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CITY OF CHELSEA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2020
7:00PM
ZOOM ELECTRONIC PUBLIC MEETING

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John P. Hanifan

CITY CLERK
Laura Kaiser

DEPUTY CLERK
Karon Barbour

Call to Order

Present: Mayor Johnson, Council Members Albertson, Feeney, Iannelli, Pacheco, Wiseley, City Manager Hanifan, Clerk Kaiser

Absent:

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Roll Call was taken.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States

Approval of Consent Agenda

1. Meeting minutes of the August 17, 2020 regular meeting
2. Approval of Bills

MOVED Albertson SECONDED Wiseley to approve the consent agenda with one correction to the minutes; replace identity with identify on page 3, agenda item #4. Roll Call Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Approval of Regular Agenda

MOVED Iannelli SECONDED Feeney to approve the regular agenda. Roll Call Vote. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comments - none

Presentation

1. Chelsea Senior Center – Gary Munce, Board of Director's President and Bill O'Reilly, Executive Director presented the 2019 Chelsea Senior Center Annual Report and thanked City Council for their support.

Public Hearing - none

Council Business

1. Council Vacancy Appointment

(submitted by Mayor Johnson)

Council voted to adopt the STAR method for filling the current council vacancy seat. In STAR voting, the preferred candidate is determined in two steps. First council members rank candidates from 0-5. Council members can award the same score to multiple candidates. The scores for all candidates are tallied. The second step consists of an automatic runoff between the two highest scoring candidates.

In the runoff, each council member's vote is assigned to whichever of the two finishers the council member scored the highest. In the event that there is not a majority winner (per City Charter Sec. 5.10, the vacancy must be filled by majority vote) after the

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automatic runoff, Council will proceed to a second ballot, with council members voting for one of the two runoff candidates.

The results of the voting and Council Member ballots are below. Fran Brennan and Jennifer Kwas received the top two scores from the ballots. Jennifer Kwas received the top score after the automatic runoff.

Jennifer Kwas was sworn in as the new City Council Member.

9/8/2020 Star voting ballot results										
	Brayton	Brennan	Happy	Janz	Klink	Kwas	Peiter	Pfeiffer	White	
Mayor Johnson	5	4	1	1	1	4	1	1	4	
Cheri Albertson	1	4	1	4	1	5	0	2	4	
Peter Feeney	5	3	2	4	2	4	2	3	4	
Charles Wiseley	3	4	5	5	3	3	3	4	5	
Tony Iannelli	4	5	5	0	0	5	5	0	0	
Jane Pacheco	5	5	5	0	0	5	5	0	0	
	23	25	19	14	7	26	16	10	17	

9/8/2020 Automatic runoff results										
	Brayton	Brennan	Happy	Janz	Klink	Kwas	Peiter	Pfeiffer	White	
Mayor Johnson	5		1	1	1		1	1	4	
Cheri Albertson	1		1	4	1	5	0	2	4	
Peter Feeney	5		2	4	2	4	2	3	4	
Charles Wiseley	3	4	5	5	3		3	4	5	
Tony Iannelli	4		5	0	0		5	0	0	
Jane Pacheco	5		5	0	0		5	0	0	
	23	4	19	14	7	9	16	10	17	

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	0	1	2	3	4	5
Brayton				X	X	
Brennan					X	
Happy						X
Janz						X
Klink				X		
Kwas				X		
Peiter				X		
Pfeiffer					X	
White						X

Council Member Charles Wiseley

	0	1	2	3	4	5
Brayton						•
Brennan				•		
Happy			•			
Janz					•	
Klink			•			
Kwas					•	
Peiter			•			
Pfeiffer				•		
White					•	

Council Member PETER FEENEY

	0	1	2	3	4	5
Brayton					✓	
Brennan						✓
Happy						✓
Janz	✓					
Klink	✓					
Kwas						✓
Peiter						✓
Pfeiffer	✓					
White	✓					

Council Member TANNELLI

	0	1	2	3	4	5
Brayton						✓
Brennan					✓	
Happy		✓				
Janz		✓				
Klink		✓				
Kwas					✓	
Peiter		✓				
Pfeiffer		✓				
White					✓	

Council Member Melissa Johnson

	0	1	2	3	4	5
Brayton						5
Brennan						5
Happy						5
Janz						0
Klink						0
Kwas						5
Peiter						5
Pfeiffer						0
White						0

	0	1	2	3	4	5
Brayton		X				
Brennan					X	
Happy		X				
Janz					X	
Klink		X				
Kwas						X
Peiter	X					
Pfeiffer			X			
White					X	X

Council Member Melissa Johnson

Council Member Jane Pacheco

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2. Proclamation Request – Constitution Week

(submitted by Mayor Johnson)

In accordance to the City's Proclamation Policy (adopted August 20, 2018), proclamation requests must be approved by City Council.

On behalf of the Sarah Caswell Angell Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution, Regina Hageman and Patsy Kemmer have requested a proclamation commemorating Constitution Week, September 17-23, 2020. Their request is attached. Council is asked to review / approve the attached proclamation.

MOVED Feeney SECONDED Albertson to approve the proclamation to recognize September 17th – 23rd, 2020 as Constitution Week. Roll Call Vote. 5 Ayes, 1 Nay (Albertson). Motion Carried.

3. Proclamation Request – Eagle Scout Isaac Stoker

(submitted by Mayor Johnson)

In accordance to the City's Proclamation Policy (adopted August 20, 2018), proclamation requests must be approved by City Council.

The attached proclamation recognizes Isaac Stoker who has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. Council is asked to review and approve the proclamation. If approved, the proclamation will be presented at the September 21, 2020 meeting.

MOVED Albertson SECONDED Pacheco to approve the proclamation to recognize Isaac Stoker's achievement of the rank of Eagle Scout. Roll Call Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

4. Resolution of Support – Connecting Communities Grant

(submitted by City Manager Hanifan)

As part of the Letts Creek Linear Park Project, staff is requesting City Council adopt a Resolution of Support for the submission of a Connecting Communities Grant.

From the application:

"Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission (WCPARC) wants to help communities expand the trail network in the County by renewal of the Connecting Communities program...The new Connecting Communities program will provide \$600,000 per year for trail construction over the next four years (2020-2023). In addition, up to \$100,000 will be made available for trail planning/design/engineering studies."

The submission is for grant funds for the proposed segment of the Letts Creek Linear Park that connects Weber Fields with Timbertown; the proposed Border to Border (B2B) north/south segment and the future Westchester Farms connection.

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The WCPARC is currently is currently designing the B2B section from the Roundabout on M-52 to Sibley Rd.

MOVED Albertson SECONDED Iannelli to adopt the Resolution of Support for the Submission of a Connecting Communities Grant. Roll Call Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

5. Purchase of 400 N. Freer Road

(submitted by City Manager Hanifan)

On November 4, 2019, City Council approved an option agreement for 400 N. Freer Road (Agenda Item attached). The Due Diligence period was completed, including Phase 1 and 2 Environmental Assessment.

At this point, Council may make a Motion to:

- 1) Execute Purchase and Set Closing Date
- 2) Decline to Purchase
- 3) Request an Extension

Should Council choose to execute the Purchase and Set Closing, staff recommends payment of \$250,000 from General Fund, with the balance (\$200,000) to be paid through installment purchase/annual payments not to exceed 7 years.

MOVED Albertson SECONDED Iannelli to execute purchase and set closing date. Roll Call Vote. 5 Ayes, 1 Nay (Wiseley). Motion Carried.

Staff Reports

- City Manager Hanifan thanked all of the participants who attended (via Zoom) the 2nd Listening Session on September 3rd. The next DDA meeting is September 17th at 7:30am via zoom. Mr. Hanifan provided an update on the Chelsea POP demonstration project. Information is available on the city website. Feel free to contact the City or visit the online tool to provide comments and feedback.

Council Reports

- Council Member Wiseley attended the Human Rights Commission meeting, two Zoning Board meetings and listened to the DDA meeting.
- Council Member Iannelli reported on the August 27th WWRA meeting. The budget is finalized and they anticipate the delivery of the robotic arm truck around October 2021. At that time, items will need to be placed in the cart in order to be picked up. Residents without carts (wheeled bins) can reach out to WWRA or Mr. Iannelli to request one. Mr.

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Iannelli reported on the September 2nd Human Rights Commission meeting. They are working on recommendations for online training classes relating to racism, bullying and general community climate. They intend to bring recommendations and cost estimates to Council in October.

- Council Member Albertson reported on the August 19th Zoning Board Appeals meeting. The first two items on the agenda regarding a planter box and a sign variance were approved. The third item relating to a noise issue in the Industrial Park was moved to a special meeting of the ZBA. This item has been passed on to the Planning Commission for review.
- Council Member Pacheco attended the August 24th Special Council Meeting where the 9 candidates for the City Council vacancy were interviewed. Ms. Pacheco appreciated all of the participants at the 2nd Listening Session on September 3rd. There were over 80 participants and the session lasted 4 hours. Ms. Pacheco reported on the August 27th Transportation Working Group meeting. They discussed updates of construction projects and the POP project. CAPT/DART has not yet set their next meeting date.
- Council Member Feeney thanked all of the City Council vacancy applicants as well as all of the participants from the 2nd Listening Session for their participation in the community. WAVE hired a new Executive Director. Mr. Feeney attended the Bias training hosted by CAFA. He said the training was both fruitful and educational.
- Mayor Johnson thanked Council for their time and effort of attending all of the recent 'extra' meetings. Mayor Johnson reported on the August 27th Transportation meeting. The goal of the Chelsea POP pilot program is to improve safety, walkability and rideability around town in an economic way. Any feedback regarding this program is welcomed at the City office and by City Council. Mayor Johnson encouraged residents to look at the newly installed pedestrian crossings on Wilkinson St. The intention of the crossings is to slow vehicle traffic. The Parks Commission met on September 1st where they have a Master Plan draft and will be seeking public input. The Pierce Park plan implementation will be in phases. New pathways have already been installed. A second gazebo and landscaping are also planned. COVID has had an impact on scheduling.

Mayor Johnson, City Manager Hanifan and a Washtenaw County representative will meet on September 9th to discuss court security concerns. On September 11th, Mayor Johnson will attend the Michigan Municipal League's Liability & Property Pool Board of Director's remote meeting.

Mayor Johnson spoke about traffic concerns. Please follow the law and obey speed limits, stop signs and use turn signals.

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Adjournment

MOVED Feeney SECONDED Iannelli to adjourn at 8:40 pm. Roll Call Vote. All Ayes.
Motion Carried.

Approved:

Melissa A. Johnson, Mayor

Laura Kaiser, City Clerk