

**City Councillor  
Joseph A. DelGrosso  
City Council Chamber  
Journal  
January 25, 2010**

Regular meeting of the Revere City Council was called to order at 4:00 P.M.

President Zambuto presiding.

1. Salute to the Flag by the members of the Revere City Council and those in attendance.

2. Roll Call: Councillors Colella, Guinasso, Haas, Kimmerle, Novoselsky, Patch, Powers, Reardon, Rizzo, Rotondo and Zambuto present.

3. The Journals of the meeting held on January 4, and January 11, 2010 were declared approved as presented.

10-5 4. Pursuant to Council Order #10-5, a Certificate of Commendation will be awarded to Angel Hiduchick in recognition of his quick thinking and selfless actions in rescuing a family from a burning home on American Legion Highway, Revere.

Ordered received and a filed.

Public Hearings

C-10-01/10-28 5. Hearing called, as ordered, upon the application of Kevin and Paula Kefalas requesting a special permit for a fast food take out restaurant on Lot 18 at 420 Broadway, in an existing structure formerly used as a taxi stand, adjacent to the Central Fire Station.

Proponents

Paula Kefalas

Opponents

None

Hearing held, subject matter referred to Committee.

Committee Reports

10-38 6. Re: Appointment of City Clerk

The Appointment committee recommended at this time that the City Council move to elect a City Clerk for the City of Revere.

**Ballot No. 1**

Councillor Colella voting for Ashley Melnik, Councillor Guinasso voting for Ashley Melnik, Councillor Haas voting for Ashley Melnik, Councillor Kimmerle absent, Councillor Novoselsky voting for Ashley Melnik, Councillor Patch voting for Ashley Melnik, Councillor Powers voting for Ashley Melnik, Councillor Reardon voting for Ashley Melnik, Councillor Rizzo voting for Ashley Melnik, Councillor Rotondo voting for Ashley Melnik, Councillor Zambuto voting for Ashley Melnik.

Result of vote taken: 10 votes for Ashley Melnik

**Certification**

Ordered: In accordance with the provisions of Section 18 of Chapter 43 of the Massachusetts General Laws, I hereby certify that Ashley Melnik, has been elected as City Clerk of the City of Revere for a term of three years commencing on January 25, 2010 and ending on January 25, 2013.

Attest:

John J. Henry  
City Clerk

Oath of Office was administered to City Clerk Elect Ashley Melnik by Temporary City Clerk John Henry.

**Communications**

**09-562**

**7. Communication from the Mayor:**

**Council Order No. 09-362**

In response to Council Order No. 09-562, I have attached copies of the written policies that I have been able to identify that are in effect within the DPW and the Fire Department. The written policies for the Police Department are not public documents but are available for review by the City Council at the Office of the Police Chief.

A copy of report is available and on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

Ordered received and placed on file.

**10-41**

**8. Comm. from the Retirement Administrator:**

In accordance with GL Chapter 32, s 103 © the Revere Retirement Board is hereby providing the Revere City Council notice that on February 10, 2010, the Board will be considering granting a cost of living adjustment to retirees to become effective July 1, 2010. In accordance with s. 103, the cost of

living adjustment may not exceed 3% of the first \$12,000 in benefits or a maximum of \$30.00 per month. This retirement system's funding schedule and therefore acceptance will not increase the city's expected required appropriation for FY 11. If you have any questions or need any further information, please feel free to call me.

Ordered received and placed on file.

10-42      9.      Comm. from William Welch, Clerk of the Senate:

Attached hereto is a precept issued by the President of the Massachusetts State Senate, on order of the Senate calling for a special election to be held on Tuesday May 11, 2010 to fill an existing vacancy in the Middlesex Suffolk and Essex District caused by the resignation of the Senator Anthony D. Galluccio.

\*A copy of the attachment has been received and made part of the official documents of the Revere City Council.

10-43      10.      Comm. from the Mayor

Re: Appointments

I am writing to request that the City Council consider the following appointments to various Boards and Commissions:

1.      For re-appointment to the Conservation Commission, Mr. Paul Mazzone, for a new three year term expiring on October 30, 2012.
2.      For a new appointment to the Conservation Commission, Mr. Corey Abrams, 153 Winthrop Parkway, Revere, for a three year term expiring on October 30, 2012.
3.      For re-appointment to the Board of Assessors, Mr. John Verrengia, for a new three year term expiring on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of February, 2013.
4.      For re-appointment to the Commission on Disability, Ms. Rhena Shalachman, for a new three year term expiring on December 1, 2012.
5.      For re-appointment to a Republican seat on the Election Commission, Mr. Richard Sorrentino, for a new four year term expiring on April 1, 2014.
6.      For re-appointment to the Board of Health, Dr. Eric Weil, for a new three year term expiring on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of February, 2013.
7.      For re-appointment to the Revere Housing Authority, Mr. Domenic Bocchino, for a new five year term expiring on February 19, 2015.

8. For re-appointment to the Planning Board, Mr. Alexander Drinkwater and Mr. Henry Tufo, for three year terms expiring on January 6, 2013.
9. For re-appointment to the Revere Public Library Board of Trustees, the following individuals: for the Friends of the Library, Ms. Jane Rizzo and Ms. Darlene Cammarata, for one-year terms expiring on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in February, 2011; and Ms. Malvina Cafarelli and Ms. Amy Chamberlin, for re-appointment to three year terms expiring on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of February, 2013.
10. For re-appointment to the Revere Cultural Council, the following individuals: Rose Napolitano, Annette Bornstein, Assunta Esposito, Diane LeClair, Bebe Wunderlich, Thomas Haney and Ann Fedele, for three year terms expiring on March 1, 2013.
11. For re-appointment to the Revere Residents Monitoring Committee for a two year term expiring on April 12, 2012: Mr. Anthony Perrone and Mr. Richard Pedi. *Please note that the City Council must also make two 2 year appointments.*

Ordered referred to the Appointment sub-committee.

10-22

11. Comm. from John Correggio:

Recently Governor Deval Patrick announced the reinstatement approximately seven hundred and fifty \$750.00 thousand dollars in state funding to allow the continued operation of both the Chelsea Soldiers Home Clinic and Pharmacy.

The clinic and the pharmacy which has been in existence for over fifty (50) years, provide services to approximately four hundred and fifty (450) veterans residing at the Chelsea Soldiers Home, as well as providing outpatient veteran services to those in the Chelsea Revere area.

The reinstatement of these state funds will ensure that our veterans will continue to get the medical treatment they need and deserve, wherein the fifteen (15) employees who are critical to the provision of those medical services may now continue to work on behalf of the veterans.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Revere City Council for their genuine support of the motion which I filed, and was joined by the Council as whole, which requested the Governor Patrick to reconsider such drastic cuts given the burden it would place on our veterans, especially those who are elderly and handicapped.

Ordered on a Motion presented by Councillor Zambuto:  
That the Mayor send a letter to Governor Deval Patrick and our State Legislative Delegation expressing the gratitude of the Revere City Council for restoring the funding to the outpatient clinic at the Chelsea Soldiers' Home.

10-50

12. Comm. from the Mayor:

**State of the City**

**I respectfully request the opportunity to appear before the City Council on Monday February 8, 2010, at 4:00 P.M., for a relatively modest discussion on the State of the City.**

**Ordered received and filed.**

**Motions**

**10-9 13. Ordered on a Motion presented by Councillor Rotondo: That the Mayor request the Superintendent of Public Schools and Treasurer to appear before the City Council to discuss the feasibility of constructing a new McKinley School.**

**10-20 14. Motion presented by Councillor Guinasso: That a public hearing be held to amend the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere relative to making it illegal to type, text message, or read from a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle in the City of Revere. Violators will be subject to a \$100 fine. This will not affect State or Federal roads within the City.**

**Ordered referred to the Public Safety Committee.**

**10-21 15. Motion presented by Councillor Rotondo: That Action Towing be suspended and discharged from providing services to the City of Revere due to an ongoing criminal investigation of its owner Michael Zaccaria, also known as, Michael Lardiero. Further, that Action Dismantling be removed as a vendor as the company is dissolved.**

**Motion was ruled out of order at this time.**

**10-024 16. Ordered on a Motion presented by Councillor Guinasso: That the Mayor request a representative from NationalGrid to appear before the City Council to provide an update on the gas lines on Revere Street as there have been several gas leaks within the past couple of weeks. If new gas lines will be required, I ask that the lines be repaired prior to the repaving of Revere Street which is scheduled for the fall of 2010 which coincides with the completion of the Paul Revere School. This is an urgent public safety request.**

**10-025 17. Motion presented by Councillor Guinasso and Reardon: That the Mayor request the Traffic Commission to look into the feasibility of installing a left green arrow on the traffic lights at the intersection of Broadway and Central Avenue in the interest of public safety.**

**Ordered referred to Public Safety Committee.**

**10-026 18. Ordered on a Motion presented by Councillor Guinasso: That a Certificate of Appreciation be given to Rose and Lawrence Primatello in recognition of their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary which was celebrated on September 10, 2009. This wonderful couple raised five**

beautiful children and are the loving grandparents of many grandchildren. In their spare time they are involved with many civic activities.

**10-27**            19.    Ordered on a Motion presented by Councillors Rizzo and Kimmerle: That the Mayor request the United States Postal Service to place a mail drop box at 77 Bennington Street for the convenience of residents living in the condominium complex, particularly for those who are elderly and disabled.

**10-27 A**            20.    Motion presented by Councillor Powers: That the Department of Public Works erect a memorial sign in memory of John F. Toomey, a World War II Veteran and a resident of Riverside for over 71 years. Further, that the sign be located on Mills Avenue at the end of Gilbert Avenue. Further that a copy of this motion be referred to the Veterans Affairs Agent.

**10-28**            21.    Motion presented by Councillor Powers: That the Mayor be requested to direct the City of Revere Board of Assessors to appear before the City Council on February 8, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. in the Joseph A. DelGrosso City Council Chamber and present to the City Council the methodology and comparable sales data used to establish the new values for the condominiums located on Revere Beach Boulevard, townhouse and duplexes throughout the City as well as Roseland properties, and 250 Broadway, Revere.

Referred to the Zoning Subcommittee.

**10-29**            22.    Ordered on a Motion presented by Councillor Rizzo: That the Mayor request NationalGrid to update the City Council with their plans to develop certain parts of Railroad Avenue with a Solar Power facility.

**10-30**            23.    Ordered on a Motion presented by Councillor Rizzo as amended by Councillor Novoselsky: That the City Clerk schedule four (4) consecutive one (1) hour Economic Development Committee meetings with all developers with pending and approved permits for development granted by the Revere City Council as well as other stakeholders within the community including, but not limited to; Joseph DeGangi, Eurovest Development Co., Chip Tuttle, COO Sterling Racetrack Properties, Richard Dalton, President, Wonderland Greyhound Park, Richard Clayman, Jay Epsimos, and Louis Padova. Also, to be invited are any other principles, applicants and Counsel involved in prior approved special permits granted by the Revere City Council that as of yet have not pulled construction building permits. With dire predictions of further cuts in local aid, the purpose of these meetings are to update the City Council as well as the general public as to progress being made and what taxpayers can expect with regards to new growth and meaningful tax revenue that will help offset rising expenses and further tax increases.

Further, that the Ocean Club owners, the City Planner, Frank Stringi and Paul Rupp be included to appear before the sub-committee.

**10-31**            24.    Ordered on a Motion presented by Councillors Rizzo and Patch: That the Mayor request the Director of Inspectional Services to

contact the owner of the property located on Sargent Street between Sweeney Avenue and Case Drive and inform them under the auspices of our Building Code and Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere which would require the lots to be cleaned and the graffiti eliminated from the buildings at this location.

**10-32**                    25.    Ordered on a Motion presented by Councillor Haas: That the Mayor request the Department of Public Works to install sand barrels at the top of each street intersecting Fenley Street.

**10-33**                    26.    Motion presented by Councillor Haas: That the Mayor request Chip Tuttle, COO of Suffolk Downs, to appear before the Revere City Council to discuss casino gambling and/or slot machine development at Suffolk Downs.

                                  Ordered referred to the Economic Development Committee and that Mr. Louis Ciarlone be notified to appear before the committee to offer any input he might have regarding same.

**10-34**                    27.    Ordered on a Motion presented by Councillor Colella: That the Mayor be requested to meet with the City Council to discuss the disseminator of public information relative to the Citywide recycling program.

**10-34A**                27A. Ordered on a Motion of Councillor Rotondo: That the Mayor ensure all e-mails by City employees are saved to comply with State and Federal laws. Further, that the Mayor or MIS director be requested to provide the City Council with information as to how the City Council can comply with State records laws of maintaining electronic record.

**10-35**                    28.    Ordered on a Motion of Councillor Rotondo: That the Clerk of the City Council request a copy of each televised meeting of the Revere City Council and subcommittees to maintain a record of the Council minutes accurately. Further, that an additional copy of each council meeting be kept at the Revere Public Library in an effort to increase transparency and allow those in the city who do not have access to channels 8 or 9 on cable television.

**10-36**                    29.    Ordered on a Motion of Councillor Rotondo: That the Mayor and Treasurer provide the Revere City Council with an update on an analysis conducted for bond refinancing.

                                  Motion was withdrawn at this time until next meeting.

**10-37**                    30.    Motion offered by Councillor Guinasso: That the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere be amended as follows: Health Club- A Commercial business establishment that provides facilities for individual physical health activities, including, but not limited to the use of exercise equipment, including free weights, exercise machines, treadmills, stationary bicycles, and other aerobic equipment, yoga classes, aerobic exercise classes, running and jogging, saunas, steam rooms, showers and lockers. Such establishments are considered commercial establishments operating as a business whether open to members and their guests on a

membership basis only or open to the public at large paying a daily admission fee. Yes Matter of Right: PDD1 PDD2 HB, TED, and IP SP Special Permit: GB and CB. No Not Allowed: all RA RB RC NB and LI

Ordered referred to a public hearing.

**10-44 31. Communication from Representative Reinstein:**

Dear Colleagues, I would like to draw your attention to an item that may interest you. In 2009, the Massachusetts Legislature passed comprehensive ethics reform. Chapter 26, Section 55 of the Ma. General Laws, states the following:

Section 55 Said section 26 of said Chapter 55 as so appearing is hereby further amended by adding the following sentence: Within 30 days after the filing deadline, all campaign finance reports required to be filed with the city or town clerk under section 18 shall be made available for viewing on the internet website of the municipality if such municipality has such a website, if the report discloses that a candidate or committee filing a report has received contributions or made expenditures in excess of \$1,000.00 during a reporting period or incurred liabilities or acquired or disposed of assets in excess of \$1,000.00 during a reporting period

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any additional questions or concerns I look forward to working with all of you in the future.

Ordered received and placed on file.

**10-21A 32. Motion presented by Councillor Rotondo: That the Council request the Mayor to suspend action emergency services, for overcharging clients and employee behavior.**

Motion presented by Councillor Rotondo was declared Lost on a roll call: Councillors Rotondo voting "yes." Councillors Colella, Guinasso, Haas, Novoselsky, Patch, Powers, Reardon, Rizzo and Zambuto voting "No." Councillor Kimmerle absent.

Ordered on a Motion of Councillor Haas: That the City Council now stand adjourned to meet on Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 4:00 P.M.

Ordered adjourned at 6:00 PM

Attest:

City Clerk

\*\*\*Approved at the meeting of February 8, 2010\*\*\*