

Chelsea, Massachusetts, April 25, 2011

A Regular meeting of the Chelsea City Council was held. The meeting was held at the Chelsea City Hall, located at 500 Broadway. The following Councilors were in attendance: 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.

Memoriums and celebratory resolutions:

The following Resolution was introduced by Councilors Barton and Councillor Cortell. Councillor Barton moved to adopt under suspension and the motion was adopted.

**RESOLUTION**

**Whereas,** the Holocaust was the state-sponsored persecution and annihilation of European Jewry by Nazi Germany and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945; and

**Whereas,** while Jews, six million of whom were murdered, were the primary victims, Roma, the handicapped, Poles, homosexuals, Jehovah's Witnesses, Soviet prisoners of war, and political dissidents were targeted for destruction for racial, ethnic, or national reasons; and

**Whereas,** the residents of Chelsea should rededicate ourselves to the principals of equality and justice for all; and

**Whereas,** whether it is prevention, response, or accountability, the Holocaust teaches us that inaction can be deadly; actions, even small ones, can make all the difference for those whose lives are at risk, now and in the future; and

**Whereas,** pursuant to an Act of Congress the United States Holocaust Memorial Council designates the Days of Remembrance of the victims of the Holocaust to be the week of Sunday, May 1, 2011 through Sunday, May 8, 2011, which includes the Day of Remembrance known as Yom Hashoah; now be it

**Resolved,** that the Chelsea City Council hereby recognizes the week of May 1, 2011 through May 8, 2011 as Days of Remembrance for the victims of the Holocaust in the city of Chelsea, and ask all citizens to reflect upon the significance of this unprecedented tragedy in our history.

The following Resolution was introduced by Councilors Bongiovanni, Vega-Torres and all members of the City Council. A motion from Councillor Bongiovanni to adopt under suspension was adopted.

## Resolution

- Whereas,** On April 26<sup>th</sup> and April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011, the City of Chelsea will officially celebrate Arbor Day, an annual celebration highlighting the importance of trees; and
- Whereas,** As part of this Annual Celebration, students at Chelsea High School led by the Interact Club and teacher Ms. Ascher will plant two trees in front of the high school; and additional trees will be planted at Washington Park following a tree planting class at the Chelsea Community Schools on April 30<sup>th</sup>; and
- Whereas,** Springtime and Fall tree planting has become a regular activity that the whole community looks forward to; and
- Whereas,** These annual events help to ensure that the city maintains its status as a Tree City USA; and
- Whereas,** This year, the City of Chelsea has officially been recognized as a Tree City USA for its 7<sup>th</sup> year by the National Arbor Day Foundation; and
- Whereas,** Being a Tree City USA gives Chelsea the benefit of having more State resources to further enhance the quantity and quality of trees in Chelsea; and
- Whereas,** The Tree City USA awards are given by The National Arbor Day Foundation, in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service, to recognize environmental improvement and encourage higher levels of tree care throughout America; now, be it
- Resolved,** The City Council would like to recognize the efforts of Chelsea High School students, teachers and administrators, the Department of Public Works, the Tree Board, Chelsea Green Space and the community for their work toward improving Chelsea's environment via the planting of dozens of trees each year, for securing the Tree City USA status for the 7<sup>th</sup> year in a row; and for having a successful 2011 Arbor Day Celebration.

Public Speaking:

The public speaking portion of the meeting opened at 7:23 P.M.

The following came forward to speak:

Henry Lea, 105 Franklin Avenue, spoke about the cost of gasoline, and vehicles leaving the city that are costing the taxpayers money.

Clifford Cunningham, 15 Lawrence Street, spoke about the resolution regarding the Holocaust.

The public speaking portion closed at 7:28 P.M.

The minutes of the City Council Meeting dated April 11, 2011 were approved at the request of Councillor Brown under suspension.

Communications and petitions to the Council:

A copy of a communication was received from Senator Scott Brown addressed to Councillor Robinson pertaining to Community Service Block Grant programs. A motion from Councillor Robinson to accept and file was adopted under suspension.

A late communication was received from Board of Trustees, Keen Loft Condominiums addressed to Councillor Washington regarding street lights. A motion from Councillor Washington to accept and file was adopted under suspension.

Committee Reports:

A late copy of the minutes of the Sub-Committee on the Charter Review Meeting held on April 4, 2011 was received. A motion from Councillor Hatleberg to accept the late copy and file under suspension, was adopted.

A late copy of the report to council and text changes that were proposed to the Charter Review were presented to the City Council by Councillor Hatleberg Chairman of the Charter Review Sub-Committee. A motion from Councillor Hatleberg to accept the late communication and send the proposals to the Sub-Committee on Conference under suspension was adopted.

New Business:

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

ORDERED, that a conference be held with the auditing firm for an update on the city contract.

A late order was introduced by Councillor Washington. There were no objections and Councillor Washington moved to adopt under suspension. It was adopted.

ORDERED, that the City Manager instruct the Department of Public Works to fill the potholes on Washington Avenue, Heard Street and Broadway, from 601 to 858.

A moment of silence was conducted for the passing of Anita McCandless at the request of Councillor Bongiovanni.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul G. Casino  
Clerk of the Chelsea City Council