

Chelsea, Massachusetts May 23, 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 members were present: Councilors Vega-Torres, Bongiovanni, Cortell, Washington, Bishop, Hatleberg, Maronski, Robinson, and Barton. Councillor MeKonnen was absent. Councillor Brown arrived at 7:30 P.M. 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 Councillor MeKonnen and all members of the Chelsea City Council. A motion from Councillor Robinson to adopt under suspension was adopted.

### R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Detective Robert Lewin retired from the Chelsea Police Department on March 18, 2011, and

WHEREAS, Detective Robert Lewin was appointed as a Reserve Office on June 9, 1975, a Permanent Policy Officer on March 3, 1980 and was made a Detective on May 21, 1990, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that, we the members of the Chelsea City Council and the Citizens of Chelsea, wish to go on record to express our gratitude to you for your many years of service as a Chelsea Police Officer and wish you many years of good Health on your retirement.

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

### R E S O L U T I O N

Whereas, The Chelsea Senior Center prides itself on providing world class services for the senior community in the City of Chelsea; and

Whereas, The Chelsea Senior Center, referred to by some members as “the Club” provides recreational, social, and health programs to insure Chelsea seniors have superior quality of life and positive outlets in which to engage; and

- Whereas, The Chelsea Senior Center annually seeks members for its Bocce League; and
- Whereas, The Bocce League meets and plays weekly on Tuesday mornings at Voke Park; and
- Whereas, The Bocce League currently has 10 teams with a total of 40 members including Mary Atkins, Anthony Bongiovanni, Richard Casino, Jack Connors, Gerald DeStefano, Edward Diamond, Marie Diamond, Janet DiCalogero, Dorothy DiPesa, Ralph DiPesa, Michael DiSalvo, Antonia Duarte, Agnes Ferrioli, Mabel Folino, Nick Folino, Mary Frangiomone, Grace Giordano, Evelyn Goff, Margaret Gurli, Ken Hyland, Pat Hyland, Laura Kwiatkowski, Chet Lander (referee), Clara Lander, Mary Limberakis, Sal Marchese, Barbara Melvin, Marie Morris, Fran Myers, Jeanette Nemerowski, Melania Pacchielat, Silvano Pacchielat, Gloria Rico, Nancy Ring, John Roberts (referee), William Roberts, Ida Rudolph, Mary Saunier, Sally Sherzi, Evelyn Tyler, Marilyn Wilson and Eugenia Zullo; and
- Whereas, Last week, the Chelsea Bocce League played a Boston-based bocce tournament as part of the Greater Boston Senior Games; and
- Whereas, The Chelsea Bocce League, with determination and teamwork, brought home the gold to Chelsea; and
- Whereas, Team 3, consisting of Mary Limberakis, Anthony Bongiovanni, Jeanette Nemerowski and William Roberts won first place, receiving gold medals and reinstating Chelsea pride; now therefore be it
- Resolved, That the Chelsea City Council and the City of Chelsea congratulate the Chelsea Bocce League and especially Mary Limberakis, Anthony Bongiovanni, Jeanette Nemerowski and William Roberts for winning first place and bringing the gold home to Chelsea.
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The following Resolution was introduced by Councillor Bongiovanni and all members of the Chelsea City Council. A motion from Councillor Bongiovanni to adopt under suspension was adopted.

## RESOLUTION

- Whereas, The Chelsea Soldiers' Home provides services to United States Military Veterans through out-patient care, dormitories and health care and hospitalization services; and
- Whereas, The Chelsea Soldiers' Home provides services and care for more than 500 Veterans per day; and

- Whereas, The employees of the Soldiers' Home are an essential component to the vitality and functionality of the Home and are paramount to ensuring that our country's veterans have the best quality of life possible; and
- Whereas, Stanley Troisi, an employee of the Chelsea Soldiers Home, former City Councilor and lifelong Chelsea resident, worked diligently to improve the environmental impact of the Home by instituted a paper and book recycling program; and
- Whereas, He did so with the Janitorial Staff and numerous other employees who work diligently to make sure the Home offers state of the art services and quality of life benefits; and
- Whereas, Over the past few years, the Chelsea Soldiers Home has recycled hundreds of tons of paper and thereby reduced the carbon footprint of the Home and of Chelsea; and
- Whereas, This year, the Chelsea Soldiers Home was distinguished as a Nationwide 2011 Earth Day Challenge Winner for its commitment to paper recycling and dedication to environmental stewardship; now therefore,
- Be It Resolved, On behalf of the City of Chelsea and the Chelsea City Council, we recognize and applaud Stanley Troisi, the management, the janitorial staff, employees and residents of the Chelsea Soldiers Home for initiated a successful recycling program, for committing to Chelsea's environment and for reducing our community's carbon footprint.

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

### **RESOLUTION**

- Whereas,** the Chelsea Fire Department, under the direction of Steve Denning, Bob Denning, Joe Siewko, Mike Thompson and Chris VonHandorf, will be conducting its Sixth Annual Joe VonHandorf Memorial Golf Tournament on Friday, June 3, 2011 at the Apple Hill Golf Course and,
- Whereas,** this tournament raises money which gives in memory of Joe VonHandorf to graduates of Chelsea High School deserving of

an academic scholarship. In the past five years over \$25,500.00 in scholarships have been awarded and this year over \$30,000.00 by increasing five additional \$1000.00 scholarships, now therefore be it

**Resolved,** that on behalf of the Citizens of Chelsea, we, the members of the Chelsea City Council, wish to go on record to thank the members of this committee, Steve Denning, Bob Denning, Joe Siewko, Mike Thompson and Chris VonHandorf, for their hard work and dedication and for making this the success that it is today.

Public speaking:

The public speaking portion of the meeting opened at 7:18 P.M.

The following came forward to speak:

Paul Abate, 114 Garfield Avenue, spoke about the need to remove the Bus Stop.

Stanley Troisi, 108 Springvale Avenue, thanked the Council for the Resolution presented to him.

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

The City Council minutes dated May 9, 2011 and Special Meeting dated, May 3, 2011, were approved at the request of Councillor Bongiovanni under suspension.

Communications from City Manager:

Honorable Chelsea City Council  
Chelsea City hall  
500 Broadway  
Chelsea, MA 02150

Re: Acceptance of Gifts and Donations

The following communication was read from City Manager Jay Ash. A motion from Councillor Hatleberg to accept and file was adopted under suspension. Councillor Bongiovanni recused herself due to a possible conflict of interest.

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen of the Council:

The Chelsea Senior Center has received an unsolicited grant from the Chelsea Community Fund to have a Senior Center Gardening Project in the amount of \$5,000, \$2,000 of which goes directly to the Senior Center (with the remaining \$3,000 going to the Chelsea Community Gardens, which is not a City entity). The grant is for a project between the Senior Center and Community Gardens to fund a community garden on the roof of the Senior Center. The Chelsea Community Fund is a private entity and therefore all such grants should be accepted as gifts by the City Council.

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws and the City of Chelsea's Ordinances; the City Council must formally accept this gift. This \$2,000 donation offers significant move towards the Senior Center's project of promoting gardening which will be designed for older gardeners and for those without yard space.

I would appreciate it if the Council would take action and approve the acceptance of this gift.

Very truly yours,  
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.  
Honorable City Council Chelsea City hall  
500 Broadway  
Chelsea, MA 02150

Re: CIP Reprogramming Request:  
Fire Engine #3-Mill Hill Station Renovation.

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Council:

In 2009, the Chelsea Fire Department secured a federal grant of \$1,515,020 for the renovation of the Mill Hill Station at 883 Broadway. Chelsea was one of only two Massachusetts Communities to secure an award from the FEMA/Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Firefighters Station Construction Grant program in the 2009 federal funding cycle. Our award is all the more fortunate in that there has been no subsequent funding cycle from this program.

The City's grant proposal included a local match commitment of \$373,755 for a total project cost of \$1,888,775. Additional expenses not covered under the grant/match include Clerk of Works, and most Furniture, Fixture and Equipment for the renovated station.

The scope of work proposed for the Mill Hill Station is the renovation of the 1887 building with improvement to meet contemporary firefighting demands. Improvements include structural upgrades to the 1937 apparatus bay floor to house the heavier modern equipment storage and safety, renovation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor living quarters and expansion of the window replacement and masonry repairs and code complaint improvements including new electrical, plumbing and heating/cooling systems for a climate controlled living environment.

The City has completed the design phase and is currently seeking construction bids. The project is expected to begin in June/July 2011 with completion in March 2012. The Fire Chief reports that vehicles and staff housed at the Mill Hill Station will be as assigned to the existing two fire houses in the City for the duration of the construction phase. This was deemed the best method of providing continued high quality fire service in the City, with modest adjustments to these fire stations.

The CIP Committee seeks your authorization to transfer/appropriate funds from an approved CIP FY'10 project where a fund balance remains following completion of the project, to a newly created CIP project. In this instance, the Fire Department completed the purchase of two new Fire Trucks (an Engine Vehicle and a Tower Vehicle) last year. The Department was successful in obtaining federal funds to pay for the cost of the Tower Vehicle that required a small match, and so funds remain to be programmed to the renovation of the Mill Hill Engine #3 Building.

The Vote to Appropriate to capital projects not named in the CIP requires two readings of the Council.

The Committee requests Council vote to discontinue the FY'Fire Department Apparatus Project and,

The Committee requests Council vote to appropriate the unexpended proceeds of the loan in the amount of \$882,770.81 to pay costs of Renovation and Addition of Chelsea Fire Department-Mill Hill Station Engine #3.

The request to transfer/appropriate the full remainder balance of \$882,770.81 will ensure that sufficient funds are available to undertake and complete the project, and pay for non-eligible expenses under the grant such as Clerk of the Works, and most of the furniture, fixture and equipment. When these actual costs are better known in mid-year of FY'12. I expect to seek your approval for transfer of the remainder balance to other CIP projects.

I respectfully request that the Council take action on these matters.

Sincerely,  
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.

Honorable City Council  
Chelsea City Hall  
500 Broadway  
Chelsea, MA 02150

Re: Transfer from Police Department Salary Expenditure Line to Police Department Operating and Expense Line to cover mainly vehicle gasoline expense.

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Council:

The Police Department has requested a transfer of remainder funds in the amount of \$69,000 from the Regular Salary Expense line to the Operating and Expense line- Gasoline, in order to address a shortfall in funding for the gasoline expense.

The savings in the "Salary Expense" line is due to the three changes in personnel during the year, including the retirement of one officer, the resignation of one officer, and military service leave of one officer.

The gasoline deficit funds are needed to cover actual expenses not anticipated due to the rise in rates.

In total, the Police Department expects that this transfer will meet all of the Police Department obligations for FY'11.

I have drafted a proposed order to make the transfer. I respectfully request that the Council take appropriate action on this matter.

Sincerely,  
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.

Honorable City Council  
Chelsea City hall  
500 Broadway  
Chelsea, MA 02150

Re: Debt Service Reserve Fund  
Vote to Dissolve

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Council:

On October 4, 2010, City Council voted to appropriate excess funds in our Debt Service Reserve Fund for the purpose of paying off the City's 1998 General Obligation School Refunding Bonds and establishing our Annual Operating Stabilization Fund and our Capital School Building Stabilization Fund.

As this Debt Service Reserve Fund was established in 1994 for the sole purpose of servicing the School Construction Bond Debt, a Council Vote is needed to dissolve this Fund.

This action is recommended after consultation with the DOR, and our own City Law Department and Auditing Departments. Supporting documentation is available should you have require any specific information.

I have drafted a proposed order to dissolve the fund. I respectfully request that the Council take appropriate action on this matter.

Thank you,  
Jay Ash  
City Manager

The following communication was received late from the City manager. Councillor Robinson moved to read the late communication under suspension. Councillor Robinson then moved for a roll call to affirm the appointment of Maura Garrity of 12 Admirals Way to the Board of Library Trustees. The roll call passed 9-0-2-0. Voting yes were Councilors Vega-Torres, Bongiovanni, Cortell, Washington, Bishop, Hatleberg, Maronski, Robinson, and Barton. Councilors MeKonnen and Brown were absent.  
The Honorable Chelsea City Council  
500 Broadway  
Chelsea, MA 02150

Dear Honorable Council:

I would like to recommend your confirmation of the appointment of Maura Garrity of 12 Admirals Way to serve on the Board of Library Trustees.

I have come to know and appreciate Maura and her commitment to our community over the last several years. Maura has participated in numerous activities and has impressed me with her interest in the causes that many of us prioritize here in Chelsea. In conversation, I have found her to be well versed in a variety of topics, balanced in her opinions and eager to be of help to any and all. She values education and believes a strong public library is a great community asset.

I am excited that Maura is available to serve on the Board of Library Trustees. I hope you will confirm her for membership.

Very truly yours,



Jay Ash  
City Manager

Communications and petitions to the Council:

A copy of a communication was received from Deborah A. Clayman, City Clerk addressed to Marilyn Vega-Torres pertaining to the resignation of Mr. Caufield from the School Committee. A motion from Councillor Hatleberg to adopt the process to fill the vacancy on the School Committee and accept and file the communication, was adopted under suspension.

Committee Reports:

A copy of the Sub-Committee Report on the Capital Improvement Plan dated May 9, 2011 was approved at the request of Councillor Bongiovanni 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 10-0-1-0. Voting yes were Councilors Vega-Torres, Bongiovanni, Cortell, Washington, Bishop, Hatleberg, Maronski, Robinson, Barton, and Brown. Councillor McKonnen was absent.

ORDERED, that the Chelsea City Council authorize the transfer of \$1,398.40 from the Library-Other Professional Services Account #0161052-531900 to Library Capital Outlay-Computer Equipment Account #0161058-586000.

New Business:

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

ORDERED, that the Chelsea City Council hereby dissolves the Debt Service Reserve Fund #9995, which had been established in 1994 for the purpose of funding Debt Service for the City's General Obligation School refunding Bonds.

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

ORDERED, that the Chelsea City Council authorize the transfer of \$69,000.00 from the Police-Regular Salaries Account #0121051-510200 to the Police Operating and Expense-Gasoline Account #0121052-545100.

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

AN ORDER TO ABANDON/DISCONTINUE THE PROJECT AND APPROPRIATING THE PROCEEDS OF A BORROWING THAT ARE NO LONGER

NEEDED TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT FOR WHICH THEY WERE  
ORIGINALLY BORROWED, TO PAY COSTS OF AN ALTERNATIVE  
CAPITAL PROJECT, AS AUTHORIZED BY CHAPTER 44, SECTION 20 OF THE  
GENERAL LAWS.

Ordered, That in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, the sum of \$882,770.81 representing the unexpended portion of the \$1,300,000 borrowed under the Fiscal Year 2010 Capital Improvement Plan for the purpose of Fire Department Apparatus-Acquisition of Fire Fighting Vehicles-Account 55301010, but which is no longer needed to complete that project, is hereby abandoned/discontinued and funds appropriated in the amount of \$882,770.81 to pay costs of Renovation and Addition of Chelsea Fire Department-Mill Hill Station Engine #3.

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

ORDERED, that a Sub-Committee Meeting on Conference be held to discuss the role of the City Council Administrative Assistant.

The following order was introduced by Councillor Bongiovanni. A motion from Councillor Bongiovanni to adopt by roll call passed 8-2-1-0. Voting yes were Councilors Vega-Torres, Bongiovanni, Cortell, Washington, Bishop, Hatleberg, Robinson, and Brown. Voting no were Councilors Maronski and Barton. Councillor McKonnen was absent.

Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council adopt new state ward and precinct lines and maps, and new city district lines as depicted in Version 5 of the City voting precinct maps.

The following order was introduced by Councillor Vega-Torres and received late. A motion from Councillor Robinson to accept the late order, was accepted under suspension. A motion from Councillor Robinson to adopt the order by roll call passed 9-0-1-1. Voting yes were Councilors Vega-Torres, Cortell, Washington, Bishop, Hatleberg, Maronski, Robinson, Barton, and Brown. Councillor McKonnen was absent and Councillor Bongiovanni recused herself from the vote.

Be it ORDERED by the City Council of the City of Chelsea, as follows:

Pursuant to Section 3-5 of the City of Chelsea Ordinances, and pursuant to Chapter 44 & 53A of the Massachusetts General Laws, the City Council hereby accepts a gift from the Chelsea Community Fund to the Senior Center for their Gardening Project in the amount of \$2,000.00.

The following order was introduced by Councillor Bishop and received late. A motion from Councillor Hatleberg to accept the late communication was accepted under suspension. A motion from Councillor Bishop to adopt by roll call passed 8-2-1-0. Voting yes were Councilors Vega-Torres, Cortell, Bishop, Hatleberg, Maronski,

Robinson, Barton, and Brown. Voting no were Councilors Bongiovanni and Washington. Councillor MeKonnen was absent.

ORDERED, that whereas the MBTA intends to eliminate a stop along the 111 Route on Garfield Ave, the Chelsea City Council requests that the stop, Garfield Ave at Exeter St. stop ID #5591, be eliminated in place of stop Garfield Ave Opposite Clyde St, stop ID #5592.

A moment of silence was conducted for Rose Marie McHatton, Pauline Russell, and Wilfredo Pena, 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