



CITY OF CHELSEA, MA
City Council

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CHELSEA CITY COUNCIL
MEETING AGENDA
Monday, December 4th, 2023
7:00 P.M

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CALLING THE ROLL OF MEMBERS

3. MEMORIUMS AND CELEBRATORY RESOLUTIONS

4. PUBLIC HEARING

- a. FY2024 Tax Rates – Residential Exemption and Minimum Residential Tax Factor

5. PUBLIC SPEAKING

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. ID#: 24M09 - Minutes of November 20, 2023 – Regular Meeting

7. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- a. ID#: 24CM33 – Communication received from City Manager Ned Keefe, requesting approval for Departments to pay prior-year expenses.
- b. ID#: 24CM34 – Communication received from City Manager Ned Keefe requesting Council authorization to transfer capital funds to the Fire Department for vehicle acquisition.
- c. ID#: 24CM35 – Communication received from City Manager Ned Keefe recommending re-appointments to Boards and Commissions.
- d. ID#: 24CM36 – Communication received from City Manager Ned Keefe requesting appropriation from General Stabilization Fund for staffing in the City Manager's Office.

- e. **ID#: 24CM37** – Communication received from City Manager Ned Keefe requesting appropriation from General Stabilization Fund for Marginal Street Sidewalk Emergency Stabilization.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS TO THE COUNCIL

- b. **ID#: 24C14** – Communication received from Director of Permitting and Land Use Planning John DePriest regarding Zoning Amendment, Chapter 34, Article XII, Section 34-158 (c) (2) – Marijuana Retailers.
- b. **ID#: 24C15** – Communication received from Director of Permitting and Land Use Planning John DePriest regarding Zoning Amendment – Indoor Commercial Recreation.
- c. **ID#: 24C16** – Communication received from Director of Permitting and Land Use Planning John DePriest regarding Zoning Amendment - Transit Community Overlay District.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11. SECOND READINGS

- a. **ID#: 24CM28** – Communication received from City Manager Ned Keefe recommending the re-appointment of Ms. Alexandria Christmas and Ms. Monica Elias – both of Chelsea, MA to the Chelsea Public Library Board of Trustees.
- b. **ID#: 24F14** - Order introduced by Council President Robinson, that pursuant to Section 4-3(I) of the Charter of the City of Chelsea, the Chelsea City Council approves the cost items set forth in the collective bargaining agreement negotiated with USWA Local 9427, memorialized in the Memorandum of Agreement for Fiscal Years 2024-2026 ratified on November 1, 2023.
- c. **ID#: 24F15** - Order introduced by Council President Robinson, that to fund the collective bargaining agreement negotiated with the USWA Local 9427 for Fiscal Year 2024, the Chelsea City Council authorizes the transfer of \$175,858.00 from the Salary Reserve Account #0199959-598000 to the FY2024 Regular Salaries Account 510200 to fund the FY2024 Contract Wage Increases.

12. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **ID#: 2443** - Order introduced by Councilor Vidot, that the City Manager instruct the Director of Emergency Management to report to the City Council as to the status of the City's emergency evacuation plan by the next regularly scheduled City Council Meeting.
- b. **ID#: 2444** - Order introduced by Councilor Vidot, that, in light of upcoming holiday celebrations, the City Manager direct relevant City Departments to include Eid symbolism (including crescent moons and stars) to represent the members of our Muslim Community.

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- c. **ID#: 24F16** – Order introduced by Council President Robinson and all members of the Council, that the Chelsea City Council adopt the Minimum Residential Tax Factor for the Fiscal Year 2024, with a 1.75 commercial, industrial and personal property (CIP) shift factor.
- d. **ID#: 24F17** – Order introduced by Council President Robinson and all members of the Council, that the Chelsea City Council adopt a 35% Residential Exemption for the Fiscal Year 2024.
- e. **ID#: 24F18** – Order introduced by Council President Robinson, that in accordance with M.G.L Ch. 44, Section 64 budget management procedures, whereby costs incurred in FY20, FY22, and FY23 were not paid and are owed to the vendors, and to meet this obligation funds are required from the current year FY24 budget as noted, that the City Council authorize the following expenditures to satisfy the unpaid balances that total \$12,749.60 from prior year.
- f. **ID#: 24F19** – Order introduced by Council President Robinson, that the Chelsea City Council authorizes the transfer of \$68,500.00, representing the deferred project appropriated under General Fund in the FY2024 Capital Improvement Plan for Fire Department M1 Mobile Repair Vehicle - 0122058-584000 Account Series, to a new FY2024 CIP project, Fire Department K4 Code Enforcement Vehicle - 0122058-584000 Account Series.
- g. **ID#: 2445** - Order introduced by Councilor Vidot, that the Chelsea City Council adopt the Legislative Code as attached.
- h. **ID#: 2446** - Order introduced by Councilor Recupero, that the City Manager provide to each City Councilor a list of direct contact numbers for municipal Department heads.
- i. **ID#: 2447** - Order introduced by Councilor Recupero, that the City Manager direct relevant Departments to replace recently installed 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline signs with signs in both English and Spanish, as the existing signs are only in Spanish.
- j. **ID#: 2448** – Order introduced by Council President Robinson, that the City Manager provide an update to the City Council as to the status of the Forbes Development Project and how much it has cost the City so far.
- k. **ID#: 2449** – Order introduced by Council President Robinson, that the Chelsea City Council request a meeting with the City’s delegation to the Massachusetts General Court regarding the proposed Soccer Stadium at Encore Boston Harbor and what benefits the project would bring to Chelsea.
- l. **ID#: 2450** – Order introduced by Councilor Lopez, that the City Manager instruct the Department of Public Works Commissioner to raise the brightness of all streetlights on Maverick Street, from Shurtleff Street to Lynn Street Extension.
- m. **ID#: 2451** – Order introduced by Councilors Lopez and Recupero, that the City Manager and all relevant Department heads provide the City Council an update from Cataldo Ambulance as to their response times to calls for service in Chelsea.

- n. **ID#: 24F20** – Order introduced by Council President Robinson, that the Chelsea City Council authorize the appropriation of \$140,000 from the General Stabilization Fund #7020 to the City Manager’s Salary expense line to establish two additional staff positions for a total of five staff for the FY’24.
- o. **ID#: 24F21** – Order introduced by Council President Robinson, that the Chelsea City Council authorize the appropriation of \$150,000 from the General Stabilization Account, Fund #7020 to a new FY24 CIP Project Account (Fund 5540 series) for Marginal Street Sidewalk.
- p. **ID#: 2452** – Order introduced by Council President Robinson, that in accordance with Section 2-6 of the Charter of the City of Chelsea, the City Council waives the remainder of the twelve (12) month probationary period and appoints Clifford Cunningham as Clerk to the Chelsea City Council for a period of five (5) years at the pay grade of MM7, Step 1 (\$75,197.65) with the duties and responsibilities as described in the updated job summary.
- q. **ID#: 2453** – Order introduced by Council President Robinson, that the Chelsea City Council accepts Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 32, Section 20A indemnifying members of the Chelsea Retirement Board.

13 PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

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