

Chelsea, Massachusetts, March 14, 2011

A Regular meeting of the Chelsea City Council was held. The meeting was held at the Chelsea City Hall located at 500 Broadway, Chelsea. The following Councilors were present: Councilors Vega-Torres, Bongiovanni, Cortell, MeKonnen, Washington, Bishop, Hatleberg, Maronski, Robinson, Barton, and Brown. Council President Vega-Torres presided over the meeting. The meeting opened at 7:00 P.M.

Prior to the start of the regular meeting, City Clerk Deborah Clayman administered the oath of office to Charles A. Crowley of the Chelsea Fire Department to a Permanent Deputy Fire Chief for the Chelsea Fire Department.

Memoriums and celebratory resolutions:

The following Resolution was introduced by Councillor MeKonnen and all members of the Chelsea City Council. A motion from Councillor MeKonnen to adopt under suspension was adopted.

RESOLUTION

Whereas, Hazel Ells of 15 County Road, born March 17, 1919, will be celebrating her 92nd birthday; and

Whereas, Hazel Ells is the proud mother of two daughters and one son, six grandchildren and eight great grandchildren; and

Whereas, Hazel Ells is a good citizen and good neighbor to her many friends; now therefore be it

Resolved, that on behalf of the Citizens of Chelsea, we the members of the Chelsea City Council, wish you a very Happy Birthday and may you have many, many more.

The following Resolution was introduced by Councillor MeKonnen and all members of the Chelsea City Council. A motion from Councillor MeKonnen to adopt under suspension was adopted.

RESOLUTION

Whereas, Estelle Zielinski of 15 County Road, born March 14, 1914, recently celebrated her Ninety Seventh birthday and

Whereas, Estelle Zielinski enjoys her many nieces and nephews and

Whereas, Estelle Zielinski enlightens us all with her friendship and just by being a good neighbor; now, therefore be it,

Resolved, That on behalf of the Citizens of Chelsea, we the members of the Chelsea City Council wish you a very Happy Birthday and may you have many, many more.

Public Speaking: The public speaking portion of the meeting opened at 7:09 p.m. The following came forward to speak.

- 1) Lt. Brian Capistran, Chelsea Fire Department, spoke about the Fire Department contract.
- 2) Rosemarie Carlisle, Sagamore Avenue, congratulated the City Manager Jay Ash on his new contract with the city.
- 3) Anthony Bongiovanni, 46 Gillooly Road, spoke about parking permits and the City Council for hiring the City Manager.
- 4) Henry Lea, 105 Franklin Avenue, spoke about the Fire Department and the cost factor.
- 5) Felix Rivera, Chelsea Police Department Union Pres., spoke about City manager new contract and the amount received for an increase in pay.

The public speaking portion closed at 7:23 P.M.

The minutes of the City Council Meeting dated February 28, 2011 were approved at the request of Councillor Barton under suspension.

Communication and petitions to the Council:

A copy of a communication was received from Neighbors Against Blight Crime Watch Report dated February 19, 2011 and February 26, 2011. A motion from Councillor MeKonnen to accept and file was adopted under suspension.

A copy of a communication was received from the Chelsea Retirement System regarding the Cost of Living Adjustment to all eligible retired employees. A motion from Councillor MeKonnen to accept and file was adopted under suspension.

A copy of communication was received from Councillor Hatleberg regarding a draft for Solid Waste Regulations to be used for information and comment. A motion from Councillor Hatleberg to accept and file was adopted under suspension.

Committee Reports:

A copy of the report was received from the Charter Review Committee dated February 10, 2011. A motion from Councillor Hatleberg to accept was adopted under suspension.

A copy of a report was received from the Sub-Committee on Conference regarding Trash/Recycle Initiative dated February 8, 2011. A motion from Councillor Bongiovanni to accept and file was adopted under suspension.

A copy of a Sub-Committee on Conference Report was received regarding the Chelsea Fire Department overtime. A motion from Councillor Robinson to accept and file was adopted under suspension.

Unfinished Business:

Councillor Robinson requested that the order requesting an appropriation of \$150,000 for the Fire Department overtime be removed from the Sub-Committee on Conference to be acted upon. There were no objections. The following order was introduced by Councillor Robinson and read for the second time. A motion by Councillor Robinson to adopt by roll call passed 11-0-0-0. Voting yes were Councilors Vega-Torres, Bongiovanni, Cortell, MeKonnen, Washington, Bishop, Hatleberg, Maronski, Robinson, Barton, and Brown. ORDERED, That the Chelsea City Council authorize the appropriation of \$150,00.00 from Free Cash to the FY 2011 Fire Department-Salaries Account 0122051-510200.

New Business:

The following order was introduced by Councillor Vega-Torres. A motion from Councillor Vega-Torres to adopt under suspension was adopted. ORDERED, that a Sub-Committee on Conference be held with the Chief of Police regarding community safety and updates.

The following order was introduced by Councillor Bongiovanni. A motion from Councillor Bongiovanni to adopt under suspension was adopted. ORDERED, that a Sub-Committee of the Chelsea City Council be held with City Manager Jay Ash and Director of Public Works to Discuss the status of lighting improvements throughout the city.

The following order was introduced by Councillor Washington. A motion from Councillor Washington to adopt under suspension was adopted. ORDERED, that the City Manager instruct the Department of Public Works to repair potholes and holes on the following streets; Parker Street, Tudor Street, Clark Avenue, Fitz Terrace, and Spencer Avenue number 1 to 143.

The following Resolve was co-sponsored by Councilors Robinson and Vega-Torres. A motion from Councillor Robinson to adopt by roll call passed 11-0-0-0. Voting yes were Councilors Vega-Torres, Bongiovanni, Cortell, MeKonnen, Washington, Bishop, Hatleberg, Maronski, Robinson, Barton, and Brown.

Whereas, the City Council voted to offer Robert Ash a new employment agreement and to have the Council President negotiate the terms of that agreement;

and

Whereas, the City Council in Subcommittee on March 7, 2011, met and discussed the terms and conditions with Robert Ash and offered Robert Ash a contract for the services of City manager; and

Whereas, Robert Ash has accepted the terms and conditions offered by the City Council;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; that the City Council of Chelsea approves the terms and conditions of the negotiated employment agreement effective July 1, 2011 between the City of Chelsea and Robert Ash and execute said agreement.

A moment of silence was conducted for the following:

Fr. Edward Sherry, requested by Councillor Bishop,

Mark Moshella, requested by Councillor Maronski,

Socrates Galatis, requested by Councillor Robinson,

For all those that perished in the Japan Earthquake, requested by Councillor Brown.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul G. Casino
Clerk of the Chelsea City Council