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President  
At Large

Sean E. Powers  
At Large

Shannon L. Hume  
At Large

Thomas W. Whalen  
District 2

Thomas M. Bowes  
District 3



CHARLES C. Kokoros  
Vice President  
District 1

Stephen C. O'Brien  
District 4

David M. Ringius, Jr.  
District 5

Timothy P. Carey  
District 6

## OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

# January 16, 2018 MINUTES

A meeting of the Town Council was held in the Cahill Auditorium, Braintree Town Hall, on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 beginning at 7:30p.m.

Council President Ryan was in the chair.  
Clerk of the Council, Susan Cimino conducted the roll call.

Present: Charles Ryan, President  
Charles Kokoros, Vice President  
Thomas Bowes  
Timothy P. Carey  
Shannon Hume  
Stephen C. O'Brien  
Sean Powers  
David M. Ringius, Jr.  
Thomas W. Whalen

Also Present: Joe Reynolds, Chief of Staff  
Ed Spellman, Finance Director  
James Arsenault, DPW Director  
Daryn Brown, Golf Course Director  
Nelson Chin, Parks & Rec Director

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- December 19, 2017

**Motion:** by Councilor Kokoros to Approve Minutes of December 19, 2017

**Second:** by Councilor Bowes

**Vote:** For (6-Ryan, Kokoros, Bowes, Hume, O'Brien, Powers), Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (3-Carey, Ringius, Whalen)

- January 2, 2018

**Motion:** by Councilor Kokoros to Approve Minutes of January 2, 2018

**Second:** by Councilor Bowes

**Vote:** For (9), Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

## COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR AND TOWN BOARDS

- 085 17 Council President: 2018 Council Meeting Calendar
  - Motion:** by Councilor Kokoros to Approve 2018 Council Meeting Calendar
  - Second:** by Councilor Powers
  - Vote:** For (9), Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)
- 001 18 Town Clerk: Travel Policy – Request for Approval to MTCA Conference
  - Motion:** by Councilor Kokoros to Approve Travel Request
  - Second:** by Councilor Bowes
  - Vote:** For (9), Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

## OLD BUSINESS

- **17 067 REZONE: Thayer Sports Center LLC or take up any action relative thereto (Public Hearing)**

Motion by Councilor Kokoros to Open Public Hearing for Order 17 067

- Motion:** by Councilor Kokoros
- Second:** by Councilor Bowes
- Vote:** For (9), Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

Motion by Councilor Kokoros to TABLE and CONTINUE the Public Hearing to an upcoming Council meeting

- Motion:** by Councilor Kokoros
- Second:** by Councilor Bowes
- Vote:** For (9), Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

- **17 077 Mayor: Request Approval for Braintree Municipal Golf Simulators or take up any action relative thereto (Public Hearing)**

Motion by Councilor Kokoros to Open Public Hearing for Order 17 077

- Motion:** by Councilor Kokoros
- Second:** by Councilor Bowes
- Vote:** For (9), Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

Councilor Bowes, Chairman of the Committee of Ways & Means stated the committee voted unanimously for a favorable recommendation to the full Council for the purchase of two new golf simulators.

Council President Ryan asked if any member of the Council or General Public want to speak on Order 17 077.

Joe Reynolds, Chief of Staff stated we give credit to our Director at the Golf Course to think of this initiative. The target is to use these simulators October through April during the off season. These can also be used for other sports simulation. The new club house section will be dedicated to the simulators. We would like to get this started now for Spring 2018 in order to get the word out for a full maximized generating season in October 2018. We would like to have a grand opening to get the word out.

Daryn Brown, Director of Golf stated I pushed for vaulted ceilings in the new club house to get these in and get additional revenue for the Town.

Councilor O'Brien stated after the 1<sup>st</sup> full season using these golf simulators I request an audit on the investment to be provided to the Town Auditors and a report back to the Council.

Council President Ryan asked if there was a motion to close the public hearing?

Councilor Kokoros made a Motion to Close the Public Hearing.

**Motion:** by Councilor Kokoros

**Second:** by Councilor Bowes

**Vote:** For (9), Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

Councilor Kokoros read the Motion:

ORDERED:

That the Town appropriates the sum of One Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$160,000) to pay costs of purchasing a pair of golf simulators for the golf course, and for the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to borrow said sum under and pursuant to M.G.L. c.44. §7(1), or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

Any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this order, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this order in accordance with M.G.L. c. 44, §20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

**Motion:** by Councilor Kokoros

**Second:** by Councilor Bowes

**Vote:** For (9), Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

## NEW BUSINESS

- NONE

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

### Refer to the Committee on Ways & Means

- 17 078 Mayor: Appointment – Zoning Board of Appeals, Gary Walker or take up any action relative thereto  
This item Order 17 078 is requested to be Same Night Action if no Councilor objects.  
Council President explained the ZBA is meeting on January 22, 2018 and would like to have Gary Walker on the board for that meeting.

Council President Ryan also read the Town Charter about Same Night Action.

TOWN CHARTER: SECTION 2-9: ORDINANCES AND OTHER MEASURES

(b) Measures, In General - The town council may pass a measure through all of its stages at any 1 meeting, except proposed ordinances, appropriation orders and loan authorizations, if no member of the town council shall object; but, if any single member objects, a vote on the measure shall be postponed to the next meeting of the town council. On the first occasion that the question of adopting any measure is put to the town council, except an emergency measure as defined in section 2-9(a), if a single member objects to the taking of a vote, the vote shall be postponed until the next regular or special meeting of the town council. This procedure shall not be used more than once for any measure notwithstanding any amendments made to the original measure.

No Councilor objected to Same Night Action. Councilor Kokoros read the following Motion:  
TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF GARY WALKER TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTIONS 3-3 OF THE TOWN CHARTER

**Motion:** by Councilor Kokoros

**Second:** by Councilor Bowes

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

Councilor Kokoros read the following Motions for referral to committee:

**Refer to the Committee of Ways & Means**

- 18 002 Town Clerk: Temporary Relocation of District 4A Polling Location or take up any action relative thereto
- 18 003 Mayor: Request to Approve the Fiscal Year 2018 Capital Plan or take up any action relative thereto
- 18 004 Mayor: Request for Appropriation - Fiscal Year 2018 General Fund Capital Budget or take up any action relative thereto
- 18 005 Mayor: Request for Appropriation – Fiscal Year 2018 Enterprise Funds Capital Budget or take up any action relative thereto
- 18 006 Mayor: Request for Appropriation – Fiscal Year 2018 Capital Budget - Other Available Funds or take up any action relative thereto

**Motion:** by Councilor Kokoros

**Second:** by Councilor Bowes

**Vote:** For (9), Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

Councilor Kokoros read the following Motion for referral to committee:

**Refer to the Committee on the Department of Public Works**

- 17 079 National Grid Petition: Elmwood Street/Sumner Avenue or take up any action relative thereto

**Motion:** by Councilor Kokoros

**Second:** by Councilor Bowes

**Vote:** For (9), Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:07p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Cimino

Clerk of the Council

**Documents provided for Meeting**

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