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OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

May 3, 2010

MINUTES

A meeting of the Town Council was held in the Horace T. Cahill Auditorium, Braintree Town Hall, on Monday, May 3, 2010 beginning at 5:45p.m.

Council President Ryan was in the chair.

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

Present: Charles B. Ryan, President
Charles Kokoros, Vice President
Leland A. Dingee
Sean Powers
John C. Mullaney
Thomas Bowes
Henry N. Joyce
Ronald DeNapoli (Arrived at 5:55pm)
Paul Dan Clifford

Others: Joseph C. Sullivan, Mayor
Peter Morin, Chief of Staff
Edward Spellman, Finance Director
Carolyn Murray, Town Solicitor
Karen Shanley, Director Human Resources
Marybeth McGrath, Director Inspectional Services
Christine Stickney, Director Planning & Community Development
Paul Frazier, Chief of Police
Eric Kinsherf, Internal Auditor
Joseph Powers, Town Clerk

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **025 10 Council President:** Semi-Annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- April 27, 2010

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros to Approve

Second: by Councilor Bowes

Vote: For (7), Against (0), Absent (1-DeNapoli), Abstain (1-Ryan)

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COUNCIL RESPONSE

None

Councilor DeNapoli arrived at 5:55pm

OLD BUSINESS

- **10 043 Mayor Sullivan :** FY2011 Operating Budget

Mayor Sullivan reported that the Town's bond rating was upgraded by Moody's today.

Mayor Sullivan began his comments on the FY2011 Proposed Budget stating that the budget reflects a 4% reduction in local aid; approximately \$700 thousand dollars, funding for the Collective Bargaining Agreements (CBA) and there would be no layoffs. Additional, the trash fee would be reduced by ten dollars.

Councilor Mullaney commented that residents have been concerned about crime in the neighborhoods and would like to see the Police Department fully staffed. Mayor Sullivan replied, through collective bargaining, six sworn police officers assigned to dispatch would be replaced with civilian dispatchers and those officers would be reassigned into the streets. That would increase sworn officers from 72 to 78 personnel. Two civilian dispatchers would be hired this summer and four hired in January 2011.

Councilor Clifford asked the Mayor if he would comment on the outlook for FY2012 as well as the reserve fund offset for the collective bargaining agreements. Mayor Sullivan replied that the Schools received \$2.8 million in stimulus funds last year and about half was spent in the current (FY2010) fiscal year. The stimulus money funded 17 positions. For the FY2011 school budget, these positions will be absorbed in the Town budget. Approximately \$2.1 million in stimulus funds would be used in FY2011 to fund one-time expenses. For FY2012 about \$400 thousand dollars in stimulus funds would be available. Regarding reserve funds, money is being set aside to absorb costs associated with the remaining contract negotiations. To date, 3 of 7 contracts have been settled.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR AND TOWN BOARDS

NEW BUSINESS

Prior to adjournment Councilor Mullaney informed the public that the Committee on Ways & Means would be holding a meeting in approximately ten minutes to begin the review of the FY2011 Proposed Budget submitted by Mayor Sullivan.

ADJOURNMENT

It was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 6:25p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
James M. Casey
Clerk of the Council