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CHELSEA CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Monday, September 11th, 2023
7:00 P.M

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CALLING THE ROLL OF MEMBERS

3. MEMORIUMS AND CELEBRATORY RESOLUTIONS

- a. ID#: 24R02 – Hispanic Heritage Month
- b. ID#: 24R03 – Reverend Father Stanley Rousseau's 25th Anniversary of Ordination

4. PUBLIC HEARING

- a. Proposed Amendment to Section 34-106(j) of the Chelsea Code of Ordinances, which would allow for the issuance of visitor parking stickers to residential units that receive relief from off-street parking requirements.

5. PUBLIC SPEAKING

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. ID#: 24M01 - Minutes of August 28, 2023 - Special Council Meeting

7. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- a. ID#: 24CM02 - Communication received from City Manager Ned Keefe, requesting the City Council approve a conflict of interest exemption for Mr. R. Perisie for a part-time fire-detail position with the Chelsea Fire Department.
- b. ID#: 24CM03 - Communication received from City Manager Ned Keefe, requesting the City Council accept a grant in the amount of \$200,000 from the Boston Foundation.
- c. ID#: 24CM04 - Communication received from City Manager Ned Keefe, requesting the City Council appropriate \$69,258.80 from the Commonwealth Transportation Infrastructure Fund to the FY24 DPW Streets & Sidewalks Capital Road Improvements line item.

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- d. **ID#: 24CM05** - Communication received from City Manager Ned Keefe, requesting the City Council accept a grant in the amount of \$1,000 from the American Library Association
 - e. **ID#: 24CM06** - Communication received from City Manager Ned Keefe, requesting the City Council authorize the Department of Public Works to make payments for prior year expenses.
 - f. **ID#: 24CM07** - Communication received from City Manager Ned Keefe, requesting the City Council approve the appointment of Mr. M. Fernandes of Chelsea to the Board of Health for the recently vacated three-year term expiring on February 25, 2025.
 - g. **ID#: 24CM08** - Communication received from City Manager Ned Keefe, recommending an appointment to the Chelsea Cultural Council, Ms. Guevara Alvarez of Chelsea, for the recently vacated three-year term expiring on November 7, 2025.
 - h. **ID#: 23CM09** - Communication received from City Manager Ned Keefe, requesting a Conflict of Interest exemption under M.G.L. 268A for City & School employees and municipal board members to serve in temporary election related roles.

8. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS TO THE COUNCIL

- a. **ID#: 24C01** - Communication received from Dafna Krouk-Gordon of Toward Independent Living and Learning.
- b. **ID#: 24C02** - Communication received from John DePriest, Director of Permitting and Land Use Planning, regarding the Tuesday, June 27th, 2023 meeting of the Planning Board.
- c. **ID#: 24C03** - Communication received from Kathi Reinstein of ROCA.
- d. **ID#: 24C04** - Communication received from Stacey Smith of C.B.C. (Chelsea Black Community).
- e. **ID#: 24C05** - Communication received from the Traffic and Parking Commission, regarding the meeting held on September 5, 2023.
- f. **ID#: 24C06** - Communication received from the Traffic and Parking Commission, regarding the meeting held on June 6, 2023.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. **ID#: 23Z7** - Order introduced by Council President Robinson, that Section 34-106(j) of the Code of Ordinances, City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, read as follows: "Any relief from off-street parking requirements in this zoning ordinance shall disqualify that location from participating in the residential parking sticker program. Any relief from off-street parking requirements in this zoning ordinance will still allow that location's residents to participate in the visitor parking pass program."

11. SECOND READINGS

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12. NEW BUSINESS

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- a. **ID#: 2403** - Order introduced by Council President Robinson, that the Chelsea City Council hereby approves a Conflict of Interest Exemption, pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 268A, Section 20(b) for the part-time fire-detail position in the Chelsea Fire Department to be held by Mr. R. Perisie, effective immediately.
- b. **ID#: 24F01** - Order introduced by Council President Robinson, that the Chelsea City Council, in accordance with M.G.L. c. 44, §53A, authorizes the City Manager to accept a grant from the Boston Foundation in the amount of \$200,000.
- c. **ID#: 24F02** - Order introduced by Council President Robinson, that the Chelsea City Council authorizes the appropriation of \$69,258.80 as a transfer from special revenue TNC surcharge Distribution Fund #5019 from funds distributed to Chelsea from the Commonwealth Transportation Infrastructure Fund – in Order to supplement the Fiscal Year 2024 DPW Streets & Sidewalks Capital Road Improvements line item – Account #0142258-583100 to be used for the purpose of roadway repair.
- d. **ID#: 2404** - Order introduced by Council President Robinson, that pursuant to M.G.L. c. 54, s. 25B (8)(c)(1), the Chelsea City Council hereby approves early voting for the November 7th, 2023 City Election and that such early voting shall take place on Saturday, October 28th, 2023 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, and then during normal business hours from Monday, October 30th, 2023 through Friday, November 3rd, 2023, in the City Clerk's Office at Chelsea City Hall.
- e. **ID#: 24F03** - Order introduced by Council President Robinson, that the Chelsea City Council, in accordance with M.G.L. c. 44, §53A, hereby authorizes the City Manager to accept a \$1,000 grant from the American Library Association.
- f. **ID#: 24F04** - Order introduced by Council President Robinson, that in accordance with M.G.L. c. 44, Section 64 budget management procedures, whereby costs incurred in FY23 were not paid and are owed to the vendors, and to meet this obligation funds are required from the current year FY24 budget, that the City Council authorizes the expenditure of \$7,018.51 from the Department of Public Works expenditure lines to satisfy the unpaid costs to Direct Energy for natural gas supply invoices from the previous year. The Department has sufficient funds to meet all these outstanding obligations. Therefore, no new funds are required.
- g. **ID#: 2405** - Order introduced by Council President Robinson, that the Chelsea City Council approve the Warrant for the City Preliminary Election to be held on September 26th, 2023.
- h. **ID#: 2406** - Order introduced by Councilor Recupero, that the City Manager look into hiring a new company to perform all streetlight repairs in the City of Chelsea.
- i. **ID#: 2407** - Order introduced by Councilor Recupero, that the City Manager provide an update to the City Council as to how many people are utilizing bike lanes in the City of Chelsea.

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- j. **ID#: 2408** - Order introduced by Council President Robinson, that the Chelsea City Council approves a Conflict of Interest exemption under M.G.L. 268A for City and SAHMA employees and municipal board members to serve in temporary election-related roles.
 - k. **ID#: 2409** - Order introduced by Councilors Lopez, Recupero and Vidot, that the City Manager, Traffic and Parking Commission and the Department of Public Works remove the bicycle lane on Third Street, from Broadway to Chestnut Street, due to heavy traffic congestion in the area.
 - l. **ID#: 2410** - Order introduced by Councilors Lopez, Recupero and Vidot, that the City Manager provide an update to the City Council as to the restoration of the Commuter Rail Quiet Zone.

13. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS