

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

October 6, 2015

MINUTES

A meeting of the Town Council was held in the Horace T. Cahill Auditorium, Braintree Town Hall, on Tuesday, October 6, 2015 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
Paul Dan Clifford
Shannon Hume
Charles Kokoros
John Mullaney
Michael Owens
Charles Ryan

Not Present: Stephen C. O'Brien

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- September 15, 2015

Motion: by Councilor Powers to Approve Minutes of September 15, 2015

Second: by Councilor Kokoros

Vote: For (8), Against (0), Absent (1-O'Brien), Abstain (0)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 060 15 Council President: Recognition - Travel Basketball Team
- 059 15 Councilor Hume: Braintree Rotary Club Spelling Bee, Oct. 17th

OLD BUSINESS

- 15 037 Mayor: Conveyance of Property or take up any action relative thereto (no PH needed)

Councilor Mullaney stated this measure was TABLED at the Committee on Ways & Means this evening in order to get some questions answered: What are the risks and benefits for the Town to receive this property. What are the taxes that will be lost? Are there any potential hazards on this parcel of land?

- 033 15 Council President: Town Auditor Job Posting or take up any action relative thereto

The Committee discussed the Town Auditor job posting with Human Resource Director Karen Shanley. It was agreed to keep the current budgeted amount of \$74,000 for FY2016 and revisit it if necessary during the next budget.

MOTION:

“The Town Auditor position will be advertised for an independent contractor or an accounting firm. The payment for the auditor position will not exceed \$74,000. The advertisement will note that municipal accounting experience is preferred and a CPA is required.”

Motion: by Councilor Powers to Approve

Second: by Councilor Kokoros

Vote: For (8), Against (0), Absent (1-O’Brien), Abstain (0)

NEW BUSINESS

None

Refer to the Committee on Ways & Means

- 15 038 Councilor Clifford: Chapter 134 of the Acts of 2008 – Extension or take up any action relative thereto (formerly Council Order 14 014)

Councilor Clifford stated he would like to recommend SAME NIGHT ACTION on Council Order 15 038. Council President asked if any Council Member objects to SAME NIGHT ACTION. No one objected.

Motion read: BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BRAINTREE THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO EXTEND CHAPTER 134 OF THE ACTS OF 2008 OF THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 2018 AT WHICH TIME THE TOWN COUNCIL MAY VOTE TO EXTEND CHAPTER 134 OF THE ACTS OF 2008.

by Councilor Powers to Approve Council Order 15 038

Motion: by Councilor Powers

Second: by Councilor Kokoros

Vote: For (8), Against (0), Absent (1-O’Brien), Abstain (0)

Councilor Clifford stated this is the Citizens Service Act that we provide 100% tax relief while our residents are serving in active duty.

Councilor Kokoros stated this is the first in the nation for Legislation. Clifford is so good to our veterans.

Councilor Powers said Thank you and I commend Councilor Clifford. It is an honor to vote and do whatever we can do for those who have a loved one overseas and help while they are away. It is the right thing to do. It's the Braintree way!

Councilor Ryan stated he is looking forward to the annual Veteran's Day Event coming up and Councilor Clifford Thank you for all your efforts and actions helping our veterans.

Refer to the Committee on Ways & Means

- 15 039 Mayor: Prior Fiscal Year Unpaid Bill or take up any action relative thereto (PH Oct 20)

Refer to the Committee on Public Safety

- 064 15 Councilor O'Brien: Discussion Fowl Feeding or take up any action relative thereto

Topics the Chair does not reasonably anticipate will be discussed

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Committee on Ordinance & Rules Meeting - **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2015@ 7:30pm**

Next Council Meeting - **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2015@ 7:30pm**

ADJOURNMENT

It was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:32p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Cimino

Clerk of the Council

Documents provided for Meeting

- September 15, 2015 Council Meeting Minutes
- 15 037 Mayor: Conveyance of Property or take up any action relative thereto
- 033 15 Council President: Town Auditor Job Posting or take up any action relative thereto
- 15 038 Councilor Clifford: Chapter 134 of the Acts of 2008 – Extension or take up any action relative thereto (formerly Council Order 14 014)
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