

Chelsea, Massachusetts, January 10, 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 Mass. The following members were in attendance: Councilors Robinson, Hatleberg, Cortell, Washington, MeKonnen, Barton, Brown, Bishop, Vega-Torres, Bongiovanni, and Maronski. Senior member, Councillor Robinson presided over the meeting. The meeting opened at 7:00 P.M.

Prior to the start of the meeting a moment of silence was conducted for the victims of the Tucson, Arizona shootings.

Councillor Robinson then opened nominations for President of the City Council for the year 2011 under suspension.

Councillor Robinson nominated Councillor Vega-Torres. Councillor MeKonnen seconded the nomination. Councillor Brown closed nominations. On roll call Councillor Vega-Torres was elected President of the City Council 11-0-0-0. Voting for Councillor Vega-Torres were: Councilors Robinson, Hatleberg, Cortell, Washington, Barton, Brown, Bishop, Vega-Torres, Bongiovanni, and Maronski.

Councillor Robinson opened nominations for Vice- President. Councillor Vega-Torres nominated Councillor Bongiovanni. Councillor Brown seconded the nomination. Councillor Robinson closed nominations. On roll call Councillor Bongiovanni was elected Vice-President of the City Council 10-0-0-1. Voting for Councillor Bongiovanni were Councilors: Robinson, Hatleberg, Cortell, Washington, MeKonnen, Barton, Brown, Bishop, Vega-Torres, and Maronski. Councillor Bongiovanni voted present.

City Clerk Deborah Clayman administered the Oath of office to Councillor Vega-Torres and Councillor Bongiovanni.

Newly Elected President of the City Council Councillor Vega-Torres addressed those in attendance and then opened nominations for the Delegate to the School Committee. Councillor Bongiovanni nominated Councillor Washington. Councillor Hatleberg seconded the nomination. Councillor Brown closed nominations. On roll call Councillor Washington was elected delegate to the School Committee 10-0-0-1. Voting for Councillor Washington were Councilors Robinson, Hatleberg, Cortell, MeKonnen, Barton, Brown, Bishop, Vega-Torres, Bongiovanni, and Maronski. Councillor Washington voted present.

City Clerk Deborah Clayman administered the oath to Councillor Washington.

Councillor Robinson moved that the seating positions and the roll call positions as drawn in the Sub-Committee on Conference be the seating and roll call positions for the year 2011, by roll call. The roll call passed 11-0-0-0. Voting yes were Councilors Robinson, Hatleberg, Cortell, Washington, MeKonnen, Barton, Bishop, Vega-Torres, Bongiovanni, and Maronski.

Memoriums and celebratory resolutions:

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lea who own and reside at 105 Franklin Avenue, Chelsea; and

WHEREAS, All one needs to do is walk by this property and it is obvious that Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lea have great pride in the maintaining of their property, and

WHEREAS, Chelsea pride is something that all of us wish to display in our homes and properties; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that this City Council wishes to go on record on commending Mr. and Mrs. Lea for the manner in which they maintain their property at 105 Franklin Avenue and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chelsea City Council wishes Mr. and Mrs. Lea the “Good Neighbor Award.”

The following Resolution was introduced by Councilors Robinson, Brown, Washington, and MeKonnen. Councillor Robinson moved to adopt under suspension, and it was adopted. (There were no objections for the late Resolution to be read).

RESOLUTION

Whereas, the late Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was a leader of great courage and skill who became known as a drum major of the American Civil Rights Movement to enfranchise black citizens; and

Whereas, Dr. King’s life was tragically cut short by an assassin’s bullet in April of 1968 in Memphis Tennessee while he was there to champion the cause of underprivileged workers; and

Whereas, due to the efforts of many dedicated people who believe Dr. King deserves national recognition, the third Monday in January is nationally recognized as a day to remember Dr. King, his legacy, and the causes for which he so gallantly fought and died: and

Whereas, Massachusetts had the privilege of Dr. King’s presence when he lived and studied in Boston at Boston University School of Divinity, receiving his

Ph.D. in 1953; and

Whereas, Dr. King's life will always shine as a light for those without hope and as an example to be emulated by all who care about their fellow human beings, regardless of race, religion, class or nationality; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Chelsea City Council hereby recognize January 17, 2011 as Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day in the City of Chelsea and ask all citizens to reflect upon the significance of this extraordinary man's life.

Public Speaking:

The public speaking portion of the meeting opened at 7:20 P.M.

The following came forward to speak:

Anthony Bongiovanni, 46 Gillooly Road, spoke about the need to bring down the taxes, in the city, and congratulated the newly elected officers of the Council.

The public speaking portion closed at 7:24 P.M.

The minutes of the City Council Meeting dated December 20, 2010 were approved at the request of Councillor Brown under suspension.

Communications and petitions to the Council:

A copy of a communication was received from the Traffic and Parking Commission dated December 20, 2010. A motion from Councillor MeKonnen to accept and file was adopted under suspension.

A copy of a communication was received from Chief Keys and Councillor Bongiovanni regarding Eastern Car Wash. A motion from Councillor Bongiovanni to accept and file was adopted under suspension.

A copy of a communication was received from N.A B. Neighbors Against Blight, regarding the report dated December 18, 2010.

Committee Reports:

A copy of a report was submitted regarding the Charter Review dated December 13, 2010 from Councillor Hatleberg. A motion from Councillor Hatleberg to accept and file was adopted under suspension.

Second Readings:

The Order submitted by Councillor Vega-Torres requesting an organizational meeting for January 3, 2011 was withdrawn at the request of Councillor Vega-Torres.

New Business:

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

Resolved, that the Chelsea City Council reaffirms and accepts the report of the sub-committee to evaluate the City Manager.

A moment of silence was conducted for the passing of Dan Robinson Jr. at the request of Councillor Robinson, and Michael Callahan at the request of Councillor Brown.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul G. Casino
Clerk of the Chelsea City Council