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District 6

OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Thursday, January 2, 2020

MINUTES

A meeting of the Town Council was held in the Cahill Auditorium, Braintree Town Hall, on Thursday, January 2, 2020 beginning at 5:00p.m.

Council President Ryan was in the chair.

OATH OF OFFICE

20 001: Council President: Oath of Office

James M. Casey, Town Clerk administered the oath of office to the nine members of the Braintree Town Council and the recently elected members of the School Committee, Housing Authority, Electric Light Board and Thayer Library Trustees.

Mayor Sullivan administered the oath of office to newly elected Charles C. Kokoros as the second Mayor of Braintree.

BRAINTREE TOWN COUNCIL

Councilor-At-Large

Shannon L. Hume
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Charles B. Ryan

District Councilors

1 – Julia Camille Flaherty
2 – Steven A. Sciascia
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4 – Stephen C. O'Brien
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HOUSING AUTHORITY

Marta Googins
Matthew J. Sterling

ELECTRIC LIGHT BOARD

Anthony L. Agnitti

TRUSTEES – THAYER LIBRARY

Laura H. Colpus
Ann M. Toland
John M. Pelose
Patricia A. Pilgrim
Christian K. Vanderslice

BRAINTREE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Kelly J. Cobb-Lemire
Karla Morast Psaros
Thomas P. Devin

The Clerk of the Council conducted the roll call.

Present: Charles Ryan, President
Shannon Hume
David M. Ringius, Jr.
Julia Camille Flaherty
Steven A. Sciascia
Donna L. Connors
Stephen C. O'Brien
Meredith L. Boericke
Lawrence C. Mackin, Jr.

Others: Joseph C. Sullivan, Mayor
Joe Reynolds, Chief of Staff
Stephen Lynch, Congressman / Master of Ceremony
Mark Cusack, State Representative
John Keenan, Senator
Walter Timilty, Senator
Alejandro Alves, Assistant to Senators
Mark DuBois, Chief of Police
Ed Spellman, Finance Director
Nicole Taub, Town Solicitor
James M. Casey, Town Clerk
Debra Starr, Assistant Town Clerk
Jane D'Auria, Town Clerk's office
Eric Cocca, Town Clerk's office
Braintree Honor Guards
Father Paul Clifford
Russell DuPuis, Sr., Chaplain
BHS Launch
BHS Concert Choir
Matthew Sawtelle, Interim-Director of Music
School Committee Members
Other Town Employees

Council President Charles Ryan thanked many elected officials and staff members for their support during his term as Council President. He stated thank you to all my colleagues. It was an honor serving as Council President. Congratulations to the new members and current members on their re-election.

Reorganization of Town Council

Section 8-10 of the Braintree Charter requires the Town Council to reorganize to elect a President/Chairperson and a Vice-President/Vice-Chairperson on the first business day in January of each even-numbered year.

The charter also requires the Town Clerk to preside over the reorganization of the Town Council and, immediately after a Council President is elected, to turn the meeting over to the Council President where the Council President will then preside over the election of a Council Vice-President.

James M. Casey stated the Nomination Process is clearly written out and each of you have a copy in front of you and he explained the process.

At this time James M. Casey, Town Clerk, asked for a motion to open up nominations for Council President. A motion was made by Councilor Ryan and seconded by Councilor Ringius. The Clerk of the Council conducted a roll call vote with all members voting in the affirmative.

Clerk Casey asked for nominations for President. Councilor Ryan nominated Councilor Hume. Nomination was seconded by Councilor Boericke. Clerk Casey asked Councilor Hume if she would accept the nomination. Councilor Hume responded "I do". Clerk Casey asked if there were any other nominations.

A second nomination for Council President was made by Councilor Ringius. Councilor Ringius nominated Councilor O'Brien. Nomination was seconded by Councilor Mackin. Clerk Casey asked Councilor O'Brien if he would accept the nomination. Councilor O'Brien responded "I do". Clerk Casey asked if there were any other nominations. There were no other nominations presented.

Clerk Casey asked for a motion to close nominations for Council President. A motion was made by Councilor Ryan and seconded by Councilor Ringius. The Clerk of the Council conducted a roll call vote with all members voting in the affirmative.

Clerk Casey stated we will now take up the first nomination for Council President which was Councilor Hume. All in favor for Councilor Hume for Council President now state in a roll-call by Clerk of the Council. Roll Call was an affirmative vote In Favor voting "Yay" (5 – Boericke, Flaherty, Hume, Ryan, Sciascia) and voting "Nay" or Opposed (4 – Connors, Mackin, O'Brien, Ringius). Clerk Casey stated with that there is a successful nomination of Councilor Hume as the Council President. Council President Hume you may now take over the Council President seat.

Councilor Hume, newly elected Council President, took over the Chair. Town Clerk, Casey stated the next order of business is to ask for nomination for Vice-President.

Council President Hume stated thank you to all former Councilors. It was an honor to work with you. To Mayor Kokoros I am so happy to be working with you as a Council member and now as the Council President. To all who supported me I thank you so much and all those who did not I hope I can earn your support over the next two years and we can all work together and have a great Council.

Council President Hume asked for a motion to open up nominations for Council Vice-President. A motion was made by Councilor Ryan and seconded by Councilor Ringius. The Clerk of the Council conducted a roll call vote with all members voting in the affirmative.

Council President Hume asked for nominations for Vice-President. Councilor Ryan nominated Councilor Ringius. Nomination was seconded by Councilor Mackin. Council President Hume asked if Councilor Ringius if he would accept the nomination. Councilor Ringius responded “yes”. Council President Hume asked if there were any other nominations. There were no other nominations presented.

Council President Ryan asked for a motion to close nominations for Council Vice-President. A motion was made by Councilor Ryan and seconded by Councilor Ringius. The Clerk of the Council conducted a roll call vote with all members voting in the affirmative.

On a motion by Councilor Ryan and seconded by Councilor Boericke to accept by acclamation the nomination of Councilor Ringius for Vice-President. The Clerk of the Council conducted a roll call vote with all members voting in the affirmative. Council President Hume declared Councilor David Ringius as Vice-President.

Council President Hume asked if Mayor Kokoros would like to speak. Mayor Kokoros stated congratulations to the newly elected Council President Hume and Council Vice-President Ringius. I know you will both do a great job. We are looking forward to working with all of you and a great 2020.

Topics the Chair does not reasonably anticipate will be discussed

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Next Council Meetings: **Tuesday, January 7, 2020 @ 7:30pm**

ADJOURNMENT

It was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Cimino, Clerk of the Council