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District 6

OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

February 23, 2010

MINUTES

A meeting of the Town Council was held in the Horace T. Cahill Auditorium, Braintree Town Hall, on Tuesday, February 23, 2010 beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Council President Ryan was in the chair.

Clerk of the Council, James Casey, conducted the roll call.

Present: Charles B. Ryan, President
Charles Kokoros, Vice President
Leland A. Dingee
Sean E. Powers
John C. Mullaney
Thomas Bowes
Henry N. Joyce
Ronald DeNapoli
Paul Dan Clifford

Others: Eric Kinsherf, Town Auditor
Daryn Brown, Director of Golf Operations
Joseph Powers, Town Clerk

The meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance and there was a moment of silence for all those serving in our armed services, past and present.

CORRESPONDENCE

- **10 023 Golf:** Authorization for five-year lease

Councilor Kokoros read into the records an email dated February 23, 2010 from Carolyn Murray, Town Solicitor, to Jim Casey, Clerk of the Council, regarding the above order. Ms. Murray noted that Section 2-9(b) of the Charter allows the Town Council to pass any measure at any single meeting, if no member objects.

Motion: by Councilor Joyce to invoke Section 2-9(b) to take same night action

Second: by Councilor Kokoros

Vote: For (8), Against (1-Mullaney)

With one member objecting motion does not carry.

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros to table to March 2nd

Second: by Councilor Bowes

Vote: For (8), Against (1-Joyce)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **008 10 Councilor Kokoros:** Prayers for Charlotte
- **009 10 Councilor Powers:** Thayer Public Library
- **010 10 Councilor Joyce:** Recreation Department – Upcoming Events
 - Councilor DeNapoli:** Planning Board Hearing on Union Station
 - Councilor Clifford:** Recreation Committee Meeting on Playground/Dog Park Rescheduled to March 18th at 85 Quincy Avenue

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- January 20, 2010

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to approve

Second: by Councilor Kokoros

Vote: Unanimous

- February 2, 2010

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to approve

Second: by Councilor Kokoros

Vote: Unanimous

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COUNCIL RESPONSE

None

OLD BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING

Committee on Ways & Means

- **10 013** Mayor: Appropriation - Braintree Library Staff Association Collective Bargaining Agreement

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros to open Public Hearing

Second: by Councilor Bowes

Vote: Unanimous

Councilor Mullaney reported that the Committee on Ways & Means recommend Order # 10 013 be tabled.

Eric Kinsherf, Town Auditor, explained that the motion is asking for an appropriation of \$6,100 however the source of the funding is absence. Prior to the meeting he spoke with the Finance Director, Edward Spellman, and the Chief of Staff, Peter Morin, regarding the funding source and each stated that no new funds for the current fiscal year were needed. Mr. Kinsherf then explained that he did not believe the Council would need to vote on the Collective Bargaining Agreement if funds were not requested. He requested that it be tabled until he could speak with the Town Solicitor.

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros to Table Public Hearing to March 2nd

Second: by Councilor Bowes

Vote: Unanimous

- **10 014** Mayor: Appropriation - Community Preservation Committee

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros to open Public Hearing

Second: by Councilor Bowes

Vote: Unanimous

Councilor Mullaney reported that the Committee on Ways & Means recommended favorable action. He then read into the records the January 27, 2010 memo from Mayor Sullivan on the merits of the request.

Council President Ryan asked if any members of the Council or Public would like to comment. No one came forward.

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros to close Public Hearing

Second: by Councilor Bowes

Vote: Unanimous

Councilor Kokoros read the motion as printed in the January 27, 2010 memo from Mayor Sullivan.

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros to approve as read

Second: by Councilor DeNapoli

Vote: Unanimous

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR AND TOWN BOARDS

- **002 10 Town Auditor:** Monthly Update

Eric Kinsherf provided an update on the following issues:

1. The financial impact of Town Auditor findings and recommendations
2. The billing, collection, and reconciliation of payments made for Town provided Health Insurance benefits.
3. Building permit issuance and collection process
4. Water/Sewer rate study
5. Update on the status of the outside audit
6. FY2010 budget and revenue update
7. Governor's local aid proposal for the FY2011 budget

Councilor Kokoros left the Chambers at 8:00pm and returned at 8:09pm
Councilor Powers left the Chambers at 8:12pm and returned at 8:15pm

- **011 10 Town Clerk:** 2010 Annual Town Census/Federal Census

Joseph Powers, Town Clerk, updated the Council on the annual Town Census, Federal Census and the American Community Survey.

NEW BUSINESS

REFER TO COMMITTEE

Committee on Ways & Means

- **10 015 Town Council:** FY2009 Unpaid Bill
- **10 017 Mayor:** Appropriations – Water & Sewer FY2010
- **10 021 Mayor:** Appointment – Conservation Commission
- **10 022 Mayor:** Appointment – Zoning Board of Appeals

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros to refer the above orders to committee
Second: by Councilor Bowes
Vote: Unanimous

Committee on Ways & Means

- **10 018 Mayor:** Borrowing Authorization General Municipal Purposes
- **10 019 Mayor:** Borrowing Authorization South Middle School
- **10 020 Mayor:** Borrowing Authorization Land Purchase

Councilor read into the records each of the three motions as printed in the February 18, 2010 memo from Mayor Sullivan.

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros to refer the above orders to committee
Second: by Councilor Bowes
Vote: Unanimous

Committee on Public Works

- **10 016 Town Solicitor:** Grant of Conservation Easement Off Granite Street

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros to refer the above order to committee
Second: by Councilor Bowes
Vote: Unanimous

ADJOURNMENT

It was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:54p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
James M. Casey
Clerk of the Council