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Chelsea City Council
Regular Meeting
January 8th, 2024

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SUSPENSION

A regular meeting of the Chelsea City Council was held on Monday, January 8th, 2024. The meeting was held in the City Council Chambers at Chelsea City Hall, located at 500 Broadway, Chelsea, Massachusetts 02150. Council President De Jesus presided over the meeting. The meeting opened at 7:00 PM.

Councilor's Name	District	Status	Arrived
Councilor Manuel Teshe	Seven	PRESENT	
Councilor Todd Taylor	One	PRESENT	
Councilor Melinda Vega	Two	PRESENT	
Councilor Tanairi Garcia	Four	PRESENT	
Councilor Lisa Santagate	Five	PRESENT	
Councilor Roberto Jimenez-Rivera	At-Large	ABSENT	
Councilor Norieliz De Jesus	Three	PRESENT	
Councilor Calvin Brown	Eight	PRESENT	
Councilor Giovanni Recupero	Six	PRESENT	
Councilor Kelly Garcia	At-Large	PRESENT	
Councilor Leo Robinson	At-Large	PRESENT	

MEMORIUMS AND CELEBRATORY RESOLUTIONS:

ID#: 24R07 – The following Resolution was introduced by Council President De Jesus and all members of the City Council. A motion to adopt unanimously under suspension was made by Councilor Brown and was approved without objection.

RESOLUTION

National Human Trafficking Prevention Month

WHEREAS, Human trafficking - including both forced labor and sex trafficking - not only represents a threat to international peace and security but also undermines the rule of law, robs millions of their dignity and freedom, enriches transnational criminals and terrorists, and threatens public safety and national security everywhere; and

WHEREAS, There are an estimated 27.6 million people — adults and children — currently subjected to human trafficking around the world, including in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Human trafficking disproportionately impacts racial and ethnic minorities, women and girls, LGBTQI+ individuals, vulnerable migrants, and other historically

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marginalized and underserved communities, requiring that the mission to combat human trafficking always be connected to a broader efforts to advance equity and justice across our society; and

WHEREAS, More than 20 years ago, the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 enshrined the United States' commitment to combating human trafficking domestically and internationally; and

WHEREAS, In 2010, President Barack Obama issued a proclamation declaring January "National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month" and every year since, each President has followed that tradition; and

WHEREAS, Today, there are 178 parties to the United Nations Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons; and

WHEREAS, Despite the nearly worldwide adoption of international and domestic norms to address and prevent human trafficking, we continue to witness traffickers exploit people in the United States and around the world;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chelsea City Council recognizes January 2024 as "National Human Trafficking Prevention Month" in the City of Chelsea, call upon all businesses, community-based organizations, communities of faith, families, and all residents to recognize the vital role we play in combating human trafficking, and affirm our commitment to protect and empower survivors of all forms of human trafficking as we all strive to bring an end to human trafficking in the United States and around the world.

ID#: 24R08 – The following Resolution was introduced by Council President De Jesus and all members of the City Council. A motion to adopt unanimously under suspension was made by Councilor Brown and was approved without objection.

RESOLUTION

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

WHEREAS, Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. was born on January 15, 1929 in Atlanta, Georgia, attending segregated public schools in Georgia before attending Morehouse College ; and

WHEREAS, In February 1948, Dr. King was ordained in the Christian ministry and became assistant pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta; and

WHEREAS, While pursuing a Doctorate of Philosophy Degree in Theology at Boston University, Dr. King met Coretta Scott, a fellow civil rights activist, and they married on June 18th, 1953, later having two sons and two daughters; and

WHEREAS, After serving as pastor of Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama for five years, Dr. King moved back to Atlanta to lead the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, later serving as co-pastor at Ebenezer Baptist Church from 1960 until his death; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King led the Montgomery Bus Boycott for 381 days to protest the arrest of Rosa Parks and the segregation of the bus system, during which time he was arrested and his home bombed; and

WHEREAS, On August 28, 1963, Dr. King led the March on Washington, DC, during which, from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial and before a crowd of more than 200,000 people, he delivered his famous “I Have a Dream” speech; and

WHEREAS, Between 1957 and 1968, Dr. King traveled more than 6,000,000 miles, spoke more than 2,500 times, wrote numerous books and articles supporting efforts around the United States to end segregation and injustice and was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964; and

WHEREAS, On April 4, 1968, while preparing to lead sanitation workers in protest against low wages and intolerable working conditions, Dr. King was assassinated while standing on a balcony of his motel room in Memphis, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King dedicated his life to securing the fundamental principles of justice and liberty for all, preaching a doctrine of nonviolence and civil disobedience to combat discrimination, racial injustice and segregation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chelsea City Council recognizes January 15, 2024 as “Martin Luther King Jr. Day” in the City of Chelsea and pledges to advance the legacy of Dr. King so that, as he hoped, “one day this Nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: ‘We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.’”

PUBLIC SPEAKING:

The Public Speaking portion opened at 7:07 PM.

The following members of the Public spoke: None

The Public Speaking portion closed at 7:07 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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