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Chelsea, Massachusetts November 21, 2022

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, Room 306 City Council Conference room. The following Councilors were present: Councilors T. Garcia, Robinson, Taylor, Lopez, Vega Maldonado, Brown; Vidot, DeJesus, and J. Garcia. Councilor Recuperero was absent. 1 vacancy. Council Vice-President assumed the role of President and opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Public Hearing:

The public hearing to discuss the proposed 2023 Tax Rates and to vote on the minimum Residential Factor and Residential Exception opened to the public at 7:05 p.m.

City Manager Thomas G. Ambrosino spoke in favor of the two proposal pertaining to the FY23 Tax Rate.

No one else came forward to speak and the public hearing closed at 7:08 p.m.

Public speaking:

The public speaking portion of the meeting opened at 7:09 p.m.

No one came forward to speak and it closed at 7:10 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes:

The minutes of City Council meeting held on November 7, 2022 were approved at the request of Councilor Vidot under suspension.

Communications from City Manager:

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

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

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Re: Notice of Residency Waiver

Dear Councilors:

Pursuant to the Administrative Code Section 1.12.02, I am writing to notify you of my intention to hire Ms. Anna Bury of Salem, Massachusetts for the position of Senior Project Manager, Community Resilience, in the Department of Housing & Community Development and to grant her a waiver from the residency requirement set forth in the Administrative CODE, Part IV, Section 1.12.01. A copy of Ms. Bury's resume is attached. There were no Chelsea candidates for this position.

In accordance with Section 1.12.02, I request that you provide me with any comments on the proposed waiver within seven days.

Sincerely,
Thomas G. Ambrosino
City manager

The following communication was received 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 Waiver

Dear Councilors:

Pursuant to the Administrative Code Section 1.12.02, I am writing to notify you of my intention to hire Ms. Ana Sofia Amieva-Wang of Cambridge, Massachusetts for the position of Senior Project Manager, Housing & Economic Stability, in the Department of Housing & Community Development and to grant her a waiver from the residency requirement set forth in the Administrative Code, Part IV, Section 1.12.01. A copy of Ms. Amieva-Wang's resume is attached. There were no Chelsea candidates for this position.

In accordance with Section 1.12.02, I request that you provide me with any comments on the proposed waiver within seven days.

Sincerely,
Thomas G. Ambrosino
City Manger

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

The Honorable Chelsea City Council

Chelsea City hall
500 Broadway
Chelsea, Massachusetts 02150

Re: Fiscal Year 2023 Tax Rates

Dear Councilors:

In follow-up to the November 7, 2022 presentation on taxes and valuations, I am writing to request the two votes required by the City Council prior to the setting of the tax rate.

The first required vote is the setting of the Residential Exemption pursuant to M.G.L. c. 59, Section 5C. I am recommending that we maintain the 35% exemption, the maximum amount allowed by statute. This will provide the fullest possible tax relief benefit to owner-occupants.

The second required vote, under M.G.L. c. 40, Section 56, is for the City Council to determine the percentage of the total tax levy that should be borne by each class of real property and personal property. This City has historically always voted, by virtue of adopting a minimum residential factor that results in a 175% shift, to transfer to commercial and industrial properties the maximum amount of the tax levy allowed by law. I recommend the same this year. If that 175% shift is adopted along with the 35% Residential Exemption, then the residential tax rate will likely be \$12.41 (pending DOR approval), and the commercial rate will be approximately \$24.92. This will result in a reduction of the average tax bill for owner-occupants of condominiums, two family homes and three family homes, and a very small increase for owner-occupants of single family homes.

I have attached drafts of the necessary Council Orders.

Sincerely,
Thomas G. Ambrosino
City Manager

New Business:

The following order was introduced by Councilors: Brown, Vidot, Melinda Vega Maldonado, Lopez, Robinson, Taylor, DeJesus, and T. Garcia. A motion from Councilor Robinson to adopt by roll call passed 9-0-1-1 vacant. Voting yes were Councilors T. Garcia, Robinson, Taylor, Lopez, Vega Maldonado, Brown, Vidot, DeJesus, and J. Garcia. Councilor Recuperero was absent. 1 Vacancy.

Order, that the Chelsea City Council adopt the Minimum Residential Tax Factor for the Fiscal Year 2023, with a 1.75 commercial, industrial and personal (CIP) shift factor.

The following order was introduced by Councilors Brown, Vidot, Veg-Maldonado, Lopez, Robinson, Taylor, DeJesus, J Garcia, and T. Garcia. Councilor Recupero was absent. 1 Vacancy. A motion from Councilor Vidot to adopt by roll call passed 9-0-1-1 vacancy. Voting yes were Councilors T. Garcia, Robinson, Taylor, Lopez, Vega Maldonado, Brown, Vidot, DeJesus, and J. Garcia. Councilor Recupero was absent. 1 Vacancy.
Order, that the Chelsea City Council adopt a 35% Residential Exemption for the Fiscal Year 2023.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul G. Casino".

Paul G. Casino
Clerk of the Chelsea City Council