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**Chelsea City Council  
Regular Meeting  
September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

SUSPENSION

A regular meeting of the Chelsea City Council was held on September 18<sup>th</sup> 2023. The meeting was held 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 7:00 PM.

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

**PUBLIC SPEAKING:**

The public speaking portion opened at 7:02 PM.

The following members of the Public spoke:

- None

The public speaking portion closed at 7:02 PM.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**ID#: 24M02** - The Minutes of the City Council Regular Meeting dated September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 were approved at the request of Councilor Vidot under suspension.

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**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER:**

**ID#: 24CM10 - 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 Vidot and was approved without objection.**

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

*Re: Grant Support*

Dear Councilors:

Each year, the Chelsea Police Department seeks grant money from the U.S. Justice Department to assist in its crime prevention efforts. This specific grant, the Justice Assistance Grant, requires a supporting resolution from the City Council. The amount of the requested grant is \$31,026.

Accordingly, I hereby request that the City Council support and approve the attached Resolution.

Sincerely,  
Ned Keefe  
City Manager

**ID#: 24CM11 - 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  
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*Re: Orchard Skateshop, Adidas and the New England Revolution*

Dear Councilors:

I am writing to request formal City Council acceptance of a half-pipe skateboard ramp donation from a joint collaboration of Orchard Skateshop, Adidas and the New England Revolution.

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This past summer, Orchard Skateshop partnered with Adidas and the New England Revolution to host a skateboarding contest at Gillette Stadium. A custom-made half pipe was constructed for this event and is now offered to be donated and placed at the Creekside Commons Park for everyone to enjoy.

In accordance with Section 3-5 of the City of Chelsea Ordinances, and Chapter 44 sec. 53A of the Massachusetts General Laws, I respectfully ask that City Council formally approve this donation. A draft Order for that purpose is attached along with an image of the half pipe.

Sincerely,  
Ned Keefe  
City Manager

**ID#: 24CM07 - The following communication from City Manager Ned Keefe was read for the Second Time.**

<b>RESULT</b>	<b>10-0-1-0 Passed by Roll Call Vote at the request of Councilor Vidot</b>
<b>YES</b>	Brown, J. Garcia, T. Garcia, Lopez, Robinson, Recupero, Vidot, De Jesus, Hatleberg,, Taylor
<b>NO</b>	
<b>ABSENT</b>	Vega
<b>PRESENT</b>	

The Honorable Chelsea City Council  
Chelsea City Hall  
500 Broadway  
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*Re: Board of Health Appointment*

Dear Councilors:

Pursuant to Section 4-2 of the Charter of the City of Chelsea, I am writing to recommend for appointment to the Chelsea Board of Health, Mr. Mario Fernandes, 62 Orange Street, Chelsea, for the recently vacated three-year term expiring on February 25, 2025.

Mr. Fernandes is a Chelsea native and resident and is currently a physician's assistant at Boston Children's Hospital.

I respectfully request your approval for this appointment. Copies of his cover letter and resume are attached.

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Sincerely,  
Ned Keefe  
City Manager

**ID#: 24CM08** - The following communication from City Manager Ned Keefe was read for the Second Time.

<b>RESULT</b>	<b>10-0-1-0 Passed by Roll Call Vote at the request of Councilor Vidot</b>
<b>YES</b>	Brown, J. Garcia, T. Garcia, Lopez, Robinson, Recupero, Vidot, De Jesus, Hatleberg,, Taylor
<b>NO</b>	
<b>ABSENT</b>	Vega
<b>PRESENT</b>	

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

*Re: Chelsea Cultural Council Appointment*

Dear Councilors:

Pursuant to Section 4-2 of the Charter of the City of Chelsea, I am writing to recommend for appointment to the Chelsea Cultural Council, Ms. Yazmin Guevara Alvarez, 66 Parker Street, Chelsea, for the recently vacated three-year term expiring on November 7, 2025.

Ms. Guevara is a Chelsea resident and is currently an associate professor at the Urban College of Boston. She also serves as an education consultant in Somerville, MA and an advisor at Brookline Public Schools.

I respectfully request your approval of this appointment. A copy of her resume is attached.

Sincerely,  
Ned Keefe  
City Manager

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**ID#: 24F02** – The following Order was introduced by Council President Robinson and read for the Second Time.

<b>RESULT</b>	<b>10-0-1-0 Passed by Roll Call Vote at the request of Councilor Vidot</b>
<b>YES</b>	Brown, J. Garcia, T. Garcia, Lopez, Robinson, Recupero, Vidot, De Jesus, Hatleberg, Taylor
<b>NO</b>	
<b>ABSENT</b>	Vega
<b>PRESENT</b>	

**Ordered,** 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 and Sidewalks Capital Road Improvements line item – Account #014228-583100 to be used for the purpose of roadway repair.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ID#: 2412** – The following Order was introduced by Councilors Hatleberg, Brown, Vidot and Garcia. A motion by Councilor Hatleberg to Amend the Order to read as follows: “that the Chelsea City Council include a public feedback period on September 30<sup>th</sup> after interviewing the City Manager finalists, and leave open until Monday October 2<sup>nd</sup>” was approved without objection.

<b>RESULT</b>	<b>10-0-1-0 Passed by Roll Call Vote, as amended, at the request of Councilor Hatleberg</b>
<b>YES</b>	Brown, J. Garcia, T. Garcia, Lopez, Robinson, Recupero, Vidot, De Jesus, Hatleberg, Taylor
<b>NO</b>	
<b>ABSENT</b>	Vega
<b>PRESENT</b>	

**Ordered,** that the Chelsea City Council hold a Special Meeting prior to voting to hire the next City Manager to allow an opportunity for the public to express their opinion and provide feedback to the City Council.

**ID#: 24F01** – The following Order was introduced by Councilors Vidot, Taylor and T. Garcia. A motion to adopt unanimously under suspension was made by Councilor Vidot and was approved without objection.

**Ordered,** that a Sub-Committee on Conference be held with the City Manager, Director of Recreational and Cultural Affairs, and the leadership of Chelsea Pride Football to discuss Chelsea's suspension from the league, mitigation for the affected youth, and the future of youth football in Chelsea.

**ID#: 2413** – The following Order was introduced by Council President Robinson and all members of the City Council.

<b>RESULT</b>	<b>10-0-1-0 Passed by Roll Call Vote at the request of Councilor Hatleberg</b>
<b>YES</b>	Brown, J. Garcia, T. Garcia, Lopez, Robinson, Recupero, Vidot, De Jesus, Hatleberg,, Taylor
<b>NO</b>	
<b>ABSENT</b>	Vega
<b>PRESENT</b>	

**RESOLUTION**  
Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program

**WHEREAS,** The City Council of the City of Chelsea has continually expressed a desire to increase the Chelsea Police Department's use of special initiatives focused on Anti-Gang, Drug, and Anti-Crime activity; and

**WHEREAS,** The United States Department of Justice, Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program, if approved, will help fund some of the special initiatives that the City Administration and Police Department wish to undertake;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Chelsea City Council hereby supports and wholeheartedly endorses the City of Chelsea's application to the United States Department of Justice for the Justice Assistance Grant Program, Local Solicitation for the amount of \$31,026.

**ID#: 24F05** – The following Order was introduced by Council President Robinson.

<b>RESULT</b>	<b>10-0-1-0 Passed by Roll Call Vote at the request of Councilor Vidot</b>
<b>YES</b>	Brown, J. Garcia, T. Garcia, Lopez, Robinson, Recupero, Vidot, De Jesus, Hatleberg,, Taylor
<b>NO</b>	
<b>ABSENT</b>	Vega
<b>PRESENT</b>	

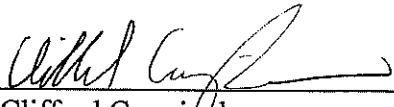
**Ordered,** that pursuant to Section 3-5 of the City of Chelsea Code of Ordinances and Chapter 44 sec. 53A of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Chelsea City

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Council hereby accepts the donation from Orchard Skateshop, Adidas and the New England Revolution, of the half-pipe skate ramp at the Creekside Commons Park.

**The meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM**

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Clifford Cunningham  
Clerk, Chelsea City Council

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