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District 6

OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

February 24, 2015

MINUTES

A meeting of the Town Council was held in the Horace T. Cahill Auditorium, Braintree Town Hall, on Tuesday, February 24, 2015 beginning at 7:35p.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
Michael Owens
Charles Ryan
Stephen O'Brien
Charles Kokoros
John Mullaney

Not Present: Paul Dan Clifford

Others: Joseph C. Sullivan, Mayor
Greg Najjar, Braintree's Best Taxi, Owner
Jean Pinkham, Attorney for Braintree's Best Taxi
Stephen Regan, Regan Strategies-Governmental & Public Affairs

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- February 5, 2015

Motion: by Councilor Powers to approve minutes of February 5, 2015

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (7), Against (0), Absent (1-Clifford), Abstain (1-Kokoros)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR AND TOWN BOARDS

- Mayor: Snow and Ice Report

Acknowledged tremendous work by many of our Town Departments, most notably our Department of Public Works during snowstorms these past few weeks: This is unprecedented snowfall. We received over 64 inches for this short period of time. DPW borders on heroic efforts .Expenditures are approximately 1.5 million at this time. We are fortunate we have put away solid reserves. We have tracked and responded to many hundreds of calls for assistance.

Councilor Hume noted when an emergency vehicle is sent to a 911 call a plow is sent to help clear the way.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COUNCIL RESPONSE

- 005 15 Braintree's Best Taxi

Greg Najjar owner of Braintree's Best Taxi started this company 25 years ago. He has lost 35% of his business since July 2014 he feels because of the ride share programs coming into Braintree.

Attorney, Jenifer Pinkham presented Council with an 8 page document stating concerns. She asked for a Cease-and-Desist order for the Town of Braintree on ride share programs.

Council President Bowes informed Braintree's Best Taxi the Licensing Board has the authority for a Cease & Assist. We do not approve Livery Licenses.

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros to send a letter from the Committee on Ordinance & Rules to have the Licensing Board order Cease-and-Desist to any ride share program in the Town of Braintree.

Second: by Councilor Mullaney

Discussion: Councilors Ryan and Hume objected to this going forward without enough information on this matter

Motion: by Councilor Hume to Amend the previous Motion to read: Motion to send a letter to the Licensing Board to review and look into this matter and consider sending a letter of Cease-and-Desist to any ride share program in the Town of Braintree.

Second: by Councilor Powers

Vote: For (8), Against (0), Absent (1-Clifford)

Motion: by Councilor Hume to Approve as Amended

Second: by Councilor Powers

Vote: For (8), Against (0), Absent (1-Clifford)

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

Refer to Committee on Ordinance & Rules

- 15 006 Rezone: 205 Elm Street

Refer to Committee on Ways & Means

- 15 007 Mayor: Appointment Conservation Commission – Kevin Bears

ADJOURNMENT

It was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Cimino
Clerk of the Council

Documents provided for Meeting

- February 5, 2015 Council Meeting Minutes
- 15 006 Rezone: 205 Elm Street or take up any action relative thereto
- 15 007 Mayor: Appointment Conservation Commission – Kevin Bears or take up any action relative thereto
- Town of Braintree – Hackney Carriage/Taxicab Regulations from Attorney Jenifer Pinkham
- Memo – Snow & Ice Report from Mayor Sullivan