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Charter Review Meeting - June 10, 2020

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Chelsea, Massachusetts

June 10, 2020

A regular meeting of the Special Committee -Charter Review was held. The meeting was held at the Chelsea City Hall located at 500 Broadway, Chelsea, Massachusetts 02150. The following appointees were present: Judith Garcia, Leo Robinson, Melinda Vega Maldonado, Todd Taylor, Rosemarie Carlisle, Henry Wilson, Alex Balcarcel, Mary Bourque, Jason Stocker, SHarlene McLean, and Miriam Rancatore. Calvin T. Brown and Yesennia Alfaro were absent. Meeting opened at 6:00 p.m.

Section 1 of the Chelsea City Charter

PREAMBLE

The people of the City of Chelsea, desiring to manage their own affairs and conduct their local government so that it is accountable, stable, fiscally responsible and efficient, honest, fair, rep-

representative, and according to a code of ethics, and wishing to participate fully in exercising the rights and responsibilities of local government, do adhere to this Charter.

We assert our willingness to assume all responsibility for the conduct of matters pertaining to the city, and do by this document earnestly affirm our right as inhabitants of Chelsea, to live and grow in freedom, dignity, tranquility and prosperity. Under God with religious freedom, we secure these qualities to ourselves, realizing them in the community of Chelsea and its government, which provides for a system of law, education, public safety, and public health.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

In the year 1994.

An act establishing a council manager form of government for the City of Chelsea.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representative in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Section 1. [Charter established.]

The following shall be the Charter for the City of Chelsea.

PART I. - INCORPORATION, SHORT TITLE, POWERS

Sec. 1-1. - Incorporation continued.

The inhabitants of the City of Chelsea, within its territorial limits as now or may hereafter be established by law, shall continue to be a body politic and corporate, under the name of the City of Chelsea and as such shall have, exercise and enjoy all the rights, immunities, powers and privileges, and shall be subject to all the duties and obligations, now incumbent upon and pertaining to the said city, as a municipal corporation.

Sec. 1-2. - Short title.

This act shall be cited and known as the City of Chelsea Charter.

Sec. 1-3. - Division of powers.

All legislative powers of the city shall be exercised by a city council. The administration of all fiscal, business and municipal affairs shall be vested in the executive branch under the supervision of the city manager.

Sec. 1-4. - Powers of the city.

The intent and purpose of this Charter is to secure for the voters of the City of Chelsea, through the adoption of this Charter, all the powers possible to secure for their government under article LXXXIX of the amendments to the Constitution of the commonwealth and laws of the commonwealth, as fully and as though each such power were specifically and individually enumerated herein.

Sec. 1-5. - Interpretation of powers.

The powers of the city under this Charter shall be construed and interpreted liberally in favor of the city, and the specific mention of any particular power is not intended to limit in any way the general powers of the city as stated in section 1-4.

Sec. 1-6. - Intergovernmental cooperation.

The city may enter agreements with any other unit of government to perform jointly or in cooperation, by contract or otherwise, any of its powers or functions, as authorized by the laws of the commonwealth.

Mimi Rancatore proposed for the City of Chelsea to incorporate Spanish into the name of the City. She suggested Chelsea by the Creek. Leo Robinson and Todd Taylor spoke in opposition to this.

Sharlene McLean proposed a change in the preamble, from “and according to a code of ethics” to “operating to a code of ethics.”

The committee went back to discussing the name of the City.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Fatima Melara

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