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District 6

OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

July 15, 2014

MINUTES

A meeting of the Town Council was held in the Horace T. Cahill Auditorium, Braintree Town Hall, on Tuesday, July 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
Stephen O'Brien
Michael Owens
Paul Dan Clifford
Charles Kokoros
John Mullaney
Charles Ryan

Others: Michael Wilcox, Braintree Chamber of Commerce
Susan Cimino, Town Clerk Office
Dennis Regan, National Grid

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 054 14 Council President: Braintree Recreation Department – Upcoming Events
- 055 14 Councilor Powers: - PizzaPalooza Participants

Council President Bowes called a 5-minute recess at 7:55pm and called the meeting back to order at 8:00pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- June 17, 2014

Motion: by Councilor Powers to approve

Second: by Councilor O'Brien

Vote: For (9), Against (0)

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COUNCIL RESPONSE

None

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR AND TOWN BOARDS

- **053 14 Councilor Ryan: APWA Conference Report**

As required by Town Council Travel Policy Rules Councilor Ryan provided an overview of his attendance at the APWA Conference.

- **046 14 Town Clerk: Massachusetts Town Clerk's Association Conference Report**

As required by Town Council Travel Policy Rules James Casey, Town Clerk provided an overview of his attendance at the Town Clerk Conference.

- **058 14 Town Clerk: Department Status Report**

James Casey, Town Clerk, noted that 1,988 dogs were registered during the registration period, from April 1 to June 30. Clerk Casey informed members that over 1,500 dogs remained unregistered and his office will be mailing notices to these dog owners that they are required to register their dog and will provide a copy of the Ordinance with the mailing. Further, Clerk Casey updated Council members on the number of nomination/ballot signatures that were certified for the upcoming 2014 elections.

OLD BUSINESS

- **14 045 National Grid: Petition – Thayer Road or take up any action relative thereto**

Councilor Ryan, Chairman of the Committee on Public Works, read the specifics of the petition as well as staff recommendations: **To install and maintain approximately 675 feet, more or less, of 2 inch gas main in Thayer Road, Braintree from the existing 2 inch gas main at house #56, westerly to house #97 to serve houses #75, #79, #93 and #97.**

BELD: Engineering has reviewed petition #14 045 and has no underground utility conflicts within the proposed scope of work.

DPW: This section of Thayer Road is not under moratorium. The Town intends to install a new water main through that entire section this year beginning early summer, so prompt completion of the gas main installation would avoid coordination problems with the Town's contractor. We'd recommend that the petition be granted under the normal conditions, with emphasis on the requirements that the gas main be laid outside of the trench of the water mains in service and that the trench pavement not be left low for any length of time.

Councilor O'Brien questioned Dennis Regan, National Grid Representative, on the practice National Grid follows on inspecting their trenches. Mr. Regan stated that National Grid has their own inspectors on the job during the construction and, prior to the start of any work, a job meeting is held with the town's DPW staff to review all aspects of the project.

Motion: by Councilor Ryan to approve with staff recommendations

Second: by Councilor Powers

Vote: For (9), Against (0)

- **14 047 National Grid: Petition – Celia Road or take up any action relative thereto**

Councilor Ryan, Chairman of the Committee on Public Works read the specifics of the petition as well as staff recommendations: **To install and maintain approximately 140 feet, more or less, of 2 inch gas main in Celia Road, Braintree from the existing 2 inch gas main at house #54, westerly to house #47 to serve houses #38, #47, and #48.**

BELD: Engineering has reviewed petition #14 047 and has no underground utility conflicts within the proposed scope of work.

DPW: That section of Celia Rd is not under moratorium and no Town construction is pending this year. However, the Town intends to install a new water main through that entire area in two years, so prompt completion of the gas main installation is encouraged. We'd recommend that the petition can be granted under the normal conditions, with emphasis on the requirements that the gas main be laid outside of the trench of the water mains in service and that the trench pavement not be left low for any length of time.

Motion: by Councilor Ryan to approve with staff recommendations

Second: by Councilor Powers

Vote: For (9), Against (0)

Council President Bowes informed members that, if there are no objections, the Council will take New Business before Order 050 14. No members objected

NEW BUSINESS

- **14 048 Mayor: FY2014 Supplemental Appropriations #4 or take up any action relative thereto**
- **14 049 Mayor: Appropriation – Hollingsworth Playground or take up any action relative thereto**

Motion by Councilor Powers to refer Orders 14 048 and 114 049 to the Committee on Public Works.

Motion: by Councilor Powers to refer Orders 14 048 and 14 049 to committee

Second: by Councilor Kokoros

Vote: For (9), Against (0)

- **050 14 Council President: Appointment - Clerk of the Council or take up any action relative thereto**

Council President Bowes informed members that the Clerk of the Council position was posted internally for a period of 10-days and three applications were received. Karen Shanley, Human Resource Director, reviewed each of the applications and has qualified only one of the three; Susan Cimino. He then opened the floor to members of the Council to interview Mrs. Cimino. Various members of the Council asked Mrs. Cimino questions regarding her educational background and work experience.

Councilor O'Brien questioned the process of posting the Clerk of the Council position. He felt that it did not conform to the Charter. Council President Bowes informed Councilor O'Brien that he provide him with the posting policy in the morning.

Councilor Powers read the following motion "Pursuant to Section 2-8 (c) of the Charter of the Town of Braintree the Town Council appoints Susan M. Cimino as Clerk of the Council effective July 21, 2014."

Motion: by Councilor Powers for appointment

Second: by Councilor Kokoros

Vote: For (9), Against (0)

Councilor Powers read the following motion "I move that the Clerk of the Council Salary shall be established at the M-6A; \$48,237.11.

Motion: by Councilor Powers

Second: by Councilor Kokoros

Vote: For (9), Against (0)

ADJOURNMENT

It was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:05p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
James M. Casey
Clerk of the Council

Documents provided for Meeting

- June 17, 2014 Council Minutes
- 053 14 Councilor Ryan: APWA Conference Report
- 046 14 Town Clerk: Massachusetts Town Clerk's Association Conference Report
- 058 14 Town Clerk: Department Status Report
- 14 045 National Grid: Petition – Thayer Road
- 14 047 National Grid: Petition – Celia Road
- 050 14 Council President: Appointment - Clerk of the Council
- 14 048 Mayor: FY2014 Supplemental Appropriations #4
- 14 049 Mayor: Appropriation – Hollingsworth Playground