

Thomas M. Bowes
President
District 3

Shannon L. Hume
At Large

CHARLES B. Ryan
At Large

CHARLES C. Kokoros
District 1

JOHN C. MULLANEY
District 2



Sean E. Powers
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

April 29, 2015

MINUTES

A meeting of the Town Council was held in the Horace T. Cahill Auditorium, Braintree Town Hall, on Wednesday, April 29, 2015 beginning at 7:37p.m.

Council President Bowes was in the chair.

The Town Clerk conducted the roll call.

Present: Thomas Bowes, President
Sean Powers, Vice President
Paul Dan Clifford
John Mullaney
Stephen C. O'Brien
Michael Owens
Charles Ryan

Not Present: Charles Kokoros
Shannon Hume

Others: Joseph Sullivan, Mayor
Mike Coughlin, Chief of Staff
Peter Morin, Town Solicitor
Edward Spellman, Finance Director
Russell Jenkins, Chief of Police
James O'Brien, Fire Chief
Maureen Murray, Superintendent of Schools
Paul McSoley, Police Department Finance Director
Erick Kinsherf, Town Auditor
James Casey, Town Clerk
Jeffrey Kunz, Director of Trash & Recycling
Christine Stickney, Director Planning & Community Development
Karen Shanley, Director Human Resources
Sharmila Biswas, Director of Elder Affairs
Terri Stano, Library Director
Thomas Cavanagh, Lawyer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recognition of Braintree Police and Braintree Fire Departments
Braintree 375th Anniversary
Dog Registration/Rabies Clinic
Book signing, June 14, "See You on the High Ground"

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- April 7, 2015

Motion: by Councilor Powers to approve minutes of April 7, 2015

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (6), Against (0), Absent (2-Kokoros, Hume), Abstain (1-Clifford)

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR AND TOWN BOARDS

- **15 014 Mayor: FY2016 Operating Budget or take up any action relative thereto**

Mayor Joseph C. Sullivan spoke on the FY2016 Budget. He stated it is the 8th balanced Budget that I have submitted. The FY2016 Budget is \$116 million. I formally offer FY2016 Budget to you. The Ways & Means Committee will review and we are prepared to answer any questions as we move in a positive path.

OLD BUSINESS

- **15 006 REZONE: 205 Elm Street or take up any action relative thereto (PUBLIC HEARING)**

Motion by Councilor Powers to open public hearing.

Motion: by Councilor Powers to open public hearing

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (7), Against (0), Absent (2-Kokoros, Hume)

Council President Bowes referred to Councilor Clifford (Committee Chair) for Committee on Ordinance & Rules recommendation. Councilor Clifford stated favorable recommendations to the Full Council. Council President Bowes asked if any member of the Council or the General Public would like to speak on Order 15 006.

There will be 12 units. The Elks will have 6 units and there will be 6 new townhouses built.

Councilor O'Brien stated he rises in opposition to this rezone. The zoning ordinance 135-306 titled Lots In More Than One District, states: When a boundary line between use districts, height districts or area districts, as established by this chapter, and the Town's Zoning Map, divides a lot in single ownership on the effective date of this chapter, the requirements applying to the least restricted portion of such lot shall be considered as applying to the entire lot, provided that the most restricted portion of such lot is entirely within 150 feet of the district dividing boundary line. The use so extended shall be deemed to be conforming.

Councilor Owens stated this is the type of project we need to have transit-oriented people living there.

Motion by Councilor Powers to close public hearing.

Motion: by Councilor Powers to close public hearing

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (7), Against (0), Absent (2-Kokoros, Hume)

Councilor Powers read the Motion:

MOTION: APPLICATION FOR REZONING 205 ELM STREET

At the request of the Braintree Lodge of Elks, that the Town Council vote to approve the Rezoning Application of 205 Elm Street to amend the current zoning of the property identified on the Braintree Assessors Map as Parcel 2002 0 5 from Residential B to Residential C as filed with the Town Clerk, and as approved by the Planning Board and detailed in their correspondence with the Town Council dated March 31, 2015.

Motion: by Councilor Powers to approve Order 15 006

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (6), Against (1-O'Brien), Absent (2-Kokoros, Hume)

NEW BUSINESS

None

Refer to the Committee on Ways & Means

- 15 014 Mayor: FY2016 Operating Budget or take up any action relative thereto
- 15 015 Mayor: FY2016 Budget – Community Preservation Committee or take up any action relative thereto
- 15 016 Mayor: FY2016 Revolving Accounts or take up any action relative thereto
- 15 017 Mayor: FY2015 Line Item Transfers – Various Departments or take up any action relative thereto

Refer to the Committee on the Department of Public Works

- 15 012 National Grid Petition: Harbor Villa Ave or take up any action relative thereto
- 15 013 National Grid Petition: King Hill Rd or take up any action relative thereto

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,
Susan M. Cimino
Clerk of the Council

Documents provided for Meeting

- April 7, 2015 Council Meeting Minutes
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