



Thomas M. Bowes
President
District 3

Shannon L. Hume
At Large

CHARLES B. Ryan
At Large

CHARLES C. Kokoros
District 1

JOHN C. MULLANEY
District 2

Sean E. Powers
Vice President
At Large

Stephen C. O'Brien
District 4

Michael J. Owens
District 5

PAUL "DAN" CLIFFORD
District 6

OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

April 15, 2014

MINUTES

A meeting of the Town Council was held in the Horace T. Cahill Auditorium, Braintree Town Hall, on Tuesday, April 15, 2014 beginning at 7:30p.m.

Council President Bowes was in the chair.

The Clerk of the Council conducted the roll call.

Present: Thomas Bowes, President
Sean Powers, Vice President
Shannon Hume
Charles Ryan
Charles Kokoros
John Mullaney
Stephen O'Brien
Michael Owens
Paul Dan Clifford

Others: Richard Walsh, Director Veteran's Services

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 025 14 Councilor Hume: Run for Charlotte
- 030 14 Councilor Clifford: CATS Academy Boston School
- 032 14 Councilor Hume: Recognition of 60 Year Anniversary - Brow Oil
- 026 14 Council President: Annual Spring Leaf Pickup
- 033 14 Council President: Household Hazardous Waste/Electronics Drop-Off
- 035 14 Councilor Kokoros: Braintree Football Golf Tournament
- 037 14 Council President: Norfolk County Notice of Aerial Larval Control Application

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- April 1, 2014

Motion: by Councilor Powers to approve

Second: by Councilor Kokoros

Vote: For (9), Against (0)

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COUNCIL RESPONSE

- **022 14 Council President: Comcast – Resident Issue**

Councilor Clifford reported that he had a telephone discussion with Mr. Driscoll, VP of Marketing for Comcast and was informed that Comcast has established concrete steps to avoid a similar event in the future and extended the policy at Comocast. Mr. Driscoll contacted Ms. Fleming and explained the new practices that will be put into place. Councilor Clifford spoke with Ms. Fleming and she indicated that she was comfortable with what was presented to her by Mr. Driscoll.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR AND TOWN BOARDS

- **036 14 Councilor Mullaney: Council Chambers Status Report**

Councilor Mullaney, Chairman of the Council Chambers Committee, commented that he was not satisfied with the existing Council table or with the existing Council chambers. He had visited several sites that he was going to recommend the committee members to look at however, in his initial review, he found that the 90 Pond Street facility was being vacated by the various town departments housed there and the old Watson Library building will be housing several of the departments from the Pond Street building. Councilor Mullaney noted that an unnamed corporation may be donating a “horseshoe” conference table that would be more suitable for Council members. He believes that the table would become available in September.

- **004 14 Councilor O’Brien: MMA Annual Conference Report**

Councilor O’Brien commented that as per Council Policy Rule #1, he is submitting his report on the Annual MMA Conference.

OLD BUSINESS

- **14 014 Councilor Clifford: Chapter 134 of the Acts of 2008 – Extension to FY2016 or take up any action relative thereto**

Councilor Mullaney, Chairman of the Committee on Ways & Means, that the Committee has recommended favorable action.

Richard Walsh, Director Veteran’s Services, commented that Braintree has been in the forefront on this issue, being led by Councilor Clifford. The program has been established for “Citizen Soldiers”;

that is, those who had enlisted in the National Guard or Reserves. The intent of the National Guard and Reserves was to protect the State and local communities and respond to local disasters. Now, these organizations are being called to active duty and stationed overseas. A significant hardship is placed on these individuals; leaving their jobs, leaving their families and a financial hardship. The intent of this act is to lessen the financial hardship by granting property tax relief to these returning “citizen soldiers”.

Councilor Clifford made the following motions:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BRAINTREE THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO EXTEND CHAPTER 134 OF THE ACTS OF 2008 OF THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 2016 AT WHICH TIME THE TOWN COUNCIL MAY VOTE TO EXTEND CHAPTER 134 OF THE ACTS OF 2008.

Motion: by Councilor Clifford
Second: by Councilor Kokoros
Vote: For (9), Against (0)

OLD BUSINESS

Refer to the Committee on Ordinance & Rules

- 14 022 Council President: Update of Chapter 5-565 Peddling and Solicitation or take up any action relative thereto

Motion: by Councilor Powers to move Order 14 022 to Committee
Second: by Councilor Kokoros
Vote: For (9), Against (0)

Refer to the Committee on Ways & Means

- 14 015 Mayor: FY2014 Capital Plan or take up any action relative thereto
- 14 016 Mayor: Rescind prior Borrowing Authorizations – Various Departments or take up any action relative thereto
- 14 017 Mayor: Transfer of Unexpended Funds – Building Renovations or take up any action relative thereto
- 14 018 Mayor: Supplemental Appropriation – FY2014 Capital Plan Water Enterprise or take up any action relative thereto
- 14 019 Mayor: Appropriation – FY2014 Water Capital Plan or take up any action relative thereto
- 14 020 Mayor: Supplemental Appropriation – FY2014 Capital Plan or take up any action relative thereto
- 14 021 Mayor: Appropriation – FY2014 Capital Plan or take up any action relative thereto
- 14 023 Mayor: Land Lease Wireless Communications Facility-River Street or take up any action relative thereto

Motion: by Councilor Powers to move the above Orders to Committee
Second: by Councilor Kokoros
Vote: For (9), Against (0)

Refer to the Committee on Public Works

- 14 024 National Grid: Petition Union Street area or take up any action relative thereto
- 14 025 National Grid: Petition Rose and Fairview Avenue or take up any action relative thereto
- 14 026 National Grid: Petition Ferncroft and Audubon Avenue or take up any action relative thereto
- 14 027 National Grid: Petition Liberty Street or take up any action relative thereto
- 14 028 National Grid: Petition Louise Road or take up any action relative thereto
- 14 029 National Grid: Petition Shepard Road and Jefferson St. or take up any action relative thereto
- 14 030 National Grid: Petition Elm and Commercial Street area or take up any action relative thereto
- 14 031 National Grid: Petition Ellsmoore Ter. And Colby Road or take up any action relative thereto

Motion: by Councilor Powers to move the above Orders to Committee
Second: by Councilor Kokoros
Vote: For (9), Against (0)

Other Business

- 034 14 Council President: Added Meeting Date: Town Clerk Position or take up any action relative thereto

Councilor President Bowes informed members that he has added this item to the agenda to provide members and the general public with an overview of the selection procedure, nomination procedure and election procedure for the vacant Town Clerk position. Additionally, he noted that April 30th was added to the Council meeting schedule, to begin at 7:30pm, to allow each member the opportunity to interview each finalist. And, on May 1st the membership will select the next Town Clerk. He then asked members if there were any questions. Councilor Owens asked where notice was placed for the vacant position. Councilor Ryan responded that it appeared on the Braintree Town Website, the Massachusetts Municipal Association and the Town Clerk Association websites.

Councilor Mullaney, Chairman of the Personnel Issues Committee, informed members that April 15th was the last day for accepting resumes and at 4:30pm Human Resources received 34 applications.

ADJOURNMENT

It was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:14p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
James M. Casey
Clerk of the Council

Documents provided for Meeting

- April 1, 2014 Minutes
- 022 14 Council President: Comcast – Resident Issue
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