



CITY OF CHELSEA, MA
City Council

City Hall, 500 Broadway, Room 306 · Chelsea, MA 02150
Phone: 617.466.4060 · Fax: 617.466.4159 · Website: chelseama.gov

May 10, 2023

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, May 8, 2023, the Chelsea City Council adopted the following minutes under suspension. Please find the complete minutes attached.

- a. **ID#: 23M19-** Regular Council Meeting Minutes of May 24, 2023.

Sincerely,

Clifford Cunningham
Clerk to the Chelsea City Council
CC/jc

RECEIVED
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE
CHELSEA, MA

2023 MAY 10 P 3:26

C/B
Accept/ file
Suspension

ACCEPTED AND FILED

Chelsea, Massachusetts April 24th, 2023

A regular meeting of the Chelsea City Council was held on April 24th, 2023. The meeting was held at Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, Massachusetts 02150. The following members of the Council were present: Councilors Brown, Lopez, Robinson, Recupero, Vidot, De Jesus, Hatleberg and Taylor. Absent were Councilors J. Garcia, T. Garcia and Vega. The meeting opened at 7:05 PM.

Council President Robinson made a motion to suspend the rules to allow the Chelsea Police Department Honor Guard to Present the Colors and receive citations for Presenting the Colors at a recent Boston Celtics game.

In addition, Dave Betz was formally sworn-in as a Captain with the Chelsea Police Department.

The Council took a recess at 7:21 PM. Council President Robinson called the meeting back to order at 7:33 PM.

Memoriums and Celebratory Resolutions

ID#: 23R17 – The following Resolution was introduced by Council President Robinson and all members of the City Council. A motion to adopt unanimously under suspension was made by Councilor Vidot and was adopted.

RESOLUTION

Earth Day

WHEREAS, Earth Day was first celebrated on April 22, 1970; and

WHEREAS, The late Senator Gaylord Nelson, the founder of Earth Day, called on the people of the United States to hold elected officials accountable for failing to adequately protect the health of the people and the natural environment; and

WHEREAS, After witnessing years of environmental neglect, millions of Americans of all ages, walks of life, and political affiliations gathered in cities across the Nation on the first Earth Day to demand basic protections for our planet and to commit to leaving behind a healthier world for the next generation; and

2023 MAY 10 P 3:35

RECEIVED
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE
CHELSEA, MA

WHEREAS, Earth Day unites people who have been fighting against oil spills, polluting factories and power plants, raw sewage and toxic dumps, the loss of wildlife, and other environmental ills; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day is an annual event created to promote environmental citizenship and action year-round; and

WHEREAS, The first celebration of Earth Day was the largest environmental grassroots event ever held at that time and is widely credited with launching the modern environmental movement; and

WHEREAS, The voices of inaugural Earth Day participants galvanized an unparalleled period of legislative and grassroots activity that change the way we interact with the environment, leading to the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency, and passage of legislation such as the Clean Water Act, the Clean Air Act, and the Endangered Species Act; and

WHEREAS, By 1990, Earth Day was celebrated globally, with over 200,000,000 people in 141 countries participating in Earth Day events; and

WHEREAS, New and continuing challenges, including climate change, polluted oceans and waterways, loss of forest, wetlands and other wildlife habitats, reinforce the need for adequate protections for the air we breathe, the water we drink, the land we inhabit, and the animals we live alongside of; and

WHEREAS, The American Public Health Association declared 2017 the year of climate change and health, because changes to our climate are harming Americans' health and safety, including respiratory allergies and asthma; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day reaffirms our national responsibility in the global effort to combat climate change and protect our planet; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day reminds us of the need to expand environmental and climate literacy not only to strengthen environmental and climate protections but also to accelerate development of green technologies and creation of green jobs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chelsea City Council wish to go on record so as to recognize April 22, 2023 as "Earth Day" in Chelsea and would like to encourage our residents to participate in the community programs offered, so as to make Chelsea a better place to live in.

ID#:23R18 – The following Resolution was introduced by Council President Robinson and all members of the City Council. A motion to adopt unanimously under suspension was made by Councilor Vidot and was adopted.

RESOLUTION

Administrative Professionals Day

WHEREAS, During World War II, there was an increased need for skilled administrative personnel, particularly in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The National Secretaries Association was formed to recognize the contributions of secretaries and other administrative personnel to the economy and to support their personal development; and

WHEREAS, The association's name was changed to the International Association of Administrative Professionals in 1998; and

WHEREAS, The organization's vision is "to inspire and equip all administrative professionals to attain excellence"; and

WHEREAS, The first National Secretaries Week was organized in 1952 in conjunction with the United States Department of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, The success of every major corporation, organization, small business and governmental agency, as well as cities and towns, depends on the professionalism, ethical standards, attention to detail and diligent adherence to expectations of excellence imbued by their administrative personnel; and

WHEREAS, Administrative professionals in the City of Chelsea and worldwide play a crucial role in the day-to-day execution of tasks, programs, meetings, and singular world-changing events by providing the resources and support necessary to successfully carry out all functions in a wide array of entities; and

WHEREAS, Respect is to be given to the administrative professionals who often work tirelessly behind the scenes and are worthy of accolades; and

WHEREAS, Administrative Professionals Day highlights the important role of administrative professionals who are individuals from diverse backgrounds in all sectors of the modern economy in the City of Chelsea and worldwide; and

WHEREAS, Administrative Professionals Day is on the Wednesday of Administrative Professionals Week, which is the last full week of April;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Wednesday April 26, 2023, the Chelsea City Council commemorates the observance of Administrative Professionals Day.

ID#. 23R19 – The following Resolution was introduced by Councilor Recupero. A motion to adopt unanimously under suspension was made by Councilor Recupero and was adopted.

RESOLUTION

Armenian Genocide Remembrance

WHEREAS, From 1915-1923, while World War I raged around the world, the government of the Ottoman Empire systematically planned and carried out the mass murder of approximately 1.5 million Armenians; and

WHEREAS, The first mass murders began on April 24, 1915, when the ottoman government arrested more than 250 Armenian leaders in Constantinople, the capital city of the Ottoman Empire; and

WHEREAS, Prominent educators, clergy, writers, lawyers, intellectuals and other public leaders were subsequently arrested and executed; and

WHEREAS, Most adult Armenian males were either forcibly conscripted into the Ottoman Army, or executed; and

WHEREAS, Large numbers of women, children and elderly men were either executed outright or summarily deported to the Syrian Desert, where those who survived dehydration and starvation faced attack by government-backed gangs; and

WHEREAS, In May 1915, the Allied Powers – consisting of Great Britain, France and Russia – issued a declaration condemning the ottoman Empire for committing “crimes against humanity” (the first time that phrase was used in international diplomacy); and

WHEREAS, By 1923, the mass extermination and accompanying atrocities resulted in the virtual elimination of the Armenian population and its culture in Asia Minor; and

WHEREAS, Historians cite the Armenian Genocide as a forerunner of later genocidal measures, including the Holocaust, the Killing Fields in Cambodia, the Bosnian Genocide, the Rwandan Genocide, and Darfur; and

WHEREAS, President Biden became the first President of the United States to label the mass killings a genocide when he formally commemorated the 107th anniversary of the start of the Armenian Genocide;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the members of the Chelsea City Council, recognize April 24, 2023 as “Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day” in the City of Chelsea in memory of the victims of the Armenian Genocide and in honor of the survivors and their descendants, and urge all residents of Chelsea to join in solemn remembrance.

ID#. 23R20 – The following Resolution was introduced by Council President Robinson and all members of the City Council. A motion to adopt unanimously under suspension was made by Councilor Taylor and was adopted.

RESOLUTION

Asian/Pacific Islander American Heritage Month

WHEREAS, The month of May is Asian/Pacific Islander American Heritage Month, a celebration of Asians and Pacific Islanders in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The month of May was chosen to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the U.S. on May 7, 1843; and

WHEREAS, On May 10, 1869, Golden Spike Day, the first transcontinental railroad in the United States was completed with significant contribution from Chinese immigrants; and

WHEREAS, In 1979, President Jimmy Carter proclaimed the week beginning May 4, 1979 as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week, providing an opportunity for the people of the United States to recognize the history, concerns, contributions, and achievements of Asian and Pacific islander Americans; and

WHEREAS, From 1990-1992, Congress designated – and President George H.W. Bush proclaimed – the month of May as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS, As of 2020, 23 million Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders account for 7 percent of the population of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Over 2 million API Americans have worked on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic in healthcare, law enforcement, transportation, and other essential sectors; and

WHEREAS, Since March 2020, there has been a dramatic increase in reports of hate crimes and incidents against those of Asian descent; and

WHEREAS, On April 22, 2021, the Senate passed legislation condemning hate crimes directed at Asian-Americans amid a sharp increase in discrimination and violence against Asian communities in the United States;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chelsea City Council hereby proclaims May as Asian/Pacific islander American Month in the City of Chelsea and condemns and denounces any and all anti-Asian sentiment in any form.

Public Speaking:

The public speaking portion opened at 7:44 PM.

No members of the public spoke.

The public speaking portion closed at 7:44 PM.

Approval of Minutes:

ID#: 23M17 - The minutes of the City Council meeting dated April 8th, 2023 were approved at the request of Councilor Brown under suspension.

ID#: 23M18 – The minutes of the Special City Council Meeting dated April 18th, 2023 were approved at the request of Councilor Brown under suspension.

Communications from the City Manager:

Communications and Petitions to the Council:

ID#. 23C24 – A copy of a communication was received from the Parent/Professional Advocacy League proclaiming May 7-13th Children’s Mental Health Week. A motion to accept and file the communication unanimously under suspension was made by Councilor Hatleberg and was adopted.

ID#. 23C25 – A copy of a communication was received from the Chelsea Youth Commission. A motion to accept and file the communication unanimously under suspension was made by Councilor Vidot and was adopted.

ID#. 23C26 – A copy of a communication was received from the Traffic and Parking Commission regarding agenda items approved at the April 4th, 2023 Traffic and Parking Commission meeting. A motion to accept and file the communication unanimously under suspension was made by Councilor Recuperero. Councilor Vidot objected, and moved to refer the communication to the Sub-Committee on Conference. There were no objections and the motion was adopted.

ID#: 23C27 – A copy of a communication was received from Karen Johnson with concerns about the Open Meeting Law regarding the new Vocational School in Wakefield. A motion to accept and file the communication unanimously under suspension was made by Councilor Hatleberg and was adopted.

Committee Reports:

ID#: 23CR4 – The following Committee Report was received from the Sub-Committee on Rules and Regulations recommending changes to the City Council's rules. A motion to affirm the Sub-Committee Report by roll call vote was made by Councilor Vidot. The motion passed 8-0-3-0. Voting "Yes" were Councilors Brown, Lopez, Robinson, Recupero, Vidot, De Jesus, Hatleberg and Taylor. Absent were Councilors J. Garcia, T. Garcia, and Vega.

New Business:

ID#: 2372 – The following Order was introduced by Councilor Robinson. A motion to amend the order to strike "Sub-Committee on Inspectional Services" and replace with "Sub-Committee on Conference" was made by Councilor Brown and was adopted. A motion to adopt unanimously under suspension, as amended, was made by Councilor Brown and was adopted.

Ordered, requesting a meeting of the Sub-Committee on Inspectional Services (Chaired by Councilor Calvin T. Brown) with the Director of Inspectional Services, the City Solicitor, the Chief of the Chelsea Police Department, and the community Navigators.

ID#: 2373 – The following Order was introduced by Councilors Lopez and J. Garcia. A motion to adopt unanimously under suspension was made by Councilor Lopez and was adopted.

Ordered, requesting the City Manager and DPW Commissioner send the electrical company contractor to fix the cement pole light on Hawthorne Street near the bus stop in Bellingham Square.

ID#: 2374 – The following Order was introduced by Councilors Lopez and J. Garcia. A motion to adopt unanimously under suspension was made by Councilor Lopez and was adopted.

Ordered, requesting the City Manager and DPW Commissioner send the electrical company contractor to fix the decorative light in front of Dunkin' on Washington Avenue in Bellingham Square.

ID#: 2375 – The following Order was introduced by Councilors Recuperero, Vidot, Lopez, Taylor and De Jesus. A motion to adopt unanimously under suspension was made by Councilor Recuperero. Councilor Hatleberg objected and moved for roll call vote. A motion to move the previous question was made by Councilor Taylor. The motion passed 5-3-3-0. Voting “Yes” were Councilors Lopez, Recuperero, Vidot, De Jesus and Taylor. Voting “No” were Councilors Brown, Robinson, and Hatleberg. Absent were Councilors J. Garcia, T. Garcia and Vega. The underlying order was brought up for roll call vote and passed 5-3-3-0. Voting “Yes” were Councilors Lopez, Recuperero, Vidot, De Jesus and Taylor. Voting “No” were Councilors Brown, Robinson, and Hatleberg. Absent were Councilors J. Garcia, T. Garcia and Vega

Ordered, that all members of the City Council receive a City Hall parking pass to avoid violations while conducting city business.

ID#: 2376 – The following Order was introduced by Councilors Vidot, Lopez and Recuperero. A motion to adopt unanimously under suspension was made by Councilor Vidot and was adopted.

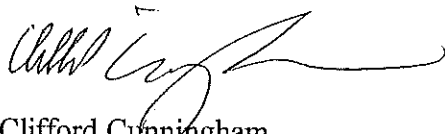
Ordered, requesting a Sub-Committee on Conference be held with the City Manager, Parking Clerk and Chief of Police to discuss the lack of enforcement of illegally parked hitched trailers and commercial vehicles on residential streets.

ID#: 2377 – The following Order was introduced by Councilors Vidot, De Jesus and Taylor. A motion to adopt unanimously under suspension was made by Councilor De Jesus and was adopted.

Ordered, requesting a Sub-Committee on Conference be held with the City Manager, IT and CCTV to discuss the coordination/expansion of live streaming Sub-Committee meetings and virtual meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Clifford Cunningham
Clerk of the Chelsea City Council

2023 MAY 10 P 3:26
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE
CHelsea, MA