

Chelsea, Massachusetts, April 11, 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 were in attendance: Councilors Vega-Torres, Bongiovanni, Cortell, MeKonnen, Washington, Hatleberg, Maronski, Robinson, Barton, and Brown. Councillor Bishop arrived at 7:09 P.M. President of the City Council Councillor Vega-Torres presided over the meeting. The meeting opened at 7:00 P.M.

Public Speaking:

The public speaking portion of the meeting opened at 7:04 P.M.

The following came forward to speak:

Deborah Washington, 855 Broadway, spoke about the Simboli Family College Award Program and offered the information on how to apply.

Rene Mardones, Albano Street, Roslindale, spoke about the upcoming meeting of the T riders about the bus routes 111, 116, and 117 and how we might improve upon them.

The public speaking portion closed at 7:10 P.M.

The minutes of the City Council Meeting dated March 28, 2011 were approved at the request of Councillor Barton 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.

The Honorable City Council
City Hall
Chelsea, MA 02150

Dear City Council:

The Department of Public Works currently utilizes Republic ITS for the operation and maintenance of the city street light system. The current contract has been in place for a little over three years, and provides for two, one-year extensions.

Republic has indicated through its contract and at the current pricing terms for the current year extension (July, 2010 through July 2011) and an additional year, through July 2012.

The dual extension approval would provide the necessary flexibility as DPW seeks to provide a financially advantageous maintenance for each fixture is \$1.15 per month under the contract, for an annual cost of \$23,600 per year (there is additional pricing in the contract, to address emergencies and extra work, but solely at the City's option).

While the original contract term of three years appears to run through March 2011, the DPW recommends that the extension approval reach back to July, 2010, out of an abundance of caution in order to address ambiguous documentation regarding the contract schedule.

With regard to FY'12 the City is considering an LED street light retrofit project, and if this moves forward, the City will go out for bid for the installation and maintenance of this system, which will make the current maintenance contract obsolete.

I have attached an order permitting for two, one-year extensions, for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Jay Ash
City Manager

Communications and petitions to the Council:

A copy of a communication was received from Traffic and Parking Commission regarding actions approved at the March 22, 2011 meeting. A motion from Councillor Hatleberg to separate the two items listed was approved under suspension. Item #2 was then approved under suspension by Councillor Hatleberg and Item #3 Parking Citywide Program was referred to Conference and a Public Hearing under suspension.

Committee Reports:

A copy of the Charter Review Sub-Committee, minutes dated March 22, 2011 were approved at the request of Councillor Hatleberg under suspension.

A copy of the Sub-Committee minutes regarding Community Safety Issues dated March 28, 2011 were approved at the request of Councillor Robinson under suspension.

Second Readings:

The following order was introduced by Councillor Hatleberg and read for the second time. A motion from Councillor Hatleberg to adopt by roll call passed 11-0-0-0. The following Councilors voted yes: Councilors Vega-Torres, Bongiovanni, Cortell, MeKonnen, Washington, Bishop, Hatleberg, Maronski, Robinson, Barton, and Brown.

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

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 Inspectional Services to contact the property owners of 152 Orange Street and 277 Carter Street to remove the graffiti from their buildings.

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

ORDERED, In accordance with M.G.L. c.30B, & 12(b), whereby a contract for supplies or services with a term of more than three years, including the term of any renewal, extension, or option, is permissible only if a longer contract has been authorized by a majority vote of the governing body of the jurisdiction, the Department of Public Works and Procurement Officer seek consideration and action to extend for up two (2) year extension through July 24,2012 the current contract with Republic ITS for Street Light Operations and Maintenance.

The following order was introduced by Councilors Vega-Torres and Robinson. A motion from Councillor Robinson to adopt under suspension was adopted.

ORDERED, that the City Manager instruct the Department of Public Works to clean up the Shawmut Street Cemetery.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul G. Casino
Clerk of the Chelsea City Council