



Chelsea City Council

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March 24, 2022

Ms. Jeannette Cintron White
City Clerk
500 Broadway
Chelsea, MA 02150

Dear Ms. Cintron White,

Please be advised that at the City Council meeting held on Monday, March 21, 2022, the Chelsea City Council adopted the following minutes under suspension. Please find the complete minutes attached.

- a. **ID#: 22M17** Regular meeting minutes of March 7, 2022.

Sincerely,

Paul G. Casino
Clerk to the Chelsea City Council
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Chelsea, Massachusetts March 7, 2022

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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: Councilor Recupero, T. Garcia, Robinson, Taylor, Lopez, Vega Maldonado, Avellaneda, Brown, De Jesus, and J, Garcia. Councilor Vidot was absent. Council Preident Avellaneda presided over the meeting. The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m.

MEMORIUMS & CELEBRATORY RESOLUTIONS

The following Resolution was introduced by Councilors Veg Maldonado, De Jesus, J. Garcia, and T. Garcia. A motion from Councilor De Jesus to adopt under suspension was adopted.

RESOLUTION

Women's History Month

- WHEREAS,** In February 1980, President Jimmy Carter issued the first Presidential Proclamation declaring the week of March 8th, 1980 as National Women's History Week; and
- WHEREAS,** Throughout the history of the United States, whether in their homes, in their workplaces, in schools, in the courts, or during wartime, women have fought for the absence of oppression due to gender, race, ethnicity, class; and
- WHEREAS,** Women now represent approximately half of the workforce of the United States and in the City of Chelsea, women make up about 48.3% of the population as of April 1, 2020. Women are particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions in our City; and
- WHEREAS,** Women of every race, class and ethnic background served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social movement. Women have been leaders not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, which civil rights movement, and other movements, especially the peace movement, which created a more fair and just society for all; and
- WHEREAS,** This year's theme is "Providing healing promoting hope", during the pandemic the women of Chelsea have continued to exemplify their commitment to humanitarian, social, environmental and economic causes by being at the forefront of volunteering, organizing and working within the community and doing so while also maintaining a family and creating a career for themselves in the middle of a global pandemic; and
- WHEREAS,** On January 20,2021, Kamala Harris became first-ever women Vice President of the United States, Amanda Gorman was the youngest known inaugural poet, Sarah Thomas was the NFL's First-ever female referee, Sarah McBride became the first openly transgender state senator, as the world sees the firsts, they will not be the last such as our own Dr. Almi Abeyta being one of the first Latina superintendents in the state of Massachusetts and Chelsea's first Diversity and

Inclusion Officer Candace Perez. These women will continue to break societal roles and expectations; and

WHEREAS, On January 3, 2022, the City of Chelsea inaugurated a team with most female councilors the city elected; Councilor At Large Damali Vidot, Councilor District Two Melinda Vega Maldonado, Councilor District Three Norieliz De Jesus, Councilor District Five Judith Garcia and Councilor District Seven Tanairi Garcia, and Councilor District Seven Tanairi Garcia; and

WHEREAS, Despite the advancement of women, much remains to be done in the United States, specially BIPOC women; and

WHEREAS, To continue with the advancement of women, we are looking forward to the creation of a Council on Women's Advancement, for the introduction of intersectionality in policies and as praxis, as well as incorporation accommodations for women to return to work in an environment conducive to their needs; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Chelsea City Council hereby designate March 2022 as "Women's History Month" and continue the celebration and support for women across the City and Nation.

PUBLIC SPEAKING:

Opened at 7:25

No one came forward and it was closed at 7:26 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the City Council dated February 28, 2022 were approved at the request of Councilor Brown under suspension.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE 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: Update on Quiet Zone Construction and Market Basket Development

Dear Councilors:

I am writing in response to the recent City Council Orders requesting an update on the establishment of a Quiet Zone and development at the Market Basket site.

With respect to the Quiet Zone, the City engineering consultant, VHB, has completed its full design of the project. We are currently awaiting final design approval from the Federal Railroad

Administration ("FRA") which we hope to obtain imminently. Once FRA approval occurs, we will advertise the project for public bidding. If all goes well, construction should be completed by the end of Calendar Year 2022. Once construction is completed, we will petition the FRA to re-establish the Quiet Zone at all six crossings in Chelsea.

As for development at the Market Basket site, we did have a meeting with Market Basket's development team in early February. We impressed upon Market Basket that the City desired substantial redevelopment of the site. Unfortunately, although Market Basket indicated that such development the company plans to pursue is a small liquor store addition to the current supermarket building.

Sincerely,
Thomas G. Ambrosino
City Manager

NEW BUSINESS:

The following Order was introduced by Councilor De Jesus. A motion from Councilor De Jesus to adopt under suspension was adopted.

Order, that the City Manager instruct DPW to stabilize the street sign on corner of Crescent Avenue and Vila Street.

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

Request, that the Traffic and Parking Commission look into the placement of a speed bump on Crescent Avenue between Eastern and Louis Street.

The following order was introduced by Councilor J. Garcia. A motion from Councilor J. Garcia amended the order to read (send to the sub-committee on Economic Development). Adopted under suspension.

Request, that a Subcommittee on Conference be scheduled for a presentation from Tufts Equitable Engineering Designs for Chelsea Homelessness Project

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Paul G. Casino
Clerk of the Chelsea City Council.

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PAUL G. CASINO
CLERK OF THE CHASELSEA CITY COUNCIL