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Chelsea, Massachusetts January 10, 2022

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 T. Garcia, Robinson, Taylor, Vega-Maldonado, Avellaneda, Brown, DeJesus, and J. Garcia. Absent were Councilors Recupero, Lopez, and Vidot. Council President Avellaneda presided over the meeting. The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m.

MEMORIUM & CELEBRATORY RESOLUTIONS:

The following Resolution was sponsored by Councilors Brown, Robinson and all members of the City Council. A motion from Councilor Brown to accept and file was adopted under suspension.

RESOLUTION

Martin Luther King Day

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. an American Baptist, activist, and the pastor of the historic Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery Alabama became a spokesperson and leader in the Civil Rights Movement; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was a man of courage who advocated for racial equality through non-violent resistance; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. dedicated his life in pursuit of justice and unity amongst all Americans until his assassination in 1968; and

WHEREAS, The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Public Service is celebrated each year on the third Monday of January to support and promote service and civic engagement to commemorate his legacy; and

WHEREAS, The People's A.M.E. Church Planning Committee has invited Bishop Brian Greene from Pentecostal Tabernacle from Cambridge to be the keynote speaker in collaboration with various community groups and businesses, such as, Chelsea Public Schools, Chelsea Black Community, Chelsea ESOLVED, City Council, and Chelsea Interfaith Alliance; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that We, the Members of the Chelsea City Council, on behalf of the Citizens of Chelsea, hereby recognize the efforts of the People's A.M.E. Church led by Pastor Walters-Sleyon and the Chelsea Black Community in exemplifying true leadership in representing Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s vision of unity and the Beloved Community.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the City Council meeting dated December 20, 2021 and the Special Meeting dated January 3, 2022 were approved at the request of Councilor Robinson under suspension of the Rules.

CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS:

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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 Waiver Intent

Dear Councilors:

Pursuant to the Administrative Code Section 1.12.02, I am writing to notify you it is my intention to promote Mr. James Caron, 1 Robb Road, Beverly, Massachusetts to the position of Field Operations Manager and to grant him a waiver from the residency requirement set forth in the Administrative Code, Part IV, Section 1.12.01. This is a Steelworkers union position that is open due to the retirement of Lam Vu.

Mr. Caren has been employed by the DPW since 2003. He was the only internal applicant 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 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 Waiver

Dear Councilors:

Pursuant to the Administrative Code Section 1.12.02, I am writing to notify you that it is my intention to hire Mr. Jeffrey Timberlake, 59 Lubec Street, #5, East Boston as a part-time ESOL, Instructor and to grant him a waiver from the residency requirement set forth in the Administrative Code, Part IV, Section 1.12.01. (A copy of Mr. Timberlake's resume is attached) There were no Chelsea applicants for this position.

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

Sincerely,

Thomas G. Ambrosino
City Manager

The following communication was read from City Manager Thomas G. Ambrosino. A motion from Councilor Robinson moved the communication with regards to appointments to Boards and Commissions to a second reading under suspension.

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

Re: Appointments to Boards and Commissions

Dear Councilors:

Pursuant to Section 4-2 of the Charter of the City of Chelsea, I am writing to recommend the following individuals to Boards and Commissions in the City.

For appointment to the Community Recreation Advisory Committee, Ms. Melissa Covino, 15 Louis Street, Chelsea, for a three year term expiring in 2025.

For appointment to the Youth Commission, Ms. Emily Menjivar, 17 Lawrence Street, Chelsea and Ms. Isabella Coimbra, 4 Eldridge Place, Chelsea, for one year terms expiring in 2023.

For appointment to the Traffic and Parking Commission, Mr. Michael D. O'Shea, 124 Addison Street #10, Chelsea, to serve the remaining term of Renee Hibbard, who has moved out of the City. This term expires on Feb 7, 2024. Mr. O'Shea has resigned from the Board of Registrars of Voters to accept this new position.

For appointment to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board, Ms. Michelle Diaz, 163 Pearl Street Chelsea, to serve the remaining term of Norieliz DeJesus, who must resign to her election to the City Council. The term expires on June 30, 2022.

I respectfully request your approval of these appointments. Resumes are attached.

Sincerely,
Thomas G. Ambrosino
City Manager

The following communication was read from City Manager Thomas G. Ambrosino with regards to Appointment to Human Rights Commission and Request for Conflict of Interest Law Exemption. Councilor Robinson moved it to a second reading under suspension.

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

Re: Appointment to Human Rights Commission and Request for Conflict of Interest Law Exemption

Dear Councilors:

Pursuant to Section 4-2 of the Charter of the City of Chelsea, I am writing to recommend the appointment to the Human Rights Commission of Katherine Palencia, 745 Broadway, Chelsea for a three-year term. A copy of Ms. Palencia's resume is attached.

Because Ms. Palencia is currently employed by the City as the Children's Librarian, the City Solicitor has determined that she needs an exemption vote by the City Council from the statutory conflict of interest laws in order to accept this role. Accordingly, I ask that the City Council also approve this exemption. All of Ms. Palencia's duties for the Human Rights Commission will be outside of her normal working hours as a City employee. And, she otherwise meets all the other statutory requirements for grant of an exemption under M.G.L. c. 268A, and 20.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
Thomas G. Ambrosino
City Manager

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS TO COUNCIL:

A communication was received from City Clerk Jeannette Cintron White regarding Special Election Warrant for Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational School District Ballot Question on January 25, 2022. Councilor Robinson moved to accept and file under suspension.

A copy of a communication was received from City Solicitor Cheryl Watson Fisher and Clerk Jeannette Cintron White regarding Vacancies in District 4 & 5 School Committee Members. A motion from Councilor Robinson to accept and file was adopted under suspension.

A communication was received from City Council President Avellaneda calling for a Joint Committee with the School Committee regarding vacancies in District 4 & 5. A motion from Councilor Robinson to accept and file was adopted under suspension.

NEW BUSINESS:

The following order was introduced by Councilor Avellaneda. A motion from Councilor Robinson for roll call passed 7-1-3-0. Voting yes were Councilors T. Garcia, Taylor, Vega-Maldonado, Avellaneda, Brown, De Jesus, and J. Garcia. Councilor Robinson voted no. Councilors Recuperero, Lopez, and Vidot were absent.

Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council approve the Special Election Warrant for Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational School District Ballot Questions for January 25, 2022 (Warrant attached.)

The following order was introduced by Councilor Avellaneda. A motion from Councilor Robinson moved the order to a second reading under suspension.

Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council hereby approves a Conflict of Interest Exemption pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 268A, Section 20(b) for Ms. Katherine Palencia's position as a member of the Human Rights Commission.

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

Ordered, that a Sub-Committee on Conference be held to meet with the State has chosen Soldiers Home designated developer.

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

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section 2-10 of the City of Chelsea's Charter, the City Council has the authority to establish an annual salary for its members; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED, BY THE City Council of the City of Chelsea that the Section 2-60 (a) be amended of the code of ordinances, City of Chelsea, Massachusetts by striking the current language and replacing with the following:

Effective upon the City Council term commencing January of the year Two Thousand and Twenty Four (2024), members of the City Council shall receive an annual salary of \$28,000.00.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Paul G. Casino
Clerk of the Chelsea City Council

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