



CITY OF CHELSEA, MA  
City Council

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**CHELSEA CITY COUNCIL**  
**MEETING AGENDA**  
**Monday, December 05, 2022**  
**7 P.M.**

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1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
2. CALLING THE ROLL OF MEMBERS
  - 2a. **Swearing in Ceremony of Newly Appointed Chief of Police Keith Houghton**
3. MEMORIAM AND CELEBRATORY RESOLUTION
  - a. **ID# 23R5** Resolution introduced by Councilor at Large Leo Robinson and all Members of the City Council with regards to the retirement of Al Ewing
4. PUBLIC HEARING
5. PUBLIC SPEAKING
6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
  - a. **ID#: 23M6** - Regular meeting minutes of November 21, 2022
7. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER
  - a. **ID#: 23CM27**- Communications from the City Manager Thomas G. Ambrosino with regards to a Notice of Residency Waiver to hire Mr. Joshua Sklodowska-

Johnson of Swampscott, Massachusetts for the position of Construction/Project Manager in the Department of Public Works.

- b. **ID#: 23CM28** - Communications from the City Manager Thomas G. Ambrosino with regards to a Notice of Residency Waiver to hire Mr. Christopher Finn of Lynnfield, Massachusetts for the position of full-time E-911 Dispatcher.
- c. **ID#: 23CM29** - Communications from the City Manager Thomas G. Ambrosino regarding the re-appointment of the Board Registrars of Voters, Mr. Jacob L. Rensenk for a three year term expiring December 22, 2025 and the appointment to the Community Recreation Advisory Board, Mr. Nicholas Valentine for a three year term expiring in 2025.
- d. **ID#: 23CM30** - Communications from the City Manager Thomas G. Ambrosino regarding the request for Appropriation of Overlay Surplus to Assessors' Department.

- 8. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS TO THE COUNCIL
- 9. COMMITTEE REPORTS
- 10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
- 11. SECOND READINGS
- 12. NEW BUSINESS

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a. **ID#: 23F21**- Order introduced by the City Manager Thomas G. Ambrosino  
ORDERED, that the City Council authorizes the appropriation of \$83, 000.00 from the Overlay Surplus Account to the following Assessors' Department FY23 Expense Accounts:

- Other Professional Services Account 0114152-531900 - \$53,000.00
- Data Processing Services Account 0114152-530300 - \$10,000.00
- Appraisal Services Account 0114152-531100 - \$20,000.00

b. **ID#: 2322**- Order introduced by Councilor Giovanni Recuperio

Request, that the City Manager Thomas G. Ambrosino look into homeowner occupied units to be offered 10% off of their water bill for 1 unit, 2 units, 3 units, 4 units, and all condos and that the following.

- c. **ID#:2323-** Order introduced by Councilor Giovanni Recupero that the following Home Rule be adopted and sent to the State Legislator.

HOME RULE PETITION

- WHEREAS,** homeowners in the City of Chelsea have been burdened with high sewer and water rates due to escalating MWRA charges and the need to upgrade obsolete water and sewer infrastructure in the City; and
- WHEREAS,** the economic impacts of the COVID pandemic have exacerbated financial pressures on Chelsea homeowners; and
- WHEREAS,** a program providing for rate relief to homeowners, similar to the residential exemption provided to taxpayers, will ease these financial constraints.

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**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,** by the City Council of the City of Chelsea, as follows:  
That a petition to the General Court, accompanied by a bill for a special law relating to the City of Chelsea be filed with an attested copy of this order, be and hereby is approved under Clause (1) of Section 8 of Article 2, as amended, of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to the end that legislation be adopted precisely as follows, except for clerical and editorial changes of form only:

An Act Authorizing the Creation of a Residential Exemption for Water & Sewer Charges in Chelsea.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:*

**SECTION 1.** Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the City of Chelsea may establish a program allowing any owner-occupant of a condominium unit, a single family, two family, three family home or four-family home to receive a reduction on the water and sewer bill for the entire premises equal to 25% of the entire bill. This reduction shall be in lieu of and supersede any other exemption or reduction to which the owner is otherwise entitled on the water and sewer bill.

**SECTION 2.** In order to qualify for this 25% discount on the entire bill, the owner-occupant must have filed and been certified to receive from Chelsea a taxpayer residential exemption pursuant to M.G.L. c. 59, Section 5C.

**SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect as of July 1, 2023 and shall apply to all water and sewer bills issued on or after July 1, 2023.

- d. **ID#:2324-** Order introduced by Councilor Giovanni Recupero

Request, that the City Manager Thomas G. Ambrosino verifies that the employees from #311 are working either remotely or at the business office.

- e. **ID#: 2325-** Order introduced by Councilor-At-large Damali Vidot

Ordered, that a Sub-Committee on conference be held with CCTV/IT/City Manager to discuss the streaming of all City Council Sub-Committee. Furthermore, to discuss building capacity and allow for remote meetings to promote civic engagement and meet demand.

### 13. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

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