

Chelsea, Massachusetts, February 7, 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 Councilors were present: Councilors Vega-Torres, Bongiovanni, Cortell, MeKonnen, Washington, Bishop, Hatleberg, Maronski, Barton, and Brown. Councillor Robinson was absent. Council President Councillor 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 Robinson. A motion from Councillor Brown to adopt under suspension was adopted.

RESOLUTION

- Whereas,** the month of February has been declared as Black History Month; and
- Whereas,** for over three hundred years, African Americans, slave and free, have worked, raised their families, lived and dies in every State in New England; and
- Whereas,** African Americans established churches, schools and businesses, gave time and energy to community service, and fought in all of our Nation's wars; and
- Whereas,** information about African Americans in New England grows, it has become clear that no accurate account of the history of the region can be constructed without the recognition of African Americans presence throughout our Nation's history; and
- Whereas,** African Americans help build our railroad with their hands and hearts, building a better America along the way and African Americans have made significant contributions to the physical sciences, life sciences and social sciences in the one hundred forty-three years since they were freed from slavery. Many of these scientists, engineers, medical practitioners and researchers have overcome awesome obstacles. New knowledge, born from their brilliance and perseverance has benefited humankind; and

- Whereas,** Lewis H. Latimer Society continues to play a significant role in presenting Black History and cultural celebrations and programming to the community; and
- Whereas,** the Lewis H. Latimer Society will be presenting Chelsea's celebration of Black History Month activities at the Chelsea Public Library, therefore, be it
- Resolved,** that the Chelsea City Council hereby recognizes February as Black History Month and wish to thank the Lewis H. Latimer Society for their contributions to the City of Chelsea and beyond.

Public Speaking:

The public speaking portion of the meeting opened at 7:09 P.M.

The following came forward to speak:

Mike Sandoval, 86 Grove Street, spoke about the snow removal and the good job the City has done with the removal.

The public speaking portion closed at 7:11 P.M.

The minutes of the City Council dated January 24, 2011 were approved at the request of Councillor MeKonnen under suspension.

Communications from City Manager:

The following communications were read from City Manager Jay Ash. A motion was made from Councillor Hatleberg to act on all four and affirm the appointments by roll call. Councillor MeKonnen recused himself from the roll call due to a possible conflict of interest. The roll call affirmed the four appointments 9-0-1-1. Voting yes were Councilors Vega-Torres, Bongiovanni, Cortell, Washington, Bishop, Hatleberg, Maronski, Barton, and Brown. Councillor Robinson was absent and Councillor MeKonnen was excused and left the meeting while the vote took place.

The Honorable City Council
City Hall
Chelsea, MA. 02150

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen of the Council:

It is a great pleasure for me to recommend John Matosky for your appointment to the Traffic Commission.

John is a practicing attorney and resident of 950 Broadway. In my discussion with John about his potential service to his community, he has appeared to me to be one who is very interested in advancing the cause of Chelsea. I found him to be rational in his thinking, knowledgeable on a wide range of subjects and committed to making a difference. His knowledge of the insurance industry will surely be of help as the Traffic Commission considers its work. Attached for your review is a copy of his resume.

I do believe John Matosky will be a contributing member of the Traffic Commission. I therefore respectfully request your affirmation of his appointment.

Sincerely,
Jay Ash
City Manager

2nd Communication
The Honorable City Council
City Hall
Chelsea, MA 02150

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen of the Council:

It is with great pleasure for me to recommend Joseph Roman of Beacon Street for appointment to the Traffic Commission.

As you know, Joe has been active in neighborhood issues and remains interested in serving the City. He is possessive of excellent educational and professional credentials, and should be a contributing member of the Traffic Commission. Attached is a copy of his resume for your review.

Thank you for considering Joe Roman for this important post. I respectfully request your affirmation of his appointment.

Sincerely,
Jay Ash
City Manager

3rd Communication
The Honorable City Council
City Hall
Chelsea, MA 02150

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen of the Council:

It is with great pleasure for me to recommend Doyle Schroeder of Nichols Street for appointment to the Conservative Commission.

I have known Doyle for a number of years and know him as a dedicated community resident who has great pride in his city. He has been involved in several community activities and is very interested in advancing the cause of his community by serving on the Conservation Commission. He is possessive of excellent educational and professional credentials and should be a contributing member of the Conservation Commission. Attached is a copy of his resume for your review.

Thank you for considering Doyle Schroeder for this appointment post. I am excited about his candidacy and respectfully request your affirmation of his appointment.

Sincerely,
Jay Ash
City Manager

4th Communication
The Honorable City Council
City Hall
Chelsea, MA 02150

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen of the Council:

It is a great pleasure for me to recommend Amdemariam Gebreyesus of Tudor Street for appointment to the Board of Library Trustees.

Mr. Gebreyesus presents himself as an excellent candidate to oversee library affairs. In his native Ethiopia, he was a teacher and a procurement officer. In this country, he advanced his education and received an associates degree in business administration. He has impressed me as being committed to the advancement of education and his community. Attached is his resume for your review.

Thank you for considering Amdemariam Gebreyesus for appointment to the Board of Library Trustees. Should you affirm his nomination, I believe he will serve the board and the City well.

Sincerely,
Jay Ash
City Manager

Communications and petitions to the Council:

A copy of a communication was received from Lt. Brian Capistran, President of Local 937 requesting an Organizational Effectiveness and Efficiency Study regarding the Chelsea Fire Department. A motion from Councillor Hatleberg to accept and file was adopted under suspension.

A copy of a communication was received from the Traffic and Parking Commission regarding the meeting held on January 25, 2011. A motion from Councillor Hatleberg to refer item #2 of the communication to the sub-committee on Conference and approve item #4 by roll call. The roll call passed 9-0-2-0. Voting yes were Councilors Vega-Torres, Bongiovanni, MeKonnen, Washington, Bishop, Hatleberg, Maronski, Barton and Brown. Councilors Robinson and Cortell were absent.

A copy of a communication was received from Neighbors Against Blight (N.A.B.) regarding the January 8, 2011 meeting. A motion from Councillor MeKonnen to accept and file was adopted under suspension. Copies to be sent to the City Manager and concerned Dept. Heads.

A late communication was received from Washington Avenue Gateway Association regarding a position statement pertaining to the Washington Avenue Infrastructure Project. A motion from Councillor Bongiovanni to accept and file was adopted under suspension.

Second Readings:

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

ORDERED, that the sum of \$1,000,000 be appropriated from the Sale of Land/Transfer to Special Revenue Account 307911-592000 to Redevelopment Loans Account 30305-573000 to fund the loan for the Webster Block Development.

New Business:

The following order was introduced by Councillor MeKonnen. A motion from Councillor MeKonnen to amend the order to strike out Director of Inspectional Services and add in its place Director of Public Works was approved under suspension. Councillor Bongiovanni moved to add C.V.S., Parkside Commons was approved under suspension. Councillor Maronski referred the order to the Department of Public Works Sub-Committee under suspension

ORDERED, that the City Manager instruct the Director of Inspectional Services to contact the property owners of the following addresses; 208 Washington Avenue, 292 Spruce Street, 300 Spruce Street, 64 Bloomingdale Street, 164 Bloomingdale Street and 32 Carmel Street and issue the city ordinance violation of Section 6-124 Snow and Ice Removal from sidewalks and footways.

(Amended version)

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The following order was introduced by Councillor Brown. Councillor Brown moved to adopt by roll call. Councillor Cortell objected to the First Reading.

ORDERED, that the City Council invite the Principal of Chelsea High School to submit to the Council for posting on the City's website the names of CHS students who may wish to shovel sidewalks for a fee, with the posting of the names and telephone numbers of interested youth being posted as an informational service for residents in need of such services only, with the City having no oversight responsibility for the performance of services and fees to be received.

A moment of silence was conducted for the passing of John McBride, Larry McNeil, and Antonetta Lea, at the request of Councillor Veaga-Torres, Councillor MeKonnen, and Councillor Brown.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul G. Casino
Clerk of the Chelsea City Council