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ACCEPTED AND FILED SUSPENSION

Chelsea, Massachusetts, March 21, 2016

A Regular meeting of the Chelsea City Council was held. The meeting was held at the Chelsea City Hall located at 500 Broadway Chelsea, Massachusetts. The following Councilors were present: Councilors Frank, Vidot, Rodriguez, Murphy, Lopez, Tejada, Garcia, Avellaneda, Cortell, and Robinson. Councilor Recupero was absent. Council President Cortell presided over the meeting. The meeting opened at 7:00 P.M.

Memoriums and celebratory Resolutions:

The following Resolution was introduced by Councillor Cortell. A motion from Councillor Robinson to adopt under suspension was adopted.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS; the International White Ribbon Campaign is an effort to urge men to speak out in opposition to violence against women as a remembrance of the Montreal Massacre, a 1991 tragedy when one man murdered 14 women in Montreal Canada; and

WHEREAS; Jane Doe, Inc. launched Massachusetts White Ribbon Day in 2008 to engage men to help end violence against women, men and children; and

WHEREAS; this year's Massachusetts White Ribbon Day was recognized on the first Thursday in March, a day Proclaimed by Chelsea City Manager as White Ribbon Day for the purpose of calling attention to March as Women's History Month that includes International Women's Day, and to partner with the International community through the United Nations Secretary General's Campaign, United to End Violence Against Women; and

WHEREAS; this year's Massachusetts White Ribbon Day aims to strengthen the Massachusetts foundation for responding to the needs of victims regardless of gender identity or sexual orientation and recognizes that victims of sexual assault and domestic violence may be of color, GLBTQ (gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and questioning), elderly, disabled, or male; and

WHEREAS; the White Ribbon Day pledge states, "From this day forward, I promise to be part of the solution in ending violence against women"; and

WHEREAS; our municipality wishes to join with others across the Commonwealth to raise awareness of White Ribbon Day and to support survivors of violence;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED on this day, the 21st day of March, 2016, the Chelsea City Council, in our representative capacity of the residents of Chelsea, do hereby take the pledge, recognize White Ribbon Day and, from this day forth, will participate actively in the campaign to end domestic violence.

The following Resolution was introduced by Councillor Vidot. A motion from Councillor Vidot to adopt under suspension was adopted.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS; this City Council has designated March as “Women’s History Month;”

WHEREAS; Margaret Gray, born and raised in Chelsea and continues to live and contribute to her community; and

WHEREAS; along with single-handedly raising 4 biological children on her own; and

WHEREAS; she has also served many people in this community, particularly generations of young people by reaching out, providing food, shelter, emotional support and guidance to them in our community; and

WHEREAS; the connections she shared with young people did not end with them but also has extended on to their children and continues to this day; and

WHEREAS; at a time when we find ourselves at a critical state in our city with our young people and with a sense of urgency to rebuild our community to support our youth; and

WHEREAS; for decades, she has showed extreme leadership in our community by selflessly showing an outpour to those in need without recognition and being a true ‘powerhouse’; and

WHEREAS; she has earned the respect of the greater community resulting in people from all walks of life and different ethnicities and ages referring to her as, “Ma”, now therefore, BE IT

RESOLVED; that on behalf of the Citizens of Chelsea, we the members of the Chelsea City Council recognize you, Margaret Gray for your many years of commitment, service and dedication to our children, our youth, and our seniors. You are greatly appreciated.

The following Resolution was introduced by Councilor Vidot. A motion from Councillor Vidot to adopt under suspension was adopted.

RESOLUTION

- WHEREAS;** this City Council has designated March as “Women’s History Month;”
- WHEREAS;** in spite of low citizen engagement, Maureen Cawley has actively and regularly participated in many programs, meetings, initiatives and happenings throughout the entire city; and
- WHEREAS;** she has shown great dedication and compassion for all communities; and
- WHEREAS;** throughout her life and currently, she has been a crusader for social justice; and
- WHEREAS;** she has been vocal on matters pertaining to the under-represented on numerous occasions, and has exemplified true leadership, particularly speaking against the displacement of citizens of the city and being a true powerhouse; and
- WHEREAS;** If not for the vigilance and dedication of leaders like Maureen Cawley, women would be on the losing end of many major movements throughout the history of this nation, now therefore, BE IT
- RESOLVED;** that on behalf of the Citizens of Chelsea, we the members of the Chelsea City Council recognize Maureen Cawley for her years of activism in the City of Chelsea. You are greatly appreciated.

The following Resolution was introduced by Councillor Vidot. A motion from Councillor Vidot to adopt under suspension was adopted.

RESOLUTION

- WHEREAS;** this City Council has designated March as “Women’s History Month;”
- WHEREAS;** in the face of adversity Mariaelena Montijo used education as her escape from a very young age; and

WHEREAS; although losing her baby brother to cancer she had the resiliency to use that as a driving force in excelling academically; and

WHEREAS; she started the "Children's Cancer Awareness Club" at Chelsea High School to raise awareness and funds to purchase Christmas gifts for kids at the same pediatric unit her little brother was treated; and

WHEREAS; she's been recognized and awarded a full scholarship to Boston College to fulfill her dream of being a Nurse Practitioner in Pediatric Oncology; and

WHEREAS; she has used her life experiences and memory of her brother "Angel" to persevere and display leadership in our community by being a true 'powerhouse,' therefore,
BE IT

RESOLVED; that on behalf of the Citizens of Chelsea, we the members of the Chelsea City Council recognize you, Mariaelena Montijo for the years of your commitment, service and dedication to cancer patients and survivors and making Chelsea proud. You are greatly appreciated.

The following Resolution was introduced by Councillor Garcia. A motion from Councilor Garcia to adopt under suspension was adopted.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS; this City Council has designated March as "Women's History Month;"

WHEREAS; in spite of low citizen engagement, Suyapa Gonzales has actively and regularly participated in many programs, meetings, initiatives and happenings throughout the entire city; and

WHEREAS; she has shown great dedication and compassion for all communities; and

WHEREAS; throughout her life and currently, she has been a crusader for social justice; and

WHEREAS; she has been vocal on matters pertaining to the under-represented on numerous occasions, and has exemplified true leadership, particularly speaking against the displacement of citizens of the city and being a true powerhouse; and

WHEREAS; If not for the vigilance and dedication of leaders like Suyapa Gonzales, women would be on the losing end of many major movements throughout the history of this nation; therefore, BE IT

RESOLVED; that on behalf of the Citizens of Chelsea, we the members of the Chelsea City Council recognize, Suyapa Gonzales for her years of activism in the City of Chelsea.

The following Resolution was introduced by Councillor Garcia. A motion from Councillor Garcia to adopt under suspension was adopted.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS; this City Council has designated March as “Women’s History Month;”

WHEREAS; teachers are an integral part of community building, Lisa Santagate has shown to be a pioneer in our public schools through innovative teaching; and

WHEREAS; she has fostered an environment in her second grade classroom that promotes the value of compassion to pave the way for social advancement; and

WHEREAS; due to her passion and groundbreaking efforts Lisa Santagate has inspired our students to create a more peaceful and sustainable future through education; therefore, BE IT

RESOLVED; that on behalf of the Citizens of Chelsea, we the members of the Chelsea City Council recognize Lisa Santagate for her innovative and trailblazing teaching efforts in the City of Chelsea.

The following Resolution was introduced by Councillor Garcia. A motion from Councillor Garcia to adopt under suspension was adopted.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS; this City Council has recognized March as “Women’s History Month;”

WHEREAS; Anita Mercado has worked relentlessly to ensure the proper integration of immigrant minors who are enrolled in the Chelsea High Bridge Academy; and

WHEREAS; she has been a strong advocate for the social and emotional well-being of students who have been affected by enormous hardship; and

WHEREAS; her dedication to help children navigate the ever-changing complexities of adult life has transformed the life of many; and

WHEREAS; Social workers like Anita Mercado exemplify the characteristics of a true leader by providing a voice for our most vulnerable children therefore, BE IT

RESOLVED; that on behalf of the Citizens of Chelsea, we the members of the Chelsea City Council recognize, Anita Mercado for her advocacy for children's rights in the City of Chelsea.

Public Speaking:

The public speaking portion of the meeting opened at 7:35 p.m.

The following came forward to speak:

Sharon Fosbury of the Neighborhood Developer, spoke about involvement with the Councilors and the parks in their districts.

Joan Cromwell 38 Addison Street, spoke in support of Ken Umemba for re-appointment to the Licensing Board.

Chelsea resident 229 Washington Avenue, spoke in favor of the re-appointment of Ken Umemba to the Licensing Board.

Chelsea resident 103 Orange Street, try to get the Chelsea Citizens involved in their community. Talked about more cameras in the City needed.

The public hearing closed at 7:45 pm.

The minutes of the City Council meeting dated March 7, 2016 were approved at the request of Councillor Robinson under suspension.

Communications from City Manager:

The following communication was received from City Manager Thomas Ambrosino. A motion from Councillor Robinson referred the communication to a second reading under suspension.

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

Re: Appointments to the Conservation Commission

Dear Councilors:

Pursuant to Section 4-2 of the Charter of the City of Chelsea, I am writing to recommend the appointment of the following individuals.

For appointment to the Conservation Commission, for a three year term ending in 2019, Mr. Dakeya Christmas, 67 Cook Avenue, Chelsea.

For appointment to the Conservation Commission, Robert A. Linch, Jr. Esq, 143 Shawmut Street, #3, Chelsea, to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Price Taggart, ending on December 15, 2017. Mr. Taggart is resigning.

I respectfully request your approval of these appointments. Resumes are attached.

Sincerely,
Thomas G. Ambrosino
City Manager

Communications and petitions to the Council:

A copy of a communication was received from Paul Nowicki CHA Director Supportive Services /Supportive Services /Occupancy with regards to a communication between a resident and the CHA. A motion from Councillor Robinson to accept and file the communication was adopted.

Second Readings:

The following appointments and re-appointments were read for the second time. A motion from Councillor Robinson to affirm the appointments by roll call passed 10-0-1-0. Voting yes were Councilors Frank, Vidot, Rodriguez, Murphy, Lopez, Tejada, Garcia, Avellaneda, Cortell, and Robinson. Councillor Recupero was absent

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Re: Appointments to Boards and Commissions

Dear Councilors:

Pursuant to Section 4-2 of the Charter of the City of Chelsea, I am writing to recommend the following individuals to Boards and Commissions in the City.

For appointment to the Board of Health, Emmanuel Jonathan Tellez, 188 Broadway, Apt. 9, Chelsea, to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Christopher Naitza, who resigned. This unexpired term expires on December 15, 2017. Mr. Tellez' resume is attached.

For re-appointment to the Board of Health, for a new three year term expiring in 2019, Mr. Chris Miller, 60 Dudley St., #327, Chelsea.

For re-appointment to the Chelsea Housing Authority, for a new five year term expiring in 2021, Mr. Bertram T. Taverna, 148 Grove Street, Chelsea.

I respectfully request your approval of these appointments.

Sincerely,
Thomas G. Ambrosino
City Manager

The following re-appointment to the Licensing Board by the City Manager was read for the second time. A motion from Councillor Robinson to affirm the appointment failed to carry on a 5-5-1 vote of the Council. Voting yes were Councilors Vidot, Rodriguez, Lopez, Garcia and Robinson. Voting no were Councilors Frank, Murphy, Tejada, Avellaneda, and Cortell. Councillor Recupero was absent. However, if there is to be no further action on the re-appointment of Mr. Umemba, the appointment would take effect by Charter Rule 4-2.

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Re: Appointment to Licensing Commission

Dear Councilors:

Pursuant to Section 4-2 of the Charter of the City of Chelsea, I am writing to recommend that Mr. Kenneth O Umemba, 38 Addison Street, Chelsea be reappointed to the Chelsea Licensing Commission for a new three year term expiring in 2019.

New Business:

The following order was introduced by Councillor Avellaneda. A motion from Councillor Avellaneda to adopt under suspension was adopted.

ORDERED, that the Subcommittee on Community Development and Housing schedule a meeting to discuss the current state of affairs at the Chelsea Housing Authority.

The following order was introduced by Councillor Tejada. A motion from Councillor Tejada to adopt under suspension was adopted. It was also requested that a copy be sent to Department of Public Works.

ORDERED; that the City Manager instruct DPW to bait for rats around the County Road and Reynolds Ave area.

The following order was introduced by Councillor Vidot and received late. No objections. A motion from Councillor Vidot to adopt under suspension was made. An amendment was offered to send a copy to Health and Human Services. Bothe the amendment and motion was adopted under suspension.

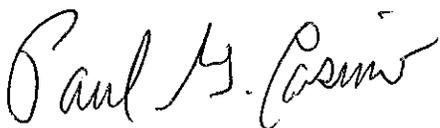
ORDERED, that the City Manager contact DOT, State Rep. RoseLee Vincent and any other interested parties with regard to the chipping lead paint on the Route 1 overpass on Webster Ave. There is a substantial amount of lead paint chips on the sidewalk, street and backyards posing a serious threat to our community.

The following order was introduced by Councillor Vidot and received late. A motion from Councillor Vidot to adopt under suspension was adopted.

REQUESTED; that a meeting on the Subcommittee on Conference be held with the City Clerk and City Manager to discuss inventory and scheduling of public parks/fields, inventory of various groups or organizations we are renting to, and as to how many of them are Chelsea residents.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Paul G. Casino
Clerk of the Chelsea City Council