



CITY OF CHELSEA, MA  
City Council

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**CHELSEA CITY COUNCIL**  
**MEETING AGENDA**  
**NOVEMBER 7, 2022**  
**7 P.M.**

City Council Packet is available for view at the Chelsea City Council Office during business hours.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
2. CALLING THE ROLL OF MEMBERS
3. MEMORIAM AND CELEBRATORY RESOLUTION
  - a. ID# 23R2 Resolution introduced by Councilor Brown and all members of the City Council with regards to the late Louise (Marshal) Robinson
  - b. ID# 23R3 Resolution introduced by Councilor Damali Vidot and all members of City Council with regards to the late Eduardo Budge
  - c. ID# 23R4 Resolution introduced by Councilor at Large Leo Robinson and all Members of the City Council with regards to the retirement of Chief Brian Kyes
4. PUBLIC SPEAKING
5. PUBLIC HEARING
6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
  - a. ID# 23M3 Approval of Minutes of October 03, 2022.
  - b. ID#F 23M4 Approval of Minutes of October 17, 2022.
7. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

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- a. **ID# 23CM19** RE: Communication received from City Manager Tom Ambrosino with regards to A Notice of Residency Waiver Intent. For Ms. Christine Dell'Anno of Medford, Massachusetts for the position of DPW/E-911 Business and Grants Manage
- b. **ID# 23CM20** RE: Notice of Residency Waiver for Mr. Marco Palma of Revere, MA
- c. **ID# 23CM21** RE: Notice of Residency Waiver for Mr. Richard T. Sica of Malden, MA
- d. **ID# 23CM22** RE: A copy of communication with regards to MassWorks Grant and COPS Grant
- e. **ID# 23CM23** RE: Gift of Land at 212 Congress Avenue

## 8. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS TO THE COUNCIL

- a. **ID# 23C8** Communication received from Parking Clerk Jeanette Cintron White with regards to the traffic and parking Commission meeting held on Oct 04, 2022
- b. **ID# 23C9** Communication received from Parking Clerk Jeanette Cintron White with regards to the traffic and parking Commission meeting held on Nov. 1, 2022

## 9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. **ID# 23CR1** Communication received from Councilor Vidot with regards to the Administrative Assistant Position.

November 1, 2022

Dear colleagues of the City Council,

The special interview Sub-Committee comprised of Councilors Todd Taylor, Norieliz DeJesus & myself (chair) met and interviewed Jessica Carmenatty on October 25th for the position of Administrative Assistant.

After a successful interview, we recommend to the City Council the hiring of Jessica Carmenatty to fill the position of City Council Administrative Assistant with an annual MM3 Step 6 salary of \$55,820.26.

Sincerely,  
Damali Vidot (Chair)

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11. SECOND READINGS

- a. **ID# 23CM15** Communication received from City Manager Tom Ambrosino with regards to Appointments to the Chelsea Cultural Council
- b. **ID# 23CO7** Order introduced by Councilor Robinson

**Whereas,** The City owns open space known as Bossom Playground, which is located at 50 Bellingham Street and documented as Parcel ID 30-23 on the City Assessors Map; and

**Whereas,** Bossom Playground will be preserved as open space in perpetuity, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 45, & 3 and Article 97 of the Massachusetts Constitution, and will be reordereed as evidence by the property's deed, which is catalogued under Book #3351 and Page 443-438 in the Suffolk Registry of the Deeds; and

**Whereas,** The priorities detailed in the City's 2017-2024 *Open Space and Recreation Plan* include the renovation of the City most heavily used recreational facilities, such as Bossom Playground, to provide active recreational opportunities for all ages take advantage of the Chelsea's environment, cultural, and scenic resources; and

**Whereas,** Bossom Playground is the heavily utilized and popular playground that is a vital recreational asset for the City resident, yet Bossom Playground has not been substantially renovated in nearly a decade, although its existing condition warrants refurbishment; and

**Whereas,** The City, through the Department of Housing & Community Development, filed a grant application of the Executive Office of Energy and Environment Affairs (EOEAA) PARC Grant Program and was awarded a \$400,000 PARC grant for the renovations of Bossom Playground; and

**Whereas,** The renovation of this facility is estimated to cost \$1, 800,000, and the City will be reimbursed for 68% of the full project cost, up to \$400,00, under the PARC grant requirement; and

**Whereas,** Because the PARC grant reimburses the City for the design and construction, the City is required by PARC grant requirements to set aside the full cost of the project and certify that the full funding, including the State share, is available for the project prior to reimbursement; and

**Whereas,** the City has already funded a portion of the project cost through a \$350,000 appropriation through the FY23 Capital Improvement Plan; and

**Whereas,** Due to the inflationary cost and the large size of the Bossom Playground area, the City requires an additional amount of the funding \$1,450, 000 to fully and successfully complete the Bossom Playground renovation; and

**Whereas,** To ensure the successful implantation of this and other PARC grant funded projects, the fund appropriated through this order for the renovations for the Bossom Playground may be utilized for all of Bossom Playground's projects costs in the event that the construction cost exceed the estimated costs, and any surplus funds may be allotted toward future PARC grant funded open space improvements, therefore it is

**Ordered** By this vote, the Chelsea City Council endorses this project the receipt of PARC grants funds, appropriates the balance of the estimated total project cost of \$ 1,450,000 from the General Stabilization Fund #7020; designated Bossom Playground as open space parkland in perpetuity, in accordance with Article 97 of the Massachusetts Constitution and M.G.L., c. 45, & 3; authorizes the City Manager to utilize any surplus funds for current and future PARCX funded improvements for the open space within the City of Chelsea; certifies the City Manager's authority to enter into agreement for the receipt of these funds; and directs the City Manager to take any and all necessary action to accomplish the project.

**c. #FY23CO8 Order introduced by Councilor Robinson (Amended Version)**

A RESOLUTION TO FILE AND ACCEPT GRANTS WITH AND FROM THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS FOR THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND GRANT PROGRAM FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A PUBLIC PARK AT 88 CLINTON STREET.

**Whereas,** The City of Chelsea has purchased the vacant parcel at 88 Clinton Street in order to convert it to additional public open space, a city priority identified in the most recent Open Space and Recreation Plan; and

**Whereas,** The new park at 88 Clinton will be dedicated to active recreation purposes as required by the Community Preservation Act (M.G.L. Chapter 44B, Section 5); and

**Whereas,** Pursuant to M.G.L., c. 45, Section 3 and M.G.L. Chapter 44B, Section 5, 88 Clinton Street will be preserved as open space in perpetuity through a Conservation Restriction, in accordance with Community Preservation Act Requirements, which shall be held by a third party to be determined by the City Manager.

**Whereas,** The new park's development will be guided by the City's priorities of equitable access to open space, climate resilience, ecological restoration, and universal access; all priorities in the city's Open Space and Recreation Plan and the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan; and

**Whereas,** The Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) is offering reimbursable grants to cities and towns to support the acquisition of parkland, development of a new park, renovation of an existing park, development of trails in an existing conservation or recreation area, or the

acquisition of conservation land through the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act (P.L. 88-578, 78 Stat 897); and

**Whereas,** The City, through the Department of Housing & Community Development, filed a grant application to the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) Land and Water Conservation Fund grant and was awarded a \$349,436.50 grant for the creation of a new park at 88 Clinton Street; and

**Whereas,** The renovation of this facility is estimated to cost \$875,000, and the City will be reimbursed \$349,436.50, under the LWCF grant requirements; and

**Whereas,** Because the LWCF grant reimburses the City for design and construction, the City is required by LWCF grant requirements to set aside the full cost of the project and certify that full funding, including the State/Federal share, is available for the project prior to reimbursement; and

**Whereas,** To ensure the successful implementation of this project, the funds appropriated through this order for the renovations for the development of 88 Clinton Street Waterfront Park may be utilized for all project costs in the event that the construction costs exceed the estimated costs, and any surplus funds may be allotted toward future open space improvements;

**THEREFORE, IT IS**

**ORDERED:** By this vote, the Chelsea City Council endorses this project for the receipt of LWCF grant funds; appropriates the balance of the total project cost of \$875,000 from the General Stabilization Fund #7020; designates 88 Clinton Street as open space parkland in perpetuity, in accordance with Article 97 of the Massachusetts Constitution and M.G.L., c. 45, § 3 and subject to a conservation restriction, which the City Manager shall prepare and a third party shall hold, in accordance with Community Preservation Act requirements; authorizes the City Manager to utilize any surplus funds for current and future improvements for open space within the City of Chelsea; certifies the City Manager's authority to enter into an agreement for the receipt of these funds; and directs the City Manager to take any and all necessary action to accomplish the project.

## **12. NEW BUSINESS**

**ID# 23CO11** Request introduced by Councilor Giovanni Recupero

Request that the Department of Public Works look into a concerning matter between Shawmut Avenue and Shurtleff Street on Central Avenue. There is a water retaining in front of the laundromat that needs to be addressed. This matter needs to be assessed in order to resolve the existing problem.

**ID# 23CO12** Request introduced by Councilor Giovanni Recupero

Request that the Traffic and Parking Commission look into putting a Stop sign on Essex Street and Pearl Street.

**ID# 23CO13** Request introduced by Councilor Giovanni Recupero

Request that the Sub-Committee on Conference be held to discuss the new Trash Regulations, Which; effects everyone in the community.

**ID# 23CO14** Order was introduced by Councilor Damali Vidot

Order that Sub-Committee be held to introduce the new Chief of Police & hear of his priorities.

**ID# 23CO15** Order was introduced Councilor Damali Vidot

Ordered that a Sub-Committee on Conference be scheduled to discuss public safety & cleanliness of parks/playgrounds throughout the city.

**ID# 23CO16** Order introduced by Councilor Calvin Brown

Ordered, that a meeting of the Sub-Committee on Conference be held to go over the applications submitted by the community members to fill the Vacant Councilor – at - Large position, and discuss the procedure to select finalist.

**ID# 23CO17** Request introduced by Councilor Enio Lopez

Request that the City Manager and Department of Public Commissioner sends a crew to clean up and cut the overgrown vegetation on both sides of Eastern Ave through Central Avenue all the way to the train tracks.

13. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

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