of the City Manager.

For re-appointment to the Library Board of Trustees, Ms. Monica Elias, 44 Prospect Ave. Chelsea for a new three year term expiring on September 24, 2023.

For re-appointment to the Community Schools Advisory Board, Mr. Mohamed Qasim, 3 Clinton Court, Chelsea, Chelsea, for a new three year term expiring on December 22, 2022.

For re-appointment to the Planning Board, Ms. Sharlene McClean, for a full three year term commencing on October 7, 2020 and expiring on October 6, 2023.

For re-appointment to the Cultural Council, Ms. Danielle Kim, 729 Broadway #3, Chelsea, for a three year term expiring in 2023.

For re-appointment to the Tree Board, Public Works Commissioner Fidel Maltez, 13 Admirals Way, Chelsea and Diane Paxton, 92 Eleanor Street, Chelsea for a new three year term expiring in 2023.

For re-appointment to the Historical Commission, Ms. Alison Shepard, 27 Pembroke St. Chelsea for a new three year term expiring 2023.

For re-appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals, Hugo Perdomo, 584 Washington Ave. Apt 3, Chelsea, for a new three year term expiring on June 30, 2023.

For re-appointment to the Community Preservation Act Committee, Mr. Jose Iraheta 73 Essex St. Chelsea, for a new three year term expiring in 2023.

For re-appointment to the Human Rights Commission, Ms. Susana Carella, 27 Admirals Way, Chelsea and Ms. Amy Fenton, 960 Broadway, Unit 4, Chelsea, for a new three year term expiring in 2023.

For re-appointment of Lt. Robert Griffin and Sgt. John Nofle as Harbormaster and Asst. Harbormaster, respectfully, for new three years terms expiring in 2023.

For re-appointment to the Commission on Disability, for new three year terms expiring in 2023, the following three individuals;

Karen Zelaya, 18 Carmel St. Chelsea;  
Barbara Rivera, 53 Maverick St. #1, Chelsea; and  
Alex Floyd-Vargas, 260 Clark Ave. Apt 807, Chelsea.

I respectfully request your approval of these appointments. I have attached the resume of Ms. Danielle Kim the only new appointee

Sincerely,  
Thomas G. Ambrosino.  
City Manager

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

Request that the Traffic & Parking Commission look into placing speed bumps Suffolk Street and Marginal Street and on Essex Street between Highland Street and Lynn Street.

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

Request, that the Traffic & Parking Commission look into remove the one-way sign between Essex, Shurtleff, and Congress Ave.

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

Request, that the City Solicitor look into and communicate back to the Council the maximum penalty for the illegal use of fireworks and noise disturbances.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul G. Casino (FM)

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Clerk of the Chelsea City Council