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Chelsea, Massachusetts February 6, 2023

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A regular meeting of the Chelsea City Council was held at the Chelsea City Hall located at 500 Broadway Chelsea Massachusetts 02150, City Council Chambers. The following Councilors were present: Councilors, Brown, T Garcia, Lopez, Robinson, Recuperero, Vidot, DeJesus, Hatleberg, and Taylor. Absent were Councilors J. Garcia and M Vega. Council President Robinson presided over the meeting. The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m.

SUSPENSION

Memoriums and Celebratory Resolutions

ID#23R9- The following Resolution was introduced by Councilor Robinson. A motion from Councilor Brown to adopt under suspension was adopted.

RESOLUTION

Black History Month

WHEREAS, in 1926, Carter G. Woodson, the child of slave parents, established "Negro History Week" to celebrate and study the accomplishments of African Americans; and

WHEREAS THIS EVENT EVOLVED INTO Black History Month in the United States, a country of African Americans; and

WHEREAS, as Carter G Woodson valued education and believed that it was never too late to learn, it is beneficial for all Americans to continue to learn about the heritage and the experience of all Americans; and

WHEREAS, it is through learning that we became enlightened and come to understand each other more clearly; and

WHEREAS, Lewis H. Latimer Society continues to play a significant role in presenting Black History and Cultural Celebrations and Programming to our Community,

WHEREAS, the Chelsea Black Community will be presenting the following programs; Tuesday, February 7, The Black History Month Art and History Exhibits will be at the Chelsea City hall Art Gallery between 4:00-6PM. On Thursday, February 9, Suite Talk-Be Heard.world, will be performing a confluence of music, spoken words and dancing, forging critical conversations about racial justice through art and will take place at the Chelsea High School between 7:00-9PM On Wednesday, February 22, "Hear her Song for Freedom, a virtual performance to experience the brilliance of Correta Scott King through new work presenting a freedom concert and an exploration (Una Canta Nueva) A reflection on Billie Holiday's commitment to fighting racial injustice through song, at the Chelsea High School 12:00-2PM, and on Monday February 27, the Black History Month Celebration will be held, to honor "Chelsea Trailblazers," Displays of Black History, Dinner, performance, activities and much more at the Williams Middle School 5:00-8PM; NOW THEREFORE,

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chelsea City Council hereby recognizes February as Black History Month and wishes to thank the Lewis H. Latimer Society and "Chelsea's Black Community One Strong Voice for their contributions to the City of Chelsea and beyond.

ID#23R10- The following Resolution was introduced by Councilor Robinson. A motion from Councilor Brown to adopt under suspension was adopted.

RESOLUTION
Lewis Latimer

WHEREAS, We are reaching out to Ron and Leo Robinson that the Museum of Science is hosting several special events and specific programming in Museum is hosting Black History Month kick off weekend on Saturday February 4th, 2023 and Sunday February 5th, 2023 at the Museum,

WHEREAS, We are very excited to let you both know that we are collaborating with Lewis Latimer House Museum in Flushing, New York to bring the Beacon Installation to the Museum of Science for Black History month. We are hosting a ribbon cutting at the Museum of Science in Saturday February 4th, 2023 at 10:00AM to open the installation to the public and would like to invite you both to attend; we know how much Lewis Latimer means to you both;

WHEREAS, We would also like to work with you to bring the Beacon to Chelsea after it's time at the Museum of Science;

WHEREAS, The Lewis Latimer Society along with the Museum of Science will bring the Beacon to the City of Chelsea where Lewis Latimer was born,

WHEREAS, Lewis H. Latimer Society continues to play a significant role in presenting Black History and Cultural Celebrations and Programming to our Community,

Resolved, that the Chelsea City Council hereby recognizes the work that the Lewis Latimer Society performs on a regular basis, and especially the work with the Museum of Science bringing the Beacon to the City of Chelsea.

ID#23R11- The following Resolution was introduced by Councilor Robinson. A motion from Councilor Taylor to wave the reading and adopt under suspension was adopted.

RESOLUTION
Chelsea Public Schools & Boston Children's Choir
MLK Day Concert

WHEREAS, On Monday January 16,2023 students from Chelsea Public Schools celebrated the life of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King in the annual Boston Children’s Choir Tribute Concert; and

WHEREAS, Chelsea Public Schools connected its vision of ensuring diverse opportunities and pathways for its students by partnering with The Boston Children’s Choir to harness the power of music and showcase the talent of their students. With the help of Superintendent Dr. Abeyta, BCC Executive Director Andres Holder, Dr. Aron Jennings, & Malik Howshan CPS was awarded the Hestia Fund Grant to bring to this opportunity to life; and

WHEREAS, The students at the Berkowitz, Hooks, Kelly, and Sokolowski that participated are; Angelina Ramos, Naomi McCaskill, Ian Manuel Villafranca, Daniel Cabrera, Elise Casseus, Ariyanna Dixon, Kristiemer Hernandez Lopez, Sara Mesa, Manuela Oliviera Martins, Gianna Rivera, Leilanie Arevalo, Leeana Bonaventure Rogers, JULIANA Wehrmeister, William Barillas, Jianny Sosa, Antonia Solarte, Mariana Romero, Sofia Valladares Natareno, Mateo Umazor, Kya’la Rocker, Galilea Aguilar, Mila Vega, Lynnea Palacios Ramirez, Elizabeth Odhok, Mohammed Amine Chouabi, Mellissa Scarborough Alvarez, Marcos Jadiel Reyes, Abigail Pineda, Heylee Medina, Andy Funez, Leoni Ellenbird, Alma Contreras, Kira Vasquez, Abisai Colindres, Marina Inacio da Luz, Jayden Barahona, Sofia Pineda Juarez, Alexis Emanuelli, Kriz Hernandez Lopez; and

WHEREAS, The Chelsea Choral Team was composed of educators; Allison Saiff, Michael Bednarsky, and Dan Camino working with the Boston Children’s Choir team with Executive Director Andres Holder, Irene Idicheria, Kenneth Griffith, Robert McFletcher; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Chelsea City Council recognizes the extraordinary talent and time that the students and faculty has put in to make this exceptional program. Thank you on behalf of the City of Chelsea.

Public Speaking:

The public speaking portion opened to the public at 7:08 p.m. The following came forward to speak:

John Vainch Camb. Resident, spoke in favor of the C.P.A. distribution of funds.

Temple Emanuel Board Chairman, spoke in favor of the C.P.A. distribution of money.

Director of 99 Fourth Street Shelter, Spoke in favor of the C.P.A. distribution of money.

Resident of Chelsea, spoke in favor of the distribution of money for the Community Land Trust

The public speaking portion closed at 7:24 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

ID#23M12- The minutes of the City Council Meeting held on January 23, 2023 were approved at the request of Councilor Brown under suspension.

Communications from Acting City Manager Ned Keefe:

ID#23CM40- The following Communication was read from Acting City Manager Ned Keefe. A motion from Councilor Hatleberg moved the C.I.P. To a Sub-committee on conference and to have a scheduled public hearing. Adopted under suspension.

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

Re: Capital Improvement Plan FY24-FY28

Dear Councilors:

Pursuant to my obligation under Section 5-4 of the Chelsea City Charter, I hereby submit to you the proposed Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2024-2028.

The enclosed Capital Improvement Plan continues the City's commitment to utilize our reserves and fiscal strength for the purpose of enhancing the quality of life in our City. The proposed total investment for FY24 is in excess of \$27 million. The list of projects includes major building and roadway projects, climate resiliency efforts and open space improvements.

This is the second year that the CIP Plan reflects from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), with the goal to allocate significant ARPA funding to capital projects. The allocation for FY24 is \$3.3 million of School Department facility and athletic field projects and follows the FY23 ARPA commitment of \$12.3 million.

In accordance with the Charter requirements, I ask that the City Council move this Capital Improvement Plan to a public hearing. Following that hearing and the Council's final determination on this Plan, I will prepare a recommended Order for implementation of the FY24 proposals.

I look forward to working together with you to accomplish the goals of this newest Plan.

Sincerely,
Ned Keefe
Acting City Manager

ID#23CM41- The following communication was read from Acting City Manager Ned Keefe. A motion from Councilor Brown to accept and file was adopted under suspension.

The Honorable Chelsea City Council
Chelsea City Hall
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Re: Notice of Waiver Intent

Dear Councilors:

Pursuant to the Administrative Code Section 1.12.02, I am writing to notify you that it is my intention to appoint Mr. Thomas Carter, 174 Lowell Street, Reading, Ma 01867, to the position of Wire Inspector for the City of Chelsea and to grant him a waiver from the residency requirement set forth in the Administrative Code, Part IV, Section 1.1201. Mr. Carter has more than 20 years' experience as a licensed electrician and was raised in Chelsea. He brings knowledge of this role from when he filled in during a staff absence and performed to a high standard. A copy of his application is attached. There were no Chelsea applicants that met the qualifications 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,
Ned Keefe
Acting City Manager

ID#CM42- The following communication was read from Acting City Manager Ned Keefe. A motion from Councilor Hatleberg to accept and file was adopted under suspension.

The Honorable Chelsea City Council
Chelsea City Hall
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Re: Correction to Mill Creek Appropriation from General Stabilization Fund

Dear Councilors:

I am writing to request a rescission of the financial order adopted September 26, 2022 in the amount of \$539,200 for the Mill Creek Illicit Discharge and Detection and Elimination Plan, and to propose a new appropriation order for this same project.

The request to rescind and adopt a new appropriation order in its place will remedy a drafting error and accomplish the intended purpose to send the funds to the appropriate expense line.

The appropriation source and funding amount is the same for the new order-General Stabilization for \$539,200. This project is ready to commence, and no funds have been spent.

As a reminder, the project description follows:

Mill Creek Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Plan-\$539,200.

Over the past few years, the City has successfully obtained several grants to help us work on improving access and tidal flow to the Mill Creek area with the goal of increasing public enjoyment of that waterway. However, one impediment to improved public use of Mill Creek is historic illicit discharge into the Creek. It is the reason why Mill Creek regularly receives a failing water quality grade.

To help remedy this problem, the City requested its storm water consultant Weston & Simpson to develop a plan for aggressively investigating these illicit discharges. A copy of its proposal is attached although a long-term Illicit Discharge and Elimination Plan "IDDE Plan has historically been a part of the City's compliance program with Mass DEP, this effort aims to accelerate this IDDE work in the Mill Creek watershed over the course of the next year. To fund this effort, I am respectfully requesting an appropriation \$539,200 from General Stabilization.

A draft proposed amended Order is attached for your convenience.

Sincerely,
Ned Keefe
Acting City Manager

ID#23CM43- The following communication was read from Acting City manager Ned Keefe. A motion from Councilor Lopez to accept and file was adopted under suspension.

The Honorable Chelsea City Council
Chelsea City Hall
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Re: Barr Foundation and Institute for Transportation & Development Policy Grant

Dear Councilors:

I am writing to request formal City Council acceptance of a \$50,000 grant from the Barr Foundation and Institute for Transportation & Development Policy.

Recently, the Barr Foundation notified the City that it had been awarded a \$50,000 grant. The grant will use the principles of trauma informed design to improve the physical realm/built environment on the north side of Broadway between Third Street and Everett Street with particular attention to the needs of transit riders and the bus stop/shelter. Specifically, the grant will assess impacts of the design interventions, both on bus utilization and on individual biometric responses. Assessment outcome will help the City to repurpose street and sidewalk space for place making, improve pedestrian safety, increase wayfinding incorporate public art, and other tactical installation.

I respectfully ask that City Council accept this Barr Foundation-Institute for Transportation & Development Policy Grant. A draft Order for that purpose is attached.

Sincerely,
Ned Keefe
Acting City Manager
Communications and Petitions to the Council

ID#23C14- A copy of a communication was received from Parking and Traffic with regards to the following action being approved at the January 3rd, 2023 Traffic and Parking Commission meeting to post a handicap sign at 13 Blossom Street. A motion from Councilor Taylor to accept and file was adopted under suspension.

Unfinished Business;

ID#2337- The following order was introduced by Councilor Robinson. A motion from Councilor Recuperero to adopt by roll call passed 9-0-2-0. Voting yes were Councilors Brown, T. Garcia, Lopez, Robinson, Recuperero, Vidot, DeJesus, Hatleberg, and Taylor. Absent were Councilor J. Garcia and Vega. Whereas, the City Council has received notice of Thomas G. Ambrosino's pending resignation from the position of City Manager;

Whereas, the City Charter on January 9, 2023 pursuant to Section 4-5 appointed Edward Keefe Acting (Interim) City Manager;

Whereas, the City Council on January 17, 2023, IN A SUBCOMMITTEE WITH Mr. Keefe in attendance reviewed and discussed the terms and conditions of his appointment and employment as Acting City Manager;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ORDERED, that the City Council of the City of Chelsea pursuant to the Charter Sections 1-3 and 4-5 hereby authorize City Council President enter into an employment agreement similar to the Terms and Conditions outlined in the attached Agreement.

Second Readings:

ID#23F26- The following order was introduced by Councilor Robinson and read for the second time. A motion from Councilor T. Garcia to adopt by roll call passed 9-0-2-0. Voting yes were Councilors Brown, T. Garcia, Lopez, Robinson, Recuperero, Vidot, DeJesus, Hatleberg and Taylor. Absent were Councilors J. Garcia and Vega.

ORDERED, That the Council act on the report of the Community Preservation Committee on the awarding of grant funding to FY2022 community preservation projects, in accordance with MGL Chapter 44B, Section 5(3) and in accordance with the Revised Code of Ordinances of the City of Chelsea, Chapter 2, Article VII, Division 3, Section 2-330.

That the Council appropriate the following amounts from the Community Preservation Act Budgetary Reserve (4904) as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee:

1. \$100,000 for Chelsea Restoration Corporation (CP23-01);

2. \$30,000 for Comunidades Enraizadas/Community Land Trust (CP23-02)
3. \$100,000 for Housing Families (CP23-03); and
4. \$246,000 for Temple Emmanuel (CP23-04).

New Business:

ID#:2341 The following Order was introduced by Councilor Hatleberg. A motion from Councilor Hatleberg to adopt under suspension was adopted.
Order, that the Sub-Committee on Finance meet to review the management, audit report, and CAFR received in December of 2022.

ID#:2342 The following order was co-sponsored by Councilors J. Garcia, DeJesus, Melinda Vega, and T. Garcia. A motion from Councilor DeJesus to adopt under suspension was adopted.
Order, that the Department of Public Works and/all construction projects that are to interrupt water services or any other vital public service notify abutters in writing and via social media at least 24-72 hours prior to shut down.

ID#:2343- The following order was introduced by Councilors Melinda Vega, and J. Garcia. A motion from Councilor Brown to adopt under suspension was adopted. The word Crescent Avenue was corrected to read Crest Avenue for the correct address.
Order, that the Acting City Manager instruct DPW to place crosswalk signs on Crest Avenue near all entry/exit of the Soldiers Home. This is an urgent request to meet all ADA compliance.

ID#:23F2- The following Order was introduced by Councilor Robinson. A motion from Councilor Hatleberg moved the order to a second reading under suspension.
Ordered, That the Chelsea City Council authorize the appropriation of \$539,200 from the General Stabilization Account #7020 to a new FY23 CIP Project Account (Fund 5540 series) for Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination ("IDDE") work in Mill Creek.

ID#:23F27- The following order was introduced by Councilor Robinson. A motion to rescind the order that was adopted September 26,2022 by roll call passed 9-0-2-0. Voting yes were Councilors Brown, T. Garcia, Lopez, Robinson, Vidot, DeJesus, Hatleberg and Taylor. Councilors J. Garcia and Melinda Vega were absent.
Ordered, To rescind the Financial Order 23F2 adopted on September 26, 2022, that read as follows: That the Chelsea City Council authorize the appropriation of \$539,200 from the General Stabilization Account, Fund #7020 to a new FY23DPW Sewer Dept. Stormwater Management Account #600058-584900 for illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination ("IDDE") work in Mill Creek.

ID#2344- The Order number ID#2344 introduced by Councilor Recupero pertaining to removing a Handicap post at 29 Maverick Street was removed for consideration be Councilor Recupero due to the fact that it was already completed.

ID#:2345- The following order was introduced by Councilor Recupero. A motion from Councilor Recupero to adopt under suspension was adopted.
Request, that the Interim City manager Ned Keefe, give council an update on the grants that were recently allocated to the Sport Leagues in Chelsea. Which sport leagues received that grant and if there is any additional funds remaining.

ID#:2346- The following order was introduced by Councilor Recupero. A motion from Councilor Recupero to adopt under suspension was adopted.
Request, that the Interim City Manager Ned Keefe give the City Council an update on the recent grants that the Summer Camp Programs received. Which programs was the funds allocated too? Is there any additional funds remaining.?

ID#:2347- The following order was introduced by Councilor Recupero. A motion from Councilor Recupero to adopt under suspension was adopted.
Request, that the Interim City manager Ned Keefe give the City Council an update regarding the demolition of the American Biltrite Building and the Innes Complex in the area of Willow Street, Central Avenue and Marginal. Traffic has been an ongoing issue with no relief.

ID#:2348- The following order was introduced by Councilor Recupero. A motion from Councilor Hatleberg to move the order to a second reading under suspension was adopted.
Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to accept the \$50,000 grant from the Barr Foundation and Institute for Transportation & Development Policy.

ID#:2349- The following order was introduced by Councilors DeJesus, T. Garcia, Melinda Vega, and J. Garcia..
Councilor DeJesus moved to adopt under suspension. Councilor Taylor objected to the suspension and moved roll call. Amendment offered by Councilor Taylor to send to the sub-committee on conference was then adopted under suspension.
Whereas, The Forbes Site in Chelsea, Ma is a 17.5 acre site along the Chelsea Creek and Mill Creek waterfront; and

Whereas, The Forbes Site is not only an area of critical environmental and public access potential, but is also of historic importance. Founded in the late 19th century, the Forbes Lithograph employed hundreds of people and printed scrip, or currency, for the U.S. government during the Second World War. The property is thought to be one of the potential resting places of the British Schooner, The Diana, which was sunk during the Battle of Chelsea Creek, the first victorious battle for the colonists during the Revolutionary War.

Whereas, For the past several decades, this has sat dormant, rather than providing, Chelsea residents access to the waterfront.

Whereas, The Forbes Site sits closely to the nearby Mary C. Burke Elementary School Complex and has amazing opportunities to introduce elementary school students to the Creek through walkways, interpretative signage, and a nature preserves opportunities for outdoor educational programming at a purpose-built community event space.

Whereas, During the pandemic, open natural and outdoor spaces were clearly shown to benefit the health residents, yet densely populated communities like Chelsea lacked access to ample green space and public access to the Chelsea Creek waterfront.

However, not all communities enjoy the same access to safe and healthy outdoor environments; and Chelsea must prioritize health equity, open and green space, affordable housing, and climate and environmental justice when building for the future;

Whereas, the Forbes Site provides a once-in-a-generation opportunity to achieve these goals while centering the needs of one of the hardest-hit communities by COVID and climate crisis.

Whereas, Green Roots, The Neighborhood Developers (TND) and Mass Audubon-together with staff from City of Chelsea-have been working to acquire the site to keep it within the community's control; and

Whereas, The goal is to bring to fruition a vision of open space with safe public access to the Chelsea Creek waterfront while creating much needed affordable housing for the residents of Chelsea while incorporating climate resilience throughout all aspects of the project, therefore be it

Resolved, The Chelsea City Council wholehearted supports the efforts to secure the Forbes site for community access, open space, climate resilience and affordable housing, be it further,

Resolved, The City Council looks forward to collaborating with staff and non-profit partners to bring this vision to fruition and to ensure all community voices are included in the final design.

ID#:23Z4-The Order numbered ID#:23Z4, and introduced by Councilor Norieliz DeJesus regarding the Electric Vehicle Zoning Amendment, was withdrawn from consideration at the request of Councilor DeJesus.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul G. Casino

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul M. Casino". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Clerk of the Chelsea City Council