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OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

– AGENDA –

Tuesday, JANUARY 7, 2020 • Horace T. Cahill Auditorium, Town Hall • Starting Time: 7:30PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- None

COMMUNICATIONS

- 055 19 Council President: 2020 Town Council Meeting Calendar (discussion/vote in January 2020)
- 001 20 Council President: 2020-2021 Committee Assignments

OLD BUSINESS

- 19 043 Mayor: Authorization to Fund South Middle School or take up any action relative thereto (Public Hearing to be continued)
- 19 044 Mayor: To Approve the purchase and resale of an affordable-housing unit at Turtle Crossing and the expenditure of funds for that purpose or take up any action relative thereto (Public Hearing to be continued)

NEW BUSINESS

- 20 003 Town Clerk: Designation of Early Voting Site and Hours or take up any action relative thereto
- 20 004 Town Clerk: Designation of Early Voting Central Tabulation Facility or take up any action relative thereto
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Refer to the Committee of Ways & Means

- 20 002 Mayor: Transfer Funds from the Human Resources Salary Reserve or take up any action relative thereto.

Topics the Chair does not reasonably anticipate will be discussed

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Next Council Meeting scheduled on: **Tuesday, January 21, 2020 @7:30pm**

ADJOURNMENT

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2020 COUNCIL MEETING CALENDAR

(Unless noted, meetings are held on a Tuesday)

January 7 and 21	
February 4 and 18	[School Vacation Week beginning Feb. 17 but Early Voting is being held the following week Feb. 25]
March (Wednesday) 4 and 17	[*March 3 (Tuesday) Election Day per Charter: Section 7-3(c)]
April 7 and 21 or 28	[School Vacation Week beginning April 20]
May 1 (Friday)	[by or before **May 1** (Friday) Required by Charter: Section 6-3 Submission of Budget - Placeholder]
May 5 or 12th	Depending on April Meetings…
May 26	[May 26 Annual Town Meeting]
June 2 and 16	[June 2 placeholder for additional action on the budget – can be cancelled]
July 14	[Summer Schedule]
August 11	[Summer Schedule]
September 2 (Wednesday) and 15	[*Sept. 1 (Tuesday) Election Day per Charter: Section 7-3(c)]
October 6 and 20	[Early voting/set up Oct 16 thru Nov.3 –hold in Johnson Chambers on October 20 but **will not be televised**]
November 4 (Wednesday) and 17	[*Nov. 3 (Tuesday) Election Day]
December 1 and 15	

*Election dates are subject to change

BRAINTREE TOWN COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS 2020-2021

COMMITTEE	2020 - 2021
Ways & Means	(Chair) (Vice)
Ordinance & Rules	(Chair) (Vice)
Public Safety	(Chair) (Vice)
Public Works	(Chair) (Vice)
Elder Affairs & Veterans Services	(Chair) (Vice)
Parks & Recreation	(Chair) (Vice)
Education & Library	(Chair) (Vice)
Personnel Issues	(Chair) (Vice)
Council Chambers	(Chair) (Vice)
Traffic & Safety	(Chair) (Vice)
Special Committee on the Opioid Epidemic	(Chair) (Vice)
Community Planning	(Chair) (Vice)
School Building Authority **Council Representative**	

#19-043

Office of the Mayor

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Joseph C. Sullivan
Mayor

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RECEIVED TOWN CLERK
BRAINTREE, MA
2019 NOV -5 AM 10: 31

To: Charles B. Ryan, President of the Council
Susan Cimino, Clerk of the Council
James Casey, Town Clerk

From: Joseph C. Sullivan, Mayor JCS

Cc: Joseph Reynolds, Chief of Staff and Director of Operations
Edward Spellman, Director of Municipal Finance

Date: November 5, 2019

RE: Request for Borrowing Authorization for South Middle School Building Project

I am pleased to report that the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA") recently approved our project to construct a new South Middle School. The project will consist of building a completely new middle school. This significant new addition to our school system will accommodate our 5th graders adjustment to middle school. The total project is expected to cost $86.5 million of which the MSBA has committed to reimbursing the Town at least 53.96% of eligible costs. According to the MSBA guidelines the Town is required to authorize the full amount of the project, and the MSBA will reimburse the Town for its share.

At this time, I am requesting that the Town Council vote to authorize the Town to borrow a "not to exceed" amount of $86.5 million for the new South Middle School with the understanding that the amount borrowed will be reduced by reimbursements received from the MSBA. A motion approving the bond authorization is attached hereto. As you are aware, we are able to accomplish this work without an override or debt exclusion request of the community. With proper planning and our financial strength we are able to incorporate this work within our existing budgetary allotments.

Please be advised that, pursuant to Section 2-9 of the Town's Charter, this borrowing authorization must be published in a newspaper at least 10 days before its final passage. Also, Section 6-7 of the Charter requires that the Town Council conduct a public hearing on this request, with notice of the public hearing being advertised 7 to 14 days prior to the date set for

the public hearing. One advertisement covering both the amount of the appropriation order and notice of the public hearing will suffice.

Finally, this authorization requires an initial reading before the matter is referred to a subcommittee for recommendation. Your cooperation was appreciated by conducting the initial reading of this matter at your meeting on October 15 and conducting the public hearing on November 19.

Thank you for your continued support on this very important project.

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TOWN OF BRAINTREE, MASSACHUSETTS

IN TOWN COUNCIL

ORDERED:

That the Town appropriate the amount of Eighty-Six Million Five Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand Nine Hundred Nineteen Dollars ($86,585,919) for the purpose of paying costs of designing, constructing, equipping and furnishing a new South Middle School, to be located behind the existing South Middle School at 232 Peach Street in Braintree, Massachusetts, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the "Project"), which school facility shall have an anticipated useful life as an educational facility for the instruction of school children for at least 50 years, and for which the Town may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended under the direction of the School Building Committee. To meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to borrow said amount under M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The Town acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any project costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town; provided further that any grant that Town may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) fifty-three and ninety-six hundredths percent (53.96%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA; and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the Town and the MSBA. Any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with M.G.L. c. 44, §20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

Note: As this request involves a loan authorization, advertising and a public hearing is required under Sections 2-9 and 6-7 of the Town Charter. In accordance with M.G.L. c. 44, §1, approval requires the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members of the Town Council.