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OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

August 13, 2013

MINUTES

A meeting of the Town Council was held in the Horace T. Cahill Auditorium, Braintree Town Hall, on Tuesday, August 13, 2013 beginning at 7:30p.m.

Council President Kokoros was in the chair.

The Clerk of the Council conducted the roll call.

Present: Charles Kokoros, President
Thomas Bowes, Vice President
Leland Dingee
Sean Powers
Charles Ryan
John Mullaney
Henry Joyce
Paul Dan Clifford

Not Present: Ronald DeNapoli

Others: Joseph C. Sullivan, Mayor
Peter Morin, Chief of Staff
Edward Spellman, Finance Director
Jeffry Kunz, Recycling Coordinator
Eric Kinsherf, Town Auditor

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 021 13 Councilor Dingee: Watson Park Splash Pad
- 025 13 Councilor Powers: Commendation, Liberty Bay Credit Union (withdrawn)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **July 16, 2013**

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to approve minutes of July 16, 2013

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (8), Against (0), Absent (1- DeNapoli)

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COUNCIL RESPONSE

- **022 13 Council President: Request by Babe Ruth League for Field Donation (withdrawn)**
- **023 13 Council President: Request by Logan Park Resident for Traffic Signalization**

Mr. Carl Zingarelli of Logan Park reported that a traffic signal as well as a cross walk and sidewalk need to be installed at 193 Grove Street, which is a disabled and elderly living center. On numerous occasions he has witnessed handicapped and elderly persons attempting to cross Grove Street at Logan Park to get to the shopping plaza that is on the opposite side of the road. He has contacted Representative Cusack's Office to see if his office could assist as Grove Street is a State road.

Council President Kokoros commented that he would draft a letter on behalf of the Council to Representative Cusack in support of this request.

- **024 13 Councilor Powers: Household Waste Collection – Resident Complaints**

Jeff Kunz, Recycling Coordinator for the Town, explained that during the first two weeks of waste collection several problems arose as a result of the new waste collection company becoming accustomed to the road system/routes in Braintree. Resident complaints were addressed and have decreased significantly since that time. Sunrise Scavenger has a customer hot line available and will address any issues as they are reported.

OLD BUSINESS

Committee on Ways & Means

- **13 030 Mayor: FY2013 Line Item Transfer/Reversal and Correction**

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to open public hearing

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (8), Against (0), Absent (1- DeNapoli)

Councilor Clifford, Chairman of the Committee on Ways & Means, reported that the Committee recommended favorable action on each of the three funding requests.

Council President Kokoros asked if any member of the Council or anyone from the public would like to speak on Order 13 030. No one came forward.

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to close public hearing

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (8), Against (0), Absent (1- DeNapoli)

Councilor Bowes read into the records the June 20, 2013 memo from Peter Morin, detailing each of the three requests.

Councilor Bowes read the first of three motions: That Council Order 13-011 (5B) as previously adopted be amended by transferring the sum of \$20,000 from the Finance Department/ Program 51- Debt Interest / Bond Interest account to the Finance Department/ Program 08- Information Technology Other Equipment account 01-13308-5875.

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to approve Order 13 030 (1)

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (8), Against (0), Absent (1- DeNapoli)

Councilor Bowes read the second of three motions: That the sum of \$8,000 be transferred from the Finance Department/ Program 51- Debt Interest / Bond Interest account to the Department of Public Works /Program 2– Facilities and Equipment Maintenance / Vandalism Repairs account 01-40002-5255.

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to approve Order 13 030 (2)

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (8), Against (0), Absent (1- DeNapoli)

Councilor Bowes read the last of three motions: That the sum of \$5,000 be transferred from the Finance Department/ Program 50- Debt Principal / Bond Principal Interest account to the Department of Municipal Licenses and Inspections Code Enforcement Program / Pest Control account 01-24105-5389.

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to approve Order 13 030 (3)

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (8), Against (0), Absent (1- DeNapoli)

- **13 032 Mayor: Bond Authorization for Trash and Recycling Receptacle Purchase**

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to open public hearing

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (8), Against (0), Absent (1- DeNapoli)

Councilor Clifford, Chairman of the Committee on Ways & Means, reported that the Committee recommended favorable action on a vote of 4 for, 0 against and 1 present.

Council President Kokoros asked if any member of the Council or anyone from the public would like to speak on Order 13 032.

Mayor Sullivan commented that the move to automated waste collection is a change to curbside pickup residents are accustomed too; utilizing two 64 gallon containers – one for waste and the other for recycling. He noted that his office will be holding two public sessions to discuss these changes with residents. Sunrise Scavenger is qualified waste collection company. The contract has an annual 2% cap on costs during the five year contract. The contract will result in \$755,000 in savings over five years. There will be a behavioral adjustment by the community. The goal is to reduce overall tonnage of household waste and increase recycling. Using the savings achieved this fiscal year he is committed to reduce the trash fee in fiscal year 2015. He would like to implement the automated pickup program by no later than October 14th but, would prefer it begin on September 30th.

Peter Morin, Chief of Staff, reviewed each of the sixteen PowerPoint presentation slides he earlier electronically transmitted to the Council Office that day.

Requested Bond Authorization of Trash Receptacles

Goals

- Maintain high quality customer service
- Contain costs
- Increase recycling

Braintree's Solid Waste Disposal Costs

- Solid Waste disposal costs had been contained successfully through the Tri-Town Alliance from 2009 to 2011.
- In the last two fiscal years costs increased approximately 15% from \$1,353,851 to \$1,558,812.
- The Tri-Town contract expired and Quincy entered into a contract with Sunrise Scavenger.

Braintree-Weymouth RFP

- Braintree and Weymouth issued a joint RFP
- The RFP asked for bids using automated trucks.
- Trucks would also pick up weekly single stream recycling.
- Yard waste, Christmas Tree pickups, appliance disposal, revenue sharing from recycling, cost per 30 yard dumpster and cost sharing of cart acquisition were included.

Responses to RFP

- Six responses (one just for recycling was withdrawn).
- Capitol (incumbent also offered one year status quo)
- DelPrete
- EZ (non-union Capitol associate)
- Waste Management (industry leader)
- Sunrise Scavenger (Boston and Quincy).

Cost Comparison

- DelPrete \$1,991,272
- Capitol \$1,670,000
- Waste Management \$1,516,300
- EZ \$1,418,000
- Sunrise Scavenger \$1,267,046
- Capitol Status quo one year at \$1,509,450

Sharing Cart Acquisition Costs

- EZ offered to finance half the cost of acquisition, offer valued at \$45,000/year over 10 years or \$90,000 over five years.
- Sunrise offered a one-time \$20,000 payment.
- No other bidders offered cart acquisition payments.

Projected Five Year Cost

- Assuming cost neutral rate of growth over 5 years:
- Del Prete \$9,956,360
- Capitol \$8,350,000
- Waste Management \$7,581,500
- EZ \$6,640,000
- Sunrise Scavenger \$6,315,230

Lowest Bidder

- Sunrise Scavenger's bid was \$324,770 cheaper than next lowest bidder over five years.

Comparison with Status Quo

- Capitol offered a one year "status quo" contract at \$1,509,450
- Sunrise Scavenger's bid was \$1,267,046.
- Sunrise Scavengers bid was \$242,404 lower than status quo.
- Capitol's costs have grown by 7.5% each of last two years.
- Sunrise Scavenger locked in at 2% per year.

Additional Costs and Savings with Sunrise Scavenger

- Costs: Cart acquisition costs of \$833,125 over five years (\$166,625 average over five years). Includes principal and interest for bonding \$755,000. Bonds originally \$905,000. Town has \$130,000 state grant and \$20,000 from Scavenger to reduce bonding amount.
- Savings: Projected reduction of tipping fee of \$35,000 to \$50,000 per year. Totals \$175,000 to \$250,000 over 5 years.

Status Quo vs. Scavenger

- Status Quo costs with 3% increase per year over five years \$8,013,876
- Sunrise Scavenger cost with 2% increase over five years \$6,593,758.
- Sunrise Scavenger contract provides gross savings of \$1,420,118 over five years.

Determining net savings

- Subtract bonding costs of \$833,125 reduces projected savings to \$586,993
- Add projected reduction in tipping fees of \$175,000 to \$250,000 over five years yields a projected net savings between \$761,993 and \$836,993.
- This reduces costs to the 9681 households paying trash fees by \$79 to \$86 over five years avoiding a trash fee increase of approximately \$15 per year.

Customer Service

- Households allowed two bulky items a week (bikes, furniture, mattresses small amounts of construction debris, etc.)
- Two household appliances ("white goods") per month
- Six additional bags of trash per house on Christmas week and the week after
- Christmas tree pick up first two weeks in January
- Yard waste curbside pick-up seven weeks a year.

Customer service

- Contract includes a schedule of 19 fines for Sunrise Scavenger not delivering quality service.
- Town determines if violation has occurred.
- Sunrise Scavenger will maintain a customer service line.

Trash Receptacles

- Each home will receive two trash containers, one for household waste one for recycling. The standard size is 64 gallons.
- Each household will be asked to try the standard container. If after trying the standard, they have a hardship a 35 gallon container will be provided.
- If after trying the standard, a household requires an additional container, they can purchase one, price is tentatively set at \$100.

Trash Receptacles

- Each receptacle has a 10 year warranty. Damaged carts will be replaced or repaired.
- Each cart will have information on trash disposal and recycling embedded on the covers.

Kevin Houchen of Braintree questioned how handling of extra large items would be handled, would the containers be required to be in a certain location for pickup, would all items be required to be in the containers and would a dumping fee be imposed on using the transfer station for extra trash.

Jeff Kunz, Recycling Coordinator, stated that two bulky items, such as bikes, tables, could be placed beside the trash container each week for pickup. And, once a month, "white goods" would be picked up as they had been in the past. Residents cannot place extra household waste bags beside containers; everything needs to fit into the 64 gallon container. Except for large quantities of construction materials, there would not be additional fees for residents who want to bring trash to the transfer station. As is the current practice for construction material, residents would pay ten cents per pound for disposal of this material and it is required to be charged to a credit card. When the two containers are delivered to each household who have paid the trash fee, they would be placed in the location they would need to be placed on waste collection day. This information will be included with the delivery of the containers.

Mr. Manning of Braintree asked if a trash fee would be charged each year. Mayor Sullivan commented that he is committed to reducing the trash fee for fiscal year 2015 and hopes it could be reduced further in the years ahead.

Diane Donahue of Braintree asked why a five year contract rather than a three year contract given the new automated pickup. Mayor Sullivan said it provides an economical savings over a longer time frame.

Ron Walsh of Braintree asked if an updated list of recyclable items would be made available and if there was a weight limit that is placed in the container. Jeff Kunz commented that a listing of recyclable items will be imprinted on the cover of the containers and, no weight limit. Mr. Walsh asked why Sunrise Scavenger was chosen when EZ Waste Company was close in costs. Mayor Sullivan they are a partner that is most capable and provided the best costs.

Councilor Bowes commented that the \$100 fee for an added container was a fair price.

Councilor Dingee asked if the Mayor's Office could address inclement weather issues on the town website to advise residents what to do when they cannot place the containers in the location due to snow banks.

Councilor Clifford commented that the 16% recycling rate presented an opportunity to increase the recycling rate to lower the trash fee.

Council President Kokoros once again if anyone would like to speak before the public hearing is closed. No one came forward.

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to close public hearing

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (8), Against (0), Absent (1- DeNapoli)

Councilor Bowes read the following Motion: That the Town of Braintree appropriates the sum of Nine Hundred and Five Thousand Dollars (\$905,000) to pay costs of purchasing solid waste collection and recycling carts, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(9) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor. The amount authorized to be borrowed pursuant to this Order shall be reduced to the extent of any grants, gifts or other funds received by the Town to pay costs of purchasing solid waste collection and recycling bins described above, which amounts are expected to total approximately \$150,000.

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to approve Order 13 032

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (8), Against (0), Absent (1- DeNapoli)

NEW BUSINESS

Refer to Committee on Public Works

- **13 033 NationalGrid: Petition – Belmont Street**
- **13 034 NationalGrid: Petition – Hickory Road**

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to refer Orders 13 033 and 13 034 to Committee

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (8), Against (0), Absent (1- DeNapoli)

Refer to Committee on Ways & Means

- **13 035 Appropriation from Community Preservation Fund – Recreation Facility at 1969 Washington Street**
- **13 036 Request for Transfer of Funds – UWUA, Local 466 Contract**
- **13 037 Request for Transfer of Funds – Non-Union Management Personnel**

Motion: by Councilor Bowes to refer Orders 13 035, 13 036 and 13 037 to Committee

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (8), Against (0), Absent (1- DeNapoli)

ADJOURNMENT

It was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:33p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
James M. Casey
Clerk of the Council

Documents provided for Meeting

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