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**Chelsea City Council  
Special Meeting  
September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**SUSPENSION**

A special meeting of the Chelsea City Council was held on Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 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 10:02 AM.

Councilor's Name	District	Status	Arrived
Councilor Calvin Brown	Eight	Present	
Councilor Judith Garcia	Five	Present	
Councilor Tanairi Garcia	Seven	Late	10:12 AM
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	Present	
Councilor Todd Taylor	One	Present	

The following communication was read from City Clerk Jeannette Cintron White. A motion from Councilor Hatleberg 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 Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 10:00 A.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.) Interview the following finalists for the City Manager position: Michael McGovern, Fidel Maltez, Cheryl Watson Fisher and James Duggan
- 4.) Public Speaking
- 5.) Vote to determine the next City Manager

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Sincerely Yours,

Jeannette Cintron White  
City Clerk

Council President Robinson opened the meeting at 10:02 AM.

Finalist Michael McGovern began his interview at 10:04 AM. After an opening statement, two rounds of questions from the City Council, and a closing statement, the interview ended at 10:57 AM.

Council took a recess at 10:59 AM, coming back into session at 11:16 AM.

Finalist Fidel Maltez began his interview at 11:18 AM. After an opening statement, two rounds of questions from the City Council, and a closing statement, the interview ended at 12:16 PM.

Council took a recess for lunch at 12:18 PM, coming back into session at 12:55 PM.

Finalist Cheryl Watson Fisher began her interview at 12:56 PM. After an opening statement, two rounds of questions from the City Council, and a closing statement, the interview ended at 1:42 PM.

Council took a recess at 1:44 PM, coming back into session at 2:07 PM.

Finalist James Duggan began his interview at 2:09 PM. After an opening statement, two rounds of questions from the City Council, and a closing statement, the interview ended at 2:59 PM.

Council took a recess at 3:00 PM, coming back into session at 3:09 PM.

Council President Robinson opened the floor for public speaking. The following members of the public spoke:

- Karl Allen, Chelsea Steelworkers Union
- Chelsea resident – youth program funding and leadership qualities
- Raoul, Chelsea resident – youth program funding
- Natalie, 65 Fourth Street – City Manager’s dedication to youth program funding
- Josue, 9 Shurtleff Street – small businesses and support from the City
- Faith, 76 Harvard Street – education in Chelsea
- Chelsea resident, 14 Annese Road – expand Youth Commission
- Alexa, 21 Orange Street – City Manager expectations
- Loren Sokol, 184 Chestnut Street – housing
- Theresa Czepica, 21 Prospect Avenue – residency and experience for City Manager

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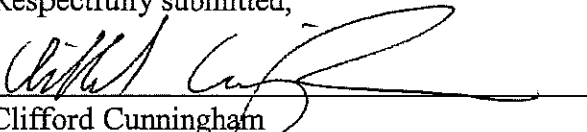
- Ramon Garcia, 31 Breakwater Drive – City Manager Selection
- Matt Frank, 45 Jones Avenue – City manager Selection
- Gladys Vega, 116 Clark Avenue – City Manager hiring process

Public Speaking ended at 3:34 PM, with Councilor Vidot requesting the Public Comment period be continued until the Regular City Council meeting on Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Councilor Hatleberg made a motion to postpone the vote for the next City Manager until the next regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council on Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. There were no objections.

**The meeting adjourned at 3:37 AM.**

Respectfully submitted,

  
Clifford Cunningham  
Clerk, Chelsea City Council

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