



CITY OF CHELSEA, MA
City Council

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September 13, 2023

Ms. Jeannette Cintron White
City Clerk
500 Broadway
Chelsea, MA 02150

Dear Ms. Cintron White,

Please be advised that during the Regular Meeting of the Chelsea City Council held on Monday, September 11, 2023, the City Council accepted and filed the following Minutes unanimously under suspension. Please find the complete Minutes attached.

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

Sincerely,

Clifford Cunningham
Clerk, Chelsea City Council

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ACCEPTED AND FILED

Chelsea City Council
Special Meeting
August 28th, 2023

~~SUSPENSION~~

A special meeting of the Chelsea City Council was held on August 28th, 2023. The meeting was held at in the City Council Chambers at Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, Massachusetts 02150. Council President Robinson presided over the meeting. The meeting opened at 7:03 PM.

Councilor's Name	District	Status	Arrived
Councilor Calvin Brown	Eight	Present	
Councilor Judith Garcia	Five	Absent	
Councilor Tanairi Garcia	Seven	Absent	
Councilor Enio Lopez	Four	Absent	
Councilor Leo Robinson	At Large	Present	
Councilor Giovanni Recupero	Six	Present	
Councilor Damali Vidot	At Large	Present	
Councilor Norieliz De Jesus	Three	Absent	
Councilor Brian Hatleberg	At Large	Present	
Councilor Melinda Vega	Two	Absent	
Councilor Todd Taylor	One	Present	

The following communication was read from City Clerk Jeannette Cintron White. A motion from Councilor Brown to accept the call of the meeting was adopted under suspension.

Honorable Chelsea City Council
City Hall, 500 Broadway
Chelsea, MA 02150

Dear Honorable Council Members:

Please be advised that City Council President Leo Robinson called for a Special Meeting of the Chelsea City Council for Monday, August 28, 2023 at 7:00 P.M in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, Massachusetts, 02150 for the following purposes:

- 1.) Salute the Flag
- 2.) Calling the Roll of Members
- 3.) Resolution for 50th Anniversary of Iglesia de Dios Pentecostal, CLA
- 4.) Public Speaking
- 5.) Approval of the Minutes of the June 26, 2023 City Council Meeting
- 6.) Communication received from City Manager Ned Keefe regarding the designation of a portion of Williams Street as "Herbie Kupersmith Way"

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- 7.) Order introduced by Council President Robinson to approve early voting for the September 26th, 2023 municipal Preliminary Election
- 8.) Order introduced by Council President Robinson to approve the designation of a portion of Williams Street as "Herbie Kupersmith Way"

Sincerely Yours,

Jeannette Cintron White
City Clerk

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MEMORIALS AND CELEBRATORY RESOLUTIONS:

ID#: 24R01 – The following Resolution was introduced by Council President Robinson. A motion to adopt unanimously under suspension was made by Councilor Vidot and was adopted.

RESOLUTION

Iglesia de Dios Pentecostal, C.L.A. 50th Anniversary

- WHEREAS,** Founded in 1973 in an Everett Avenue home, the Iglesia de Dios Pentecostal, C.L.A began with missionary Maria Mendez inviting children to her home for Bible study; and
- WHEREAS,** The gathering began to grow as parents joined their children for Bible study and fellowship; and
- WHEREAS,** In 1976, a pastor by the name of Carlos Laboy joined the ministry, leading the effort to purchase the property at 229 Chestnut Street for worship services; and
- WHEREAS,** For 17 years, the congregation began to grow – impacting lives and the community so much that the property at 229 Chestnut Street was no longer large enough; and
- WHEREAS,** Under the leadership of Pastor Benjamin Ortolaza, the ministry was able to purchase their Church home at its current location at 27 Crescent Avenue; and
- WHEREAS,** When the property was purchased, Pastor Ortolaza was called to a missionary camp in El Salvador, assigning current Pastor Francisco Caro and the late Pastor Marta Caro (1952-20220); and
- WHEREAS,** Pastor Francisco Caro has been the longest standing pastor in the ministry- serving for 30 years beginning in 1993 – and has greatly impacted the community, helping many and continues to arduously serve through his steadfast faith;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Members of the Chelsea City Council, congratulate the congregation of Iglesia de Dios Pentecostal, C.L.A on their 50th anniversary, and recognize Pastor Francisco Caro for the positive impact he has had on the community through his steadfast faith.

PUBLIC SPEAKING:

The public speaking portion opened at 7:06 PM.

The following members of the Public spoke: None

The public speaking portion closed at 7:06 PM.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

ID#: 24M01 - The minutes of the City Council Meeting dated June 26th, 2023 were approved at the request of Councilor Vidot under suspension.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER:

ID#: 24CM01 - The following communication from City Manager Ned Keefe was read. A motion to accept and file the communication unanimously under suspension was made by Councilor Brown and was approved without objection.

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

Re: Naming of Herbie Kupersmith Way

Dear Councilors:

In accordance with the Chelsea Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Section 2.3, I am writing to recommend that the City rename the stretch of Fourth Street between Walnut Street and the Tobin Bridge (the area of Fourth Street directly along the side of the Walnut Street Synagogue) as Herbie Kupersmith Way.

As many of you know, Mr. Herbert M. Kupersmith (known far and wide as “Herbie”) is a Chelsea native, moving here in age 2, where he established a lifelong commitment to the community, in support of education where over many years he donated significantly to Chelsea Public Schools, Marblehead Public Schools and Swampscott Public Schools, providing scholarship opportunities for countless students to advance their educations and help find their way in life. Mr. Kupersmith attended the Walnut Street Synagogue, bar mitzvahed there in 1952, and dedicated his life to fundraising and helping the shul remain in operation. Renaming the stretch of Fourth Street alongside the Walnut Street Synagogue building and organization that he helped to support will be a fitting capstone to his work here in Chelsea. If approved, we will prepare an appropriate street sign for the area.

By the terms of Chapter 2, Section 2.3, the City Council has 20 days to act upon this request. While there is a celebratory event scheduled for August 19, 2023, I ask that the Council consider approval at its next scheduled meeting so that an action can be made as soon after the event as reasonable.

Sincerely,
 Ned Keefe
 City Manager

Councilor Brown made a motion to take the following Agenda item out of order, and adopt by roll call vote. There were no objections.

ID#: 2402 – The following Order was introduced by Council President Robinson.

RESULT	Passed by Roll Call at request of Councilor Brown by a vote of 6-0-5-0
YES	Brown, Robinson, Recupero, Vidot, Hatleberg, Taylor
NO	
ABSENT	J. Garcia, T. Garcia, Lopez, De Jesus, Vega
PRESENT	

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Ordered, that, pursuant to Chelsea Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Section 2.3, the Chelsea City Council hereby approves the designation of the area of Fourth Street between Walnut Street and the Tobin Bridge as “Herbie Kupersmith Way” and authorizes the installation of appropriate signage to reflect such designation.

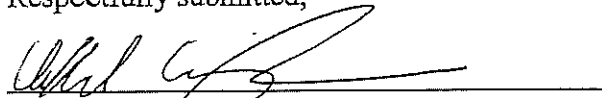
ID#: 2401 – The following Order was introduced by Council President Robinson.

RESULT	Passed by Roll Call at request of Councilor Vidot by a vote of 6-0-5-0
YES	Brown, Robinson, Recupero, Vidot, Hatleberg, Taylor
NO	
ABSENT	J. Garcia, T. Garcia, Lopez, De Jesus, Vega
PRESENT	

Ordered, that, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 54, s. 25B (8)(c)(1), the Chelsea City Council hereby approves early voting for the September 26th, 2023 municipal Preliminary Election, and that such early voting shall take place on Saturday, September 16th, 2023 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, and then during normal business hours from Monday, September 18th, 2023 through Friday, September 22nd, 2023, in the City Clerk's Office at Chelsea City Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Clifford Cunningham
Clerk, Chelsea City Council

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