

Chelsea, Massachusetts October 24, 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 in attendance: Councilors Vega-Torres, Bongiovanni, Cortell, 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 Councillor Brown and all members of the Chelsea City Council. A motion from Councillor Brown to adopt under suspension was adopted.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Genevieve Spinelli has been sharing her talents since she founded the “Genevieve Dancing Studio” in 1969, 42 years ago and,

WHEREAS, Genevieve Spinelli performed with Maureen Cosgrove’s Boston Tap Company at Boston’s very first “First Night” and,

WHEREAS, Genevieve Spinelli’s talents included her studio performance at Kiss 108 Gala Fashion Show, Chelsea’s Summer Expression, Jerry Lewis Muscular Dystrophy Telethon, and Chelsea Waterfront Park Festival, just to name a few of her many accomplishments and,

WHEREAS, In 1981-1986, Genevieve was appointed Co-Director of Chelsea’s Summer Expression Program and in addition the Chelsea Community Theater enlisted her to choreograph several popular musicals, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That on behalf of the Citizens of Chelsea, we the members of the Chelsea City Council, wish to express our gratitude to you, Genevieve Spinelli, for your many years of dedicated service to so many and to also acknowledge that you are sharing these talents today with so many. “Thank You”.

The annual presentation on the Tax Rate for FY2012 was given by the City Manager Jay Ash. There were no questions by the City Councilors after the presentation. A public hearing has been scheduled for the next City Council meeting to be held on November 14, 2011.

Public Speaking:

The public speaking portion of the meeting opened at 7:16 P.M.

The following came forward to speak:

- 1) Joseph Stotto, Revere Beach Parkway, spoke about the drainage problem at the park since the grass was removed.
- 2) Roy Avellaneda, 122 Bellingham, spoke about the proposed redistricting plan by the State for Chelsea.
- 3) Jim Dwyer, 18 Highland Street, spoke about and opposed the redistricting plan by the State.

The public speaking portion of the meeting closed at 7:25 P.M.

Communications and petitions to the Council:

A copy of a communication was received from the Traffic and Parking Commission regarding the October 18, 2011 meeting. A motion from Councillor Hatleberg to accept and file was adopted under suspension.

Second Readings:

The following order was introduced by Councillor Hatleberg and read for the second time. A motion by Councillor Hatleberg to adopt by roll call passed 10-0-0-1. Voting yes were Councilors Vega-Torres, Bongiovanni, Cortell, Washington, Bishop, Hatleberg, Maronski, Robinson, Barton, and Brown. One vacancy.

ORDERED, that an increase of the Fiscal Year 2012 School Department original appropriation from \$63,929,950.00 to \$63,941,968.00 for a net increase of \$11,728.00 attributed to an increase in Fiscal Year 2012 Chapter 70 State Aid.

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ORDERED, that the sum of \$4,658.00 be appropriated from Fire Codes (A) Fines Account #34074-591500 in the following manner; \$3,000 to Fire department Salary Account #0122051-5510200; \$1658 to Fire Department Firefighting Supplies 0122052-548100.

New Business:

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

ORDERED, that a Sub-Committee on Conference be held regarding the Charter Review.

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ORDERED, that a Sub-Committee on Conference be scheduled to discuss the proposed Drag Racing Ordinance.

The following Resolution was introduced by Councillor Robinson. A motion from Councillor Robinson to adopt by roll call passed 10-0-0-1. Voting yes were Councilors Vega-Torres, Bongiovanni, Cortell, Washington, Bishop, Hatleberg, Maronski, Robinson, Barton, and Brown. One vacancy.

RESOLUTION

Whereas, it is the duty of Massachusetts Special Joint Committee of Redistricting to make an investigation and study of establishing a new division of the Commonwealth into Congressional districts under the United States Constitution, 40 senatorial and 8 councilor districts under Section 2 of Article CI of the Amendments to the Constitution, 160 representative districts under section 1 of said Article CI, and

Whereas, the districts proposed were based on the information and numbers gathered 2010 US Census data provided to said committee and that a laudable goal of said Committee was to increase the number of minority majority districts reflected in said census report, and

Whereas, one of the proposed minority majority House Districts by said Committee is the 1st Suffolk House district which is comprised of all East Boston and Ward 1 Precinct 2 of Chelsea, and

Whereas, Unlike East Boston the City of Chelsea has had a high growing number of minority registered voters and corresponding high voter turnout over the last 20 years, and

Whereas, the removal of Ward 1 Precinct 2 in the City from the 2nd Suffolk House district to the newly proposed 1st Suffolk House District would dilute the Chelsea based 2nd Suffolk minority votes and result in 2nd Suffolk House District becoming majority district, therefore let it be

Resolved, that the City Council of Chelsea vehemently opposes the re-districting of Ward 1 Precinct 2 from 2nd Suffolk House District to 1st Suffolk House District and asks that Special Joint Committee on Redistrict amend its proposed plan to re-attach Ward 1 Precinct 2 in Chelsea to the 2nd Suffolk House district and maintain its current configuration.

A moment of silence was conducted for the passing of former Alderman Mable Meola, at the request of Councillor Robinson.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul G. Casino
Clerk of the Chelsea City Council