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Chelsea, Massachusetts, February 22, 2021

SUSPENSION

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, Avellaneda, Recupero, Garcia, Vega-Maldonado, Robinson, Rodriguez, Taylor, Lopez, Brown, and Zobot. Council President Avellaneda presided over the meeting. The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m.

The City Manager gave the State of the City Address to all present. He stated the past and the goals looking forward. He also stated the progress with the COVID-19 response. The Address to the City lasted approximately 15 minutes.

Memoriums and Celebratory Resolutions:

ACCEPTED AND FILED

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Chick Corea was born on June 12,1941 in Chelsea, Massachusetts to Anna and Amando J. Corea; and

WHEREAS, Chick Corea attended Columbia University then transferred to Juilliard School; and

WHEREAS, Chick Corea became a Jazz Fusion Pioneer, keyboardist, and composer; and

WHEREAS, Corea had two Children, Thaddeus and Liana and married musician Gayle Moran in 1972; and

WHEREAS, Chick Corea is currently the artist with the most jazz Grammy wins with 23 wins and 67 nominations making him in the top three of all GRAMMY winners with the most awards; and

WHEREAS, On May 20,2001 it is known as Chick Corea Tribute Day in the City of Chelsea and is a honorary student of the class of Chelsea High School 1959

WHEREAS, On February 9, 2021, Corea passed away recently being diagnosed of a rare cancer; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT, On behalf of the Chelsea City Council and the residents of Chelsea, we would like to honor the life of one of the most influential musicians of this era. May his legacy keep on inspiring musicians.

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Joe Bevere Sr. was born and raised in Chelsea, Massachusetts and graduated from Chelsea High School in 1949, and will be celebrating his 90th birthday on March 25,2021, and

WHEREAS, Joe Bevere Sr. excelled in sports, was a captain of the baseball team and football team, named M.V. P. his junior and senior year of high school for his performance in the Chelsea vs. Everett Thanksgiving Day Football game; and

WHEREAS, Joe Bevere Sr. was All American in 1951 while playing football for Drake University, went on the serve his country during the Korean War conflict in between 1952-1954, and

WHEREAS, Joe BeverSr. In 1961 married the late Kay Francis Cameron, had three children; Jackie, Joleen and Joe Jr. and

WHEREAS, Joe's teaching career started at the Williams Jr. High School 1961, his Chelsea High School career in 1962, and was the head coach for the outstanding baseball team of 1975, winning the Eastern Mass State Championship; and

WHEREAS, Joe Bevere Sr. retired in 1990 after 28 years of coaching and then retired from teaching after 32 years of faithful service;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that on behalf of the residents of Chelsea, we the members of the Chelsea City Council wish to extend to you, Joseph Bevere Sr. a happy 90th Birthday and congratulate you on your dedication to your country, to your students and your outstanding athlete career.

Public Speaking:

The public speaking portion of the meeting opened at 7:35 p.m. The following came forward to speak:

Mr. Vargas, Boston resident: spoke about unions Government Health and Safety issues.

Senior at Chelsea High School, spoke about Diversity in Chelsea

Mr. Garcia Chelsea Resident spoke about the Columbus Statue.

The public speaking portion closed at 7:45 p.m.

The minutes of the City Council Meeting dated February 8, 2021 were approved at the request of Councilor Garcia under suspension.

Communications from City Manager:

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

The Honorable Chelsea City Council
Chelsea City hall
500 Broadway
Chelsea Massachusetts 02150

Re: DPW Issues

Dear Councilors:

I am writing in response to recent City Council Orders requesting repair work from the Department of Public Works. One order requested repair of the intersection of Highland and Marginal Streets, the other requested repair of the concrete handicapped ramp for City Hall on Washington Ave.

With respect to Highland and Marginal, that area has been impacted by the ongoing Eversource work. Eversource has a contractual obligation to repave the entire stretch of Marginal Street it has impacted, curblin to curblin. That work will take place during this upcoming construction season. In the meantime, before that comprehensive fix occurs, the DPW will do some temporary patch work at Highland intersection as soon as the weather allows.

AQs for the Handicapped ramp for City Hall, that ramp requires comprehensive concrete reconstruction. The City will schedule this repair work, likely by the third party concrete contractor, during the upcoming construction season. The funds will be available in the existing DPW Street & Sidewalk budget.

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: Approval to Pay Prior Year Expenses

Dear Councilors:

I am writing to request approval for the City to pay various FY20 invoices.

From time to time, municipal agencies are unable to effectuate payments to a vendor in the year that the goods or services are provided. When such instances occur, the City Council must approve the payments from the current year department budget for the prior years obligations.

In this case, the City has identified some old FY20 invoices, both from the City and from the School Department. In each case, the responsible department has sufficient funds in its FY21 budget to pay the bills. No new funds are required. The only action necessary is Council approval to make the payments.

A copy of a draft Order for payment of these bills is attached. I respectfully ask your approval.

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; Francisco Lemus and Chris Pazos. Both of these employees are Chelsea residents who recently purchased homes outside of the City, one in New Hampshire and one in Haverhill, due to the difficulty of

funding affordable homes in Chelsea. Both are valued members of the DPW whom the Public Works Commissioner wishes to retain.

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

Communications and petitions to the Council:

A copy of a communication was received from Chelsea Black Community Joan Cromwell in regards honoring the Chelsea City Council as Trailblazers. Councilor Robinson moved to accept by roll call. The roll call passed 11-0-0-0. Voting yes were Councilors Vidot, Avellaneda, Recupero, Garcia, Vega-Maldonado, Robinson, Rodriguez, Taylor, Lopez, Brown and Zobot.

A copy of a communication was received from City Solicitor Cheryl Watson Fisher in regards to Legal Memorandum on Zoning Changes. A motion from Councilor Avellaneda to accept and file was adopted under suspension.

A copy of a communication was received from Ms. Ilana Ascher and her students in regards to removing Christopher Columbus statue in Chelsea. A motion from Councilor Avellaneda to accept and file was adopted under suspension.

Unfinished Business:

The following Order was removed from the Sub-Committee on Conference by Councilor Avellaneda. A motion from Councilor Avellaneda to adopt by roll call passed 8-2-1-0. Voting yes were Councilors Vidot, Avellaneda, Garcia, Vega-Maldonado, Rodriguez, Lopez, Brown and Zobot. Voting no were Councilors Recupero, and Taylor. Absent was Councilor Robinson.

Order, that the statue of Christopher Columbus be removed from Chelsea Square and that the Chelsea Historical Commission and Chelsea Arts and Culture Commission place on their agendas to collaborate and discuss the replacing of said statue with a memorial for the original indigenous habitants of Chelsea to remember their place in Chelsea's history.

New Business:

The following Order was introduced by Councilor Avellaneda and all members of the City Council: A motion from Councilor Avellaneda to adopt by roll call passed 11-0-0-0. Voting yes were Councilors Vidot, Avellaneda, Recupero, Garcia, Vega-Maldonado, Robinson, Rodriguez, Taylor, Lopez, Brown, and Zobot.

**RESOLUTION URGING FAIR AND FULL
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT AMOZON**

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has had a devastating impact on the health, safety, and well-being of the residents of the City of Chelsea; and

WHEREAS, the preventative measures put in place to combat COVID-19 by state and local agencies to prevent the spread and curtail transmission of the coronavirus have had a devastating economic impact on local retail establishments, and have changed the retail options for the residents in the City of Chelsea; and

WHEREAS, existing retail and e-commerce delivery networks currently operate in the City of Chelsea and set community standards for every family with sustaining wages, benefits including but not limited to quality health insurance and secure retirement; and

WHEREAS, Chelsea's retail and e-commerce delivery options coexist in diverse neighborhoods, while adding value to the fabric of the community, including offering good careers for Chelsea residents to provide for their families; and

WHEREAS, Existing e-commerce delivery options have aptly served the residents of the City of Chelsea throughout the COVID-19 pandemic while maintaining the highest of standards for its essential workforce; and

WHEREAS, Amazon, which does not conform to area standards for wages, benefits, and working conditions, has targeted the Chelsea area for expansion of its e-commerce; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Chelsea City Council, hereby assembled, urges Amazon to meet and confer with the Chelsea community, included, but not limited to, representatives of labor unions including the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 25, locally impacted neighborhood groups, local residents and other interested to discuss how Amazon can expand delivery operations, warehouses, and fulfillment centers in a way that is beneficial to the City of Chelsea and its residents while guaranteeing sustainable growth for the City and helping to ensure that fair and equitable employment standards are maintained for all e-commerce delivery networks; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, prior to any expansion into the City of Chelsea, Amazon commits to and presents sufficient evidence to the Chelsea City Council that its operations meet or exceed current Community Standards established by existing e-commerce delivery networks. This commitment would include that all delivery drivers will be direct employees of Amazon and not independent contractors. Amazon must commit that all of its delivery drivers will be competent, safe drivers, that Amazon and its delivery drivers will maintain the utmost professional

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

Request, for the City Manager to update the Chelsea City Council on the Legal Clinic program the number of agreements resolved and the number of court cases they have taken.

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

Request, for the City Manager to give an update on all grants that have been awarded, how the grants are allocated. And if any grant is combined with city monies, how will the Council see that on the budget.

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

Request, the City manager to instruct DPW to make the streetlight pole numbers be legible to residents.

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

Request, for the City Manager to instruct DPW to fix streetlight located on corner between Maverick Street and Shurtleff Street.

The following order was introduced by Councilor Vidot. A motion from Councilor Vidot was made to adopt under suspension. Councilor Robinson moved it to the sub-committee on Conference under suspension.

Ordered, for the City Manager ask the IT Department and CCTV to research the possibility of airing live City Council meetings directly from CCTV or the city website.

The following order was introduced by Councilor Vidot. A motion from Councilor Vidot moved the order to Conference under suspension.

Ordered, for the City Manager to instruct IT Department and CCTV to expeditiously resolve accessibility to public speaking portion of City Council meetings.

The following order was introduced by Councilor Vidot. A motion from Councilor Vidot moved the order to the Sub-Committee on Conference under suspension.

Ordered, for a Subcommittee on Conference to be held to discuss transitioning to full remote City Council meetings to prevent digital and communication disparities.

The following order was introduced by Councilor Robinson. A motion from Councilor Robinson to have a second reading was adopted under suspension.

ORDERED, that in accordance with M.G.L. Ch. 44, Section 64, budget management procedures, whereby costs incurred by the City in FY20 were not paid and are owed to the vendor, and to meet this obligation funds are required from the current year FY21 City Manager Budget and HR Department Budget respectively, that the City Council authorize the following expenditures to satisfy the unpaid balance from the prior year as follows:

City Manager Executive Department	\$1,100.00	Constant Contact
HR Department	\$ 69.65	Keches Law Group

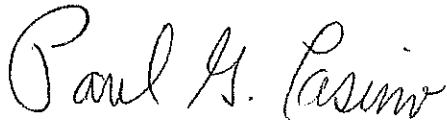
The following order was introduced by Councilor Robinso. A motion from Councilor Robinson to send to a second reading was adopted under suspension.

ORDERED, that in accordance with M.G.L. Ch. 44, Section 64, budget management procedures, whereby costs incurred in FY20 were not paid and are owed to the vendor, and to meet this obligation funds are required from the current year FY21 School Department budget, that Council authorizes the following expenditures from the School Department expenditure line to satisfy the unpaid balance from the prior year as follows:

Herff Jones, LLC.	\$1,705.52	COA Graduation Cap and Gowns
Jostens	\$ 452.75	COA Diploma & Covers
Asne OF ne	\$1,134.75	Generator Equip. Testing-Middle School

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Paul G. Casino
Clerk of the Chelsea City Council