

Chelsea, Massachusetts, March 28, 2011

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

Memoriums and celebratory resolutions:

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Committee of Chelsea honored the late Dr. King by imparting his accomplishments to the community at a breakfast celebration and;

WHEREAS, at the breakfast celebration, Cheryl Watson, Leo Robinson, and Arnold Cox received the Spirit Award, while Leondra Hawesworth and Terrell James received the Young Adult Dreamers and Achievers Award, and

WHEREAS, these awards reflect the true spirit of achievements by the late Dr Martin Luther King Jr., they also reflect his outreach to all as a spiritual leader, a leader for change for all through non-violent way, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that on behalf of the citizens of Chelsea, we the members of the Chelsea City Council, wish to congratulate Cheryl Watson, Leo Robinson, Arnold Cox, Leondra Hawkesworth and Terell James for having received this award.

Public Speaking:

The public speaking portion of the meeting opened at 7:11 P.M.

The following came forward to speak:

Pastor Sandra Whitley spoke about the resolutions that were presented by the Council to Leo Robinson, Cheryl Watson, Arnold Cox, Leondra Hawkesworth, and Terell James.

The public speaking portion closed at 7:15 P.M.

The minutes of the City Council Meeting dated March 14, 2011 were approved at the request of Councillor Brown under suspension.

Communications from City Manager:

The following communication was read from City Manager Jay Ash. A motion from Councillor Hatleberg to accept and file was adopted under suspension.

Chelsea City Council
City Hall
Chelsea, MA 02150

Dear Honorable Council:

I am quite proud of the work we collectively do! By we, I mean those elected and appointed officials who work long and hard, and in sometimes dangerous situations, to meet the needs of the public. Quite often, I receive thanks from those who receive our services. I am pleased to share with you one such example of that. The work of the individuals and departments mentioned is outstanding and I believe representative of the organization as a whole. Thanks for being a part of all we do together.

Regards,
Jay Ash
City Manager

The following communication was read from City Manager Jay Ash. A motion from Councillor Hatleberg to accept and file was adopted under suspension.

The Honorable City Council
City Hall
Chelsea MA 02150

Dear Honorable City Council:

The City through the Assessors has pending Appellate Tax Board (ATB) litigation regarding the nursing home at 932 Broadway. That will cause the FY11 Assessor Department-Professional Services line of \$25,000 to be fully committed.

In general, the City budget for appraisal/litigation-related ATB services is conservatively estimated for budget purposes, as it is difficult to estimate the progression of ongoing ATB legal cases and any new legal matters that arise during the fiscal year.

Based upon discussions with outside advisors as to the preferred course of action in this case, a preliminary plan has been developed, and the Department seeks to fund Phase I of the plan. I hereby recommend that \$7,700 be appropriated from the Overlay Surplus

Account to the FY11 Assessor Department Professional Services Account #0114151-531100.

Your consideration of this request is appreciated as it will allow the City through the Assessors Department to responsibly defend and protect its best interests.

Sincerely,
Jay Ash
City Manager

Communications and petitions to the Council:

A copy of a communication was received from Neighbors Against Blight Crime , NAB, dated March 12, 2011. A motion from Councillor MeKonnen to accept and file was adopted under suspension.

Committee Reports:

A copy of a Sub-Committee Report dated February 15, 2011 , Housing Incentive Program, was received. A motion from Councillor Robinson to accept and file was adopted under suspension.

A copy of a Sub-Committee Report dated March 14, 2011, Chelsea Fire Department, was received. A motion from Councillor Hatleberg to accept and file was adopted under suspension.

A copy of a Sub-Committee Report dated March 14, 2011, City Manager Jay Ash, was received. A motion from Councillor Robinson to accept and file was adopted under suspension.

New Business:

The following Order was introduced by Councillor MeKonnen. A motion from Councillor MeKonnen to adopt under suspension was adopted.

ORDERED, that the City Manager instruct the Director of Public Works to remove dead trees located in front of 248 Washington Avenue and 1 Parker Street.

The following Order was introduced by Councillor Hatleberg. A motion from Councillor Hatleberg moved the Order to a second reading under suspension.

ORDERED, that the sum of \$7,700 be appropriated from the Fund Balance Reserved for Overlay Surplus Account #01/322000 to Assessors Department Appraisal Account #0114151-531100 to fund Appellate Tax Board litigation.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul G. Casino
Clerk of the Chelsea City Council