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Lawrence C. Mackin, Jr.
District 6

OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Tuesday, January 7, 2020

MINUTES

A meeting of the Town Council was held in the Cahill Auditorium, Braintree Town Hall, on Tuesday, January 7, 2020 beginning at 7:30p.m.

Council President Hume was in the chair.

Clerk of the Council conducted the roll call.

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

Others: Charles C. Kokoros, Mayor
Nicole Taub, Chief of Staff/Town Solicitor
James M. Casey, Town Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- None

COMMUNICATIONS

• **055 19 Council President: 2020 Town Council Meeting Calendar (discussion/vote)**

Clerk of the Council, Susan Cimino read the 2020 Town Council Meeting Calendar explaining many obstacles this year due to multiple elections and early voting being held in Cahill Auditorium.

For Transparency reasons, during the School Vacation weeks we typically do not hold meetings as in the past but due to Early Voting (Feb. 21 thru March 4 1pm) in February we will not be able to hold the February 25th meeting in Cahill. It will need to be in Johnson Chambers and will not be televised. The October 20th meeting will also not be broadcast live on BCAM due to Early Voting.

• **001 20 Council President: 2020-2021 Committee Assignments (discussion)**

Council President Hume stated for all Council members to please send an email to Clerk of the Council for the Committee(s) you would like to request to be on. The Council President makes these appointments and when the Committee Assignments are complete everyone will be informed.

OLD BUSINESS

• **19 043 Mayor: Authorization to Fund South Middle School or take up any action relative thereto (Public Hearing)**

Councilor Ringius made a Motion to TAKE off the TABLE Order 19 043

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to TAKE off the TABLE Order 19 043

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Connors, Flaherty, Hume, Mackin, O’Brien, Ringius, Ryan, Sciascia),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

Councilor Ringius made a Motion to OPEN the Public Hearing

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to OPEN the Public Hearing for Order 19 043

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Connors, Flaherty, Hume, Mackin, O’Brien, Ringius, Ryan, Sciascia),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

Council President Hume stated we are waiting for more information on this item. It is requested at this time this item be TABLED to the Town Council Meeting on January 21, 2020 at 7:30pm.

MOTION: 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.

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to TABLE Order 19 043 to January 21, 2020 at 7:30pm
Second: by Councilor Ryan
Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Connors, Flaherty, Hume, Mackin, O’Brien, Ringius, Ryan, Sciascia),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

• **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)**

Councilor Ringius made a Motion to TAKE off the TABLE Order 19 044

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to TAKE off the TABLE Order 19 044
Second: by Councilor Ryan
Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Connors, Flaherty, Hume, Mackin, O’Brien, Ringius, Ryan, Sciascia),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

Councilor Ringius made a Motion to OPEN the Public Hearing on Order 19 044

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to OPEN the Public Hearing on Order 19 044
Second: by Councilor Ryan
Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Connors, Flaherty, Hume, Mackin, O’Brien, Ringius, Ryan, Sciascia),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

Council President Hume stated Order 19 044 on Turtle Crossing has been TABLED since we first received the referral. This is a possible foreclosure and the town has first right to it as an affordable housing unit if it does go into foreclosure. The property owner is working with her lawyer to keep her unit. In order to keep her personal information private there is no documentation at this time.

Councilor Ringius made a Motion to TABLE the Public Hearing for Order 19 044 to January 21, 2020 at 7:30pm

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to TABLE Order 19 044 to January 21, 2020 at 7:30pm
Second: by Councilor Ryan
Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Connors, Flaherty, Hume, Mackin, O’Brien, Ringius, Ryan, Sciascia),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

NEW BUSINESS

Council President Hume stated the next two items **Order 20 003 and Order 20 004** are placeholders for a vote at our January 21, 2020 meeting to avoid Same Night Action (NO VOTE NEEDED FOR THESE TWO ITEMS this evening.)

20 003 and 20 004 are “placeholders” from the Town Clerk. These two items along with another item 19 049, that was placed on the 12/17/19 agenda under New Business, all need to be voted on at the 1/21/20 meeting. We place it on the agenda so Council members are aware it is a vote to be taken in the future. This is to avoid SAME NIGHT ACTION votes.

- **20 003 Town Clerk: Designation of Early Voting Site and Hours or take up any action relative thereto**
(placeholder for vote 1/21/20)
(NO VOTE required this evening.)
- **20 004 Town Clerk: Designation of Early Voting Central Tabulation Facility or take up any action relative thereto** (placeholder for vote 1/21/20)
(NO VOTE required this evening.)

Councilor Ringius read to refer Order 20 002 to the Committee of Ways & Means:

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

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to refer Order 20 002 to the Committee of Ways & Means

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (9 – Boericke, Connors, Flaherty, Hume, Mackin, O’Brien, Ringius, Ryan, Sciascia),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

Topics the Chair does not reasonably anticipate will be discussed

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Next Council Meetings: **Tuesday, January 21, 2020 @ 7:30pm**

Councilor Sciascia made a statement that the opinion from Town Solicitor from the memo dated January 3, 2020, on the Motion for Reconsideration was his only option and that this motion must be made by a member who voted with the prevailing side and during the meeting at which a vote has been taken.

ADJOURNMENT

It was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:15p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan M. Cimino, Clerk of the Council

MEETING DOCUMENTS

- 055 19 Council President: 2020 Town Council Meeting Calendar (discussion/vote)
- 001 20 Council President: 2020-2021 Committee Assignments (discussion)
- 19 043 Mayor: Authorization to Fund South Middle School or take up any action relative thereto
- 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
- 20 002 Mayor: Transfer Funds from the Human Resources Salary Reserve or take up any action relative thereto