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District 6

OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

November 4, 2009

MINUTES

A meeting of the Town Council was held in the Horace T. Cahill Auditorium, Braintree Town Hall, on Wednesday, November 4, 2009 beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Council President Dingee was in the chair.

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

Present: Leland A. Dingee, President
Charles B. Ryan, Vice-President
Harold Randolph
Charles Kokoros
John C. Mullaney
Thomas Bowes
Henry N. Joyce (Arrived Late: 7:33pm)
Paul Dan Clifford

Not Present: Ronald DeNapoli

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

- **100-09** Clerk of the Council: Proposed 2010 Council Meeting Calendar

Council President Dingee requested that members review the proposed 2010 meeting calendar and let him know of any conflicts. At the next Council meeting he will ask members to approve the 2010 meeting schedule.

- **102-09** Town Clerk: Appointment Assistant Town Clerk

Council Vice President Ryan read the October 30, 2009 letter from Town Clerk, Joseph Powers, announcing his appointment for the position of Assistant Town Clerk. After reading the letter Councilor Ryan suggested inviting Mrs. Theresa Ming-Barrows to attend the next Council meeting and members provided a copy of her resume.

Councilor Clifford commented that Mrs. Ming-Barrows is scheduled to start the day before the meeting and it would be slowing the process down by delaying her hiring.

Councilor Mullaney read from the Braintree Town Charter the section noted by the Town Clerk, section 2-8(b), that the Town Clerk shall, with the approval of the Council, appoint an assistant Town Clerk. His interpretation is that the employee can't begin work until the Council vote's approval. Councilor Mullaney requested that members be provided copies of resumes of all who applied for the position.

Council Vice President Ryan suggested directing the Town Clerk to change the starting date to November 18th, after the Council votes to approve the appointment.

Councilor Kokoros questioned why the appointment of the assistant Town Clerk Appeared under the Correspondence Heading of the Agenda. He felt if it was something that the Council would have to vote on it should have be placed somewhere else on the agenda.

Clerk of the Council commented that he placed it under correspondence as a courtesy to the Town Clerk as his wife was scheduled to go into the hospital the next day to deliver their baby. The Town Clerk indicated that he would be here tonight when he asked that it be placed on the agenda.

Council Vice President Ryan made a motion to have the Town Clerk and Mrs. Ming-Barrows come before the Council at the November 17th meeting. Councilor Randolph seconded the motion.

Councilor Kokoros suggested that the Council recess for five-minutes and Mr. Powers be contacted to see if he could come to the Council meeting in progress.

Councilor Randolph amended Councilor Ryan's motion to hold a special meeting during the week of November 9th and have Mr. Powers and Mrs. Ming-Barrows present at the special meeting.

Motion: by Councilor Randolph to amend Councilor Ryan Motion

Second: by Councilor Kokoros

Vote: For (7), Against (1-Ryan)

Motion: by Councilor Ryan to approve as amended

Second: by Councilor Randolph

Vote: Unanimous

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **087-09** Councilor Ryan: Sustainable Braintree – Farmer’s Market
- - Councilor Joyce: 6th Annual PIP Taste of Braintree

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 20, 2009

Motion: by Councilor Ryan to approve
Second: by Councilor Randolph
Vote: Unanimous

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COUNCIL RESPONSE

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

REFER TO COMMITTEE

Committee on Ordinance & Rules: Chairman Ronald DeNapoli

- **09 054** Messina Residential Properties, LLC: Application for Rezoning
Motion: by Councilor Ryan to refer to Committee
Second: by Councilor Randolph
Vote: Unanimous

Committee on Ways & Means: Chairman John Mullaney

- **09 055** State Ethics Commission: Designation of Liaison

Motion: by Councilor Ryan to refer to Committee
Second: by Councilor Randolph
Vote: Unanimous

ADJOURNMENT

It was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
James M. Casey
Clerk of the Council