

Sean E. Powers
President
At Large

Shannon L. Hume
At Large

CHARLES C. Kokoros
District 1

John C. Mullaney
District 2

Thomas M. Bowes
District 3



Charles B. Ryan
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

JUNE 20, 2017

MINUTES

The meeting of the Town Council, was held in the Cahill Auditorium, Braintree Town Hall, on Tuesday, June 20, 2017 beginning at 7:30p.m.

Council President Powers was in the chair.

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

Not Present: Stephen C. O'Brien

Also Present: Ed Spellman, Finance Director
Karen Shanley, Human Resource Director
"Lefty" Zotos, Braintree House of Pizza
Anastasia Zotos, Braintree House of Pizza
Christina Zotos, BHOP
Nick Zotos, BHOP
Donna Mullaney, resident
Chris Kokoros, resident
Liz Page, resident

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 067 16 Council President: A Lifeline for those concerned about a loved one's Addiction (MassBar) Councilor Kokoros gave information on the State Helpline 1-800-327-5050
- 038 17 Braintree Chamber of Commerce: Pizza Palooza, June 27th 5-7:30pm BRAINTREES4TH.ORG or BRAINTREECHAMBER.ORG to purchase tickets. They are \$7 per person. No tickets will be sold at the door. Two locations will sell tickets: Southside and Richardi's.
- 036 17 Council President: 26th Anniversary Braintree Vietnam Veterans Memorial Golf Tournament, Monday, August 28, 2017

- 041 17 Council President: Recognition: Braintree House of Pizza
Councilor Mullaney stated Braintree House of Pizza is recognized by the Braintree Town Council for their generous support of the Braintree Youth Center and their investment in the community and the Town of Braintree. “Lefty” is a small businessman. He makes a significant investment in Braintree and gives pizza to the Youth Center in a quiet way without recognition.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- June 6, 2017
 - Motion:** by Councilor Ryanto Approve minutes of June 6, 2017
 - Second:** by Councilor Bowes
 - Vote:** For (8), Against (0), Absent (1-O’Brien), Abstain (0)

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COUNCIL RESPONSE

- 045 17 Council President: Letter of Support - in revoking Motel 6's license to operate in Braintree
 - Motion:** by Councilor Ryan to endorse this letter
 - Second:** by Councilor Bowes
 - Vote:** For (8), Against (0), Absent (1-O’Brien), Abstain (0)

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR AND TOWN BOARDS

- 17 036 Council President: Discussion – Outside Auditor Contract or take up any action relative thereto
Council President Powers stated the following in regards to the Outside Auditor Contract: On November 18, 2014 the Braintree Town Council voted to retain Powers & Sullivan to perform independent financial audit services to the Town of Braintree for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2015 through 2017. The contract approved includes the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) as well as the School Department’s end-of year report required for the Massachusetts Department of Education.

The FY 2017 audit for the fiscal year ending 6/30/2017 will be completed by 12/31/2017 in FY 2018 .

The Council will need to bid or extend Powers and Sullivan’s contract for the next three years FY 2018, 2019 and 2020 audit. Mike Nelligan of Powers & Sullivan stated in a recent email they would be happy to renew the audit agreement for 3 more years at the existing pricing.

This will be referred to the Committee on Ways & Means to discuss in the beginning of FY 2018. If it was decided to go out to bid it could be early fall and a new contract signed in November or December 2017.

- 044 17 Councilor Owens: Announcement
Councilor Owens made an Announcement that he will not be seeking re-election. He will be attending Suffolk Law School.

OLD BUSINESS

- 17 034 Mayor: Line Item Transfers to Appropriate Funds to a salary reserve article for the Braintree Police and Braintree Police Superior Officers Collective Bargaining Agreements or take up any action relative thereto

Motion by Councilor Ryan to Open Public Hearing for Order 17 034

Motion: by Councilor Ryan

Second: by Councilor Bowes

Vote: For (8), Against (0), Absent (1-O'Brien)

Council President Powers referred to Councilor Bowes (Committee Vice-Chair) for Committee on Ways & Means recommendation.

Chairman Bowes stated this was discussed at the Committee on Ways & Means and unanimously voted for favorable action to the Full Council.

Council President Powers asked if any member of the Council or General Public want to speak on Order 17 034?

No one came forward.

Motion by Councilor Ryan to Close Public Hearing for Order 17 034

Motion: by Councilor Ryan

Second: by Councilor Bowes

Vote: For (8), Against (0), Absent (1-O'Brien)

Councilor Bowes read the Motion:

That the Town vote to establish a salary reserve article for the FY 2017 Braintree Police Officers' Association and the Braintree Superior Officers' Association Collective Bargaining Agreements and that the sum of \$64,770 be transferred from the Finance Department/ Administration program 01/9C Reserve Account, \$60,000 be transferred from the Human Resources Department/ Employee Benefits program 04/ Group Life and Medical Insurance line, \$25,000 be transferred from the Human Resources Department/ Employee Benefits program 04/ Unemployment line, \$54,000 be transferred from the Human Resources Department/ Veterans Benefits program 06/ Veterans Benefits line, \$33,000 from the Blue Hills Regional School Department/ Blue Hills School Assessment line, \$50,000 from the Department of Public Works/ Facilities and Equipment Maintenance program 02/ Department Head line, \$30,000 from the Department of Public Works/Facilities and Equipment Maintenance program 02/ Diesel Fuel line and \$27,230 from the Department of Public Works/Equipment Maintenance program 03/ Gasoline line for a total of \$344,000 to the FY 2017 Police Department Salary Reserve Article. Said funds are to be used to cover the expected FY 2017 wage increases upon settlement and approval of collective bargaining agreements between the Town and the Police Officers' Association and Superior Officers' Association.

Motion by Councilor Ryan to Approve Order 17 034

Motion: by Councilor Ryan

Second: by Councilor Bowes

Vote: For (8), Against (0), Absent (1-O'Brien)

NEW BUSINESS

- None

Councilor Ryan read the following Motions for referrals to committee(s):

Refer to the Committee on Ordinance & Rules

- 17 037 Councilor Clifford: To review all available current and potential options concerning Opting Out of the Recreational Marijuana State Law, and review municipalities of whom have passed legislation banning marijuana production, distribution, sale, etc. or take up any action relative thereto

MOTION:

Motion to refer Order 17 037 to the Committee on Ordinance & Rules:

Motion: by Councilor Ryan

Second: by Councilor Bowes

Vote: For (8), Against (0), Absent (1-O'Brien)

Refer to the Committee of Ways & Means

- 17 036 Council President: Outside Auditor Contract or take up any action relative thereto

MOTION:

Motion to refer Order 17 036 to the Committee of Ways & Means:

Motion: by Councilor Ryan

Second: by Councilor Bowes

Vote: For (8), Against (0), Absent (1-O'Brien)

Refer to the Committee on the Department of Public Works

- 17 038 National Grid Petition: Bellevue Ave/Phillips St/Vernon St or take up any action relative thereto
- 17 039 National Grid Petition: Commercial St/Bower Rd/John Paul Cir or take up any action relative thereto
- 17 040 National Grid Petition: Hemlock Street or take up any action relative thereto
- 17 041 National Grid Petition: Hickory Road or take up any action relative thereto
- 17 042 National Grid Petition: Pearl Street or take up any action relative thereto
- 17 043 National Grid Petition: Plymouth Road or take up any action relative thereto
- 17 044 National Grid Petition: Celia Road/Moreland Ave or take up any action relative thereto
- 17 045 National Grid Petition: Hancock Street or take up any action relative thereto
- 17 046 National Grid Petition: Washington Street or take up any action relative thereto
- 17 047 National Grid Petition: Commercial Street/Holden Rd or take up any action relative thereto
- 17 048 National Grid Petition: Vinedale Road/Audubon Ave or take up any action relative thereto

MOTION:

Motion to refer Orders 17 038 thru 17 048 to the Committee on the Department of Public Works:

Motion: by Councilor Ryan

Second: by Councilor Bowes

Vote: For (8), Against (0), Absent (1-O'Brien)

ADJOURNMENT

It was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:15p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Cimino
Clerk of the Council

Documents provided for Meeting

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