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OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Tuesday, April 27, 2021

(zoom webinar)

MINUTES

A meeting of the Town Council was held via Zoom Webinar, on Tuesday, April 27, 2021 beginning at 7:30p.m.

Council President Hume was in the chair.

Clerk of the Council, Susan M. Cimino 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
Ed Spellman, Director of Municipal Finance
Marybeth McGrath, Director Municipal License & Inspections
Melissa SantucciRozzi, Director of Planning & Community Development
James Arsenault, DPW Director
Ben Hulke, Assistant DPW Director
Daryn Brown, Golf Director
John Thompson, Town Engineer/Asst DPW Director
Shawn McGoldrick, Town Auditor

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- May 8, 2021:
 - Braintree Beautification Day
 - Red Cross Blood Drive in honor of Lucas Flint and Donate Life
 - Rabies Clinic 10am to 12noon
- May 1, 2021 Walk for Life in honor of Laurie Melchionda

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- February 23, 2021
 - Motion:** by Councilor Ringius to approve the Minutes of February 23, 2021
 - Second:** by Councilor Ryan
 - Roll Call Vote:** For (9 – Boericke, Connors, Flaherty, Hume, Mackin, O’Brien, Ringius, Ryan, Sciascia), Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)
- March 2, 2021
 - Motion:** by Councilor Ringius to approve the Minutes of March 2, 2021
 - Second:** by Councilor Ryan
 - Roll Call Vote:** For (9 – Boericke, Connors, Flaherty, Hume, Mackin, O’Brien, Ringius, Ryan, Sciascia), Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR AND TOWN BOARDS

• 012 20 Council President: COVID-19 Update

Marybeth McGrath, Director of the Department of Municipal Licenses & Inspections stated we are doing very well. The Towns total number of cases is 4,531 positive cases. 136 total deaths of residents in Braintree. There will be some restrictions lifted in the days and weeks ahead. Phase 4 step 2 will begin. Some industries will open at 50% capacity. Road races will be permitted with staggered start. Youth tournaments will be allowed effective May 10, 2021. Singing with strict distancing indoors. May 29 gathering limits will increase. Table size at a restaurant will allow 10 persons to a table. April 30th some outdoor face covering restrictions will be lifted.

Testing sites available are: Randolph (128 Pleasant Street) Monday thru Friday 2pm to 6pm and Saturday 9am to 1pm.

Massasoit in Brockton is open Monday/Wednesday/Friday 7am to 11am and Tuesday/Thursday/Saturday 2pm to 7pm.

Both of these sites are free to Massachusetts residents. You stay in your car and get tested.

There is a link to all things COVID on the Town website.

We also encourage the residents to take steps to help prevent exposure to any respiratory viruses, including seasonal influenza and Coronavirus by:

- Washing your hands often with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching your eyes and face.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or the inside of your elbow.
- Clean things that are frequently touched (like doorknobs and countertops) with household cleaning sprays or wipes.
- Stay at home when feeling sick.

For more information on COVID-19, visit the MDPH website at www.mass.gov/2019coronavirus and the CDC website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/index.html>

For questions, please feel free to contact the Town of Braintree Health Department:

Public Health Nurse at 781-794-8094 or Marybeth McGrath, Director of Health at 781-794-8095.

• **012 21 Council President: Petersen Pool Update from Mayor Kokoros**

Mayor Kokoros stated we set some milestones for E Street LLC. There were some milestones that were not met. After failing to meet the first two weekly milestones and defaulting on the ground lease, I had to invoke the 30 day termination clause of the agreement. We served E Street with a formal notice on April 16, 2021. The following defaults were identified: 3-1A and 3-3A failure to use diligent efforts to obtain permits, 3.1C failure to demonstrate a commitment of sufficient financing through written documentation and 3-5 failure to pay all costs and expenses associated with the project. E Street LLC has until May 16, 2021 to remedy these breaches or the contract is terminated. There may be litigation if within 30 days we have not received our requests.

• **013 21 Mayor: FY2022 Budget Submission**

Mayor Kokoros stated I present you with my FY2022 Budget totaling \$145,617,216.00. This is only 1.58% increase over the fiscal year 2021 budget. This may be the smallest increase in many years. We have used a very strong conservatively fiscal management over the past year. I am committed to working with our business community to increase new growth. We are actively looking for life sciences. The Hyatt will open within the month. We will continue outdoor seating for restaurant. We hope to surpass what we have budgeted and increase our free cash. The American Rescue Plan Act was signed by the President. The Town of Braintree will receive \$3.66 million from this rescue act. Braintree will receive 50% of this funding at \$1,834,500. We will receive this funding in time for this budget. Other communities have received more and I share in my frustrations. They are entitlement communities and Braintree is not. The Schools budget is currently for \$71,574,118. The federal funding has allowed us to off-set some of those cost/cuts we were looking at. It is important to maintain all the services our departments do for our residents. My department heads will be available for any and all questions.

- **014 21 Council President: Update to In Person Council Meetings**

President Hume stated will be holding in-person Town Council meetings beginning on May 18, 2021. We will be in our Council Chambers.

- **015 21 Council President: FY2022 Budget Schedule**

President Hume stated the Budget Hearings will begin on May 4th with Committee of Ways & Means and will be meeting via Zoom.

OLD BUSINESS

- **20 071 Town Clerk: Polling Locations or take up any action relative thereto**

President Hume asked for a motion to take off the table for Order 20 071.

Councilor Ringius made a Motion to Take off the Table Order 20 071

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to Take off the Table Order 20 071

Second: by Councilor Ryan

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

President Hume stated there are too many moving parts with this. There are a lot of questions and uncertainty whether it be mail-in voting, in-person voting, early voting and we do not have a definitive answer from the legislature so I asked the Town Clerk about the possibility of extending the temporary 3 district polling locations to the end of this year. The Town Clerk needs to move forward with the proper planning for the next election. There was a lot of apprehension to do this permanently.

James Casey, Town Clerk stated at the meeting on February 23, 2021 – An overview of the election process was provided addressing.....

Role of Election Officials - Under the supervision of the Secretary of State/ Managed by the Town Clerk

Election Cycle - Average of two elections per year/State Elections even years / Local Elections odd years

Voter Options to Cast Ballots - Voters have more options to cast a ballot than ever before

Declining Election Day Voting - Voters casting a ballot on Election Day has continued a downward trend since 2016/Opting for early voting

Comparison with other Municipalities - More municipalities are consolidating polling locations due to lower election day turnout, technology advancements and cost considerations

Healthy Environment - Consolidation of polling locations allows greater administrative control over the implementation of health guidelines across locations

Voter Access - Technology advancements, coordinated signage and expanded voter options to cast a ballot have significantly reduced voter turnout at polling locations

Election Costs - Continue to rise due to: Technology usage/Mandatory Early Voting (current legislation)/Same day Voter Registration (current legislation)

Polling Location Options:

12 Individual Voting Precincts	6 District Voting Precincts
District 1A - Marge Crispin Center	District 1 Marge Crispin Center
District 1B - Flaherty School	
District 2A - St. Thomas More Church	District 2 Hollis School
District 2B - Hollis School	
District 3A - Ross School	District 3 Ross School
District 3B - Braintree Yacht Club	
District 4A - East Middle School	District 4 East Middle School
District 4B - Morrison School	
District 5A - Braintree Town Hall	District 5 Braintree Town Hall
District 5B - Liberty School	
District 6A - South Middle School	District 6 South Middle School
District 6B - Highlands School	

District 1

Each of the two options are of sufficient size to accommodate two polling precincts however, lack of ADA and general parking along with reducing the number of elementary schools used as polling locations favors the **Marge Crispin Center** as a more viable option even with the Center’s separate ADA and General voting entrances.

District 2

The **Hollis School**, although an elementary school, is far more a viable option over St. Thomas More Church Community Center, given its significant larger voting area to setup two precincts, ease of access into the building and, a town owned building versus a private building.

District 3

Each of the two options are of sufficient size to accommodate two polling precincts however, the Braintree Yacht Club lacks sufficient ADA and general parking, has a crowded entrance area and is a private entity which favors the **Ross School** as a more viable option.

District 4

The Morrison School voting area is located in the school library and, bookcases, desks and the like, would not accommodate a second polling location. The schools gymnasium is located in the lower level of the building and is not be a viable option. **East Middle School** is of sufficient size, with favorable ADA and general parking and has served as one of the three voting centers during the Fall 2020 Elections..

District 5

Lack of sufficient ADA and general parking combined with the raised roadway eliminates the Liberty School as a combined voting precinct. **Braintree Town Hall** has served as a dual polling location in the past as well as the designated early voting center and would be best served as District 5’s polling location.

District 6

Each of the two options are of sufficient size to accommodate two polling precincts however, lack of ADA and general parking along with reducing the number of elementary schools used as polling locations favors the **South Middle School** as a more viable option. South Middle School served as one of the three voting centers during the Fall 2020 Elections.

Elections are very expensive. Election Costs for November 2021:

	12 Individual Voting Precincts	6 District Voting Precincts	3 District Voting Centers
FY2020 Elections with Police Costs	\$100,200	\$91,800	\$87,100
FY2020 Elections*	\$88,200	\$85,800	\$84,100
Variance to Individual Polling Locations	-	\$8,400	\$13,100

Town Clerk Casey’s Recommendation:

I ask your support to continue with the three District Voting Centers through the end of 2021. The success of the Fall 2020 election plan will continue to address the uncertainties that lay ahead for the November Election and will undoubtedly be less confusing for voters after the 2020 Census re-precincting boundaries are finalized.

Councilor Sciascia stated thank you for this temporary solution.

Councilor Boericke stated without the certainty of Early Voting/Mail-In Voting I feel we are disproportionately impacting the ability for our most vulnerable to get to the polls especially with walkability being the reason so many polling locations were established in the first place. I am not in favor of keeping the consolidation. I would need to know about mail-in voting.

Clerk Casey stated there is Absentee Voting that is available with no reason necessary and voters can request a ballot and receive it by mail. Early voting by mail will not happen. The post cards mailed out asking if you would like to receive a ballot will not be mailed out for the November 2, 2021 election.

Councilor Ringius stated one of my concerns is everyone has the right to vote the way they want to vote. I like to walk in and fill in that circle. I have some concerns about consolidation. It was very successful this past fall with the temporary 3 locations. It makes sense to continue this temporary allocation to 3 polling locations to eliminate confusion and buys us some time to analyze data.

Councilor Connors stated I will vote in favor of the 3 polling locations. I saw how well it worked. In the long run it will save the Town significant money. There are other towns that do this on a regular basis.

Councilor O'Brien I support the temporary 3 polling locations and would like to continue the conversation after re-precincting and after COVID.

Motion was read by Councilor Ringius:

MOTION: UPON THE REQUEST OF THE BRAINTREE TOWN CLERK, THE TOWN OF BRAINTREE, THROUGH THE BRAINTREE TOWN COUNCIL, IT IS SO ORDERED:

With continued uncertainty of COVID related health issues, pending election legislation, providing polling location stability for voters prior to 2020 Census re-precincting, and pursuant to M.G.L. C. 54, § 24, that the public convenience would be better served by extending Council Order 20-042 through December 31, 2021 and maintaining District Voting Centers as follows:

District 1A – Town Hall, **District 1B** – Flaherty School, **District 2A** – Hollis School, **District 2B** – Hollis School, be relocated to the **Braintree High School Voting Center** at 128 Town Street

District 3A – Ross School, **District 3B** – Braintree Yacht Club, **District 4A** – Elder Affairs Building, **District 4B** – Morrison School be relocated to **East Middle School Voting Center** at 305 River Street

District 5A – Town Hall, **District 5B** – Liberty School, **District 6A** – South Middle School, **District 6B** – Highlands School be relocated to **South Middle School Voting Center**, 232 Peach Street

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to Approve Council Order 20 071

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Roll Call Vote: For (8 – Connors, Flaherty, Hume, Mackin, O'Brien, Ringius, Ryan, Sciascia),
Against (1 - Boericke), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

• **21 015 National Grid Petition: Middle Street or take up any action relative thereto**

President Hume referred to Councilor Ryan, Chairman of the Department of Public Works for a recommendation.

Councilor Ryan, Chairman of the Committee of the Department of Public Works stated the committee met tonight and made a favorable unanimous recommendation with the staff's comments. This is a great example of utility coordination. The Town of Braintree is replacing water lines so National Grid said they will replace the gas lines while the street is open.

MOTION: To Install and Maintain gas lines due to Water/utility work that the Town of Braintree is planning with the following staff recommendations:

BELD: BELD has a 115,000-volt oil filled transmission line located on Elm/Middle/Morrison/River streets.

BELD Engineering should be notified in advance of any excavation to be performed near this line. BELD will provide onsite support and safety personnel at no cost to the project. BELD also has a 13,800-volt underground system on these roads. This is a concrete encased duct bank to be identified through the Dig safe process.

DPW: The DPW has reviewed the subject petition and the accompanying sketch for the new gas main location and have the following recommendations:

- Relay approximately 700 feet of 4-inch coated steel (1957) gas main in Middle Street from Elm St to #54 Middle St with 700 feet of 6-inch plastic gas main and abandon same limit.
- Relay approximately 670 feet of 4-inch coated steel (1957) gas main in Middle St from Morrison St to River St with 670 feet of 6-inch plastic gas main and abandon same limit.

Middle Street is not under the moratorium. The street was last resurfaced with microsurface treatment in 2008. The Braintree Water and Sewer Division is planning a water main replacement project along this section of Middle Street during the 2021 construction season, and we would recommend that the petition be granted as soon as possible so that the gas main replacement, the watermain replacement, and the subsequent roadway paving can be coordinated and completed in a timely manner. It should be noted that National Grid is not proposing to replace the gas main currently suspended beneath the railroad crossing bridge because they have determined it to be in great shape, having received regular maintenance and coatings on the exposed steel.

The petition should be granted under the normal conditions, with emphasis on the requirements that the trench pavement not be left low for any length of time, and that the gas main shall not encroach on any town-owned utilities. We also recommend that the following requirements be added to the permit, if it is to be granted:

“National Grid must arrange a pre-construction meeting with Braintree DPW, Braintree Police and BELD prior to any excavation to discuss utility corridor assignment and traffic management for the project.”

“Neither National Grid nor any of its contractors is authorized to close any street or to close a direction of travel to facilitate their work without authorization from the Director of the Department of Public Works

or the Highway Superintendent. The Chief of Police can also authorize a closure for a police or fire emergency. Construction zone traffic safety issues are to be addressed by using appropriate traffic control signs and devices and the use of police officers for traffic control to safely guide traffic through the work zone. If a closure is authorized by the DPW, it shall not be implemented until signs and police officers (where needed) are properly in place in conformity with the written plan prepared by the contractor's engineer and approved by the DPW and Police Department."

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to Approve Council Order 21 015

Second: by Councilor Ryan

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

• **21 016 Mayor: Establishment of New Revolving Fund for Golf Food Services in FY21 or take up any action relative thereto (Public Hearing)**

President Hume asked is there a Motion to Open the Public Hearing for Order 21 016.

Councilor Ringius made a Motion to OPEN the Public Hearing

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to OPEN the Public Hearing for Order 21 016

Second: by Councilor Ryan

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

President Hume referred to Councilor Boericke, Chairwoman of the Committee of Ways & Means for a recommendation.

Councilor Boericke, Chairwoman of the Committee of Ways & Means stated the committee earlier this evening. We are sending this to the full Council with unanimous favorable recommendation. In order to establish a revolving fund it must be self-sustaining and moving this to a revolving helps to manage the overall Golf budget. Dollars earned by food & beverage can only be spent by food & beverage at the Golf course.

Councilor O'Brien asked about creating a revolving fund for food & beverage or if we could leverage the additional funds if they do well if a revolving fund is not created.

Nicole Taub, Chief of Staff stated there are two ways to look at that scenario. First given the variability and cost for the supplies required to run food & beverage and uncertainty around how much it costs to fund this through the year often leads to a supplemental appropriation despite the fact that revenues are available through earnings brought in by the program but not accessible to cover the shortfalls. In that scenario free cash or supplemental appropriation is required. In the event Food & Beverage is funded through a Revolving fund and be self-sufficient those costs to continue the operation and to purchase the items necessary to fund that operations are coming directly from the revenues earned and coming from the revolving fund. So our expectations are the need for a supplemental will actually be less because those areas for variability and need for funding will now be self-funded out of the revolving fund as opposed to coming out of the operating.

Councilor O'Brien asked if Food & Beverage has excess cash can it be used to help with a rainy day in the Golf operations.

Ed Spellman, Director of Municipal Finance stated if this continues in an enterprise fund you can transfer funds from line items to other line items within the Golf enterprise funds. The intent to establish this is because the last few years Golf has had the Food & Beverage and we put together reasonable budgets and the Food & Beverage has exceeded those. What happened is we had to come back for Supplemental funds to help cover their higher than expected operations. We discussed this last year in Ways & Means. We felt this is the best way to cover the operations of Food & Beverage so we do not have to come back for a Supplemental. If we sell more burgers, we have the money in this fund to buy more burgers.

Shawn McGoldrick, Town Auditor stated if Food & Beverage was left in the Golf Enterprise fund, could it help fund a poor performance on tee fees? Yes - it could. If you are doing it this way – it cannot. I believe that is the intent to separate it so that Golf is running separately without the support from Food & Beverage.

Daryn Brown, Director of Golf stated I do not see the Food & Beverage to be something that would bail out the Golf course in a bad year. It was never to be a gigantic revenue generator where it will accumulate a lot of money. This is just to provide a service.

Council President Hume asked if any member of the Council or General Public want to speak on Order 21 016?

Council President Hume asked if there is anyone else wishing to speak? Hearing none.

Council President Hume asked is there a motion to Close the Public Hearing for Order 21 016?

Councilor Ringius made a Motion to CLOSE the Public Hearing on Order 21 016

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to CLOSE the Public Hearing on Order 21 016

Second: by Councilor Ryan

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

Motion was read by Council Vice-President Ringius:

MOTION: That the Mayor be authorized to use a revolving fund in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws chapter 44, section 53E1/2 that may be spent by the Mayor, in conjunction with the golf greens superintendent without further appropriation during the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2020, for the collection of fees, revenue and payments generated from food service operations at the golf course collected during fiscal year 2021 to pay for salaries, expenses and contractual services associated with the operation of the golf course food service operations. The Mayor may spend up to \$450,000 in revolving fund monies during fiscal year 2021.

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to Approve Council Order 21 016

Second: by Councilor Ryan

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

• **21 017 Mayor: Appointment—Melissa SantucciRozzi, Director, Planning and Community Development, or take up any action relative thereto**

President Hume referred to Councilor Boericke, Chairwoman of the Committee of Ways & Means for a recommendation.

Councilor Boericke, Chairwoman of the Committee of Ways & Means stated the committee met earlier tonight. We send this to the full Council with a split vote 3 in favor, 2 opposed. Ms. SantucciRozzi comes with a wealth of experience in our community and to our community. Ms. SantucciRozzi has demonstrated her leadership in taking resident concerns seriously. She shepherded through the complex Liberty and Grove project, working with multiple stakeholders with residents wishes in mind. She has been a champion in Neighborhood meetings and answering questions of residents and being honest about what is possible even when it might not be what we want to hear. We welcome her as a department director with nearly 20 years of experience in the Town.

Mayor Kokoros stated I put forward this appointment of Ms. SantucciRozzi. There was a lot of hard work on Liberty and Grove. When she was appointed interim director, I saw immediately her leadership and it was very impressive to me. There was a full vetting process of applicants and she was by far the best. We are working closely to replace some of the revenue sources with redevelopment and life sciences. She is a team player and understands my wish is to keep the small town feel. She has also worked diligently to get us to 10%. She helps people with rental assistance, mortgage assistance. She was their saving grace through the programs she was able to foster them through. The Town is very lucky to have someone with so much experience and willing to do the work and move forward with the right type of redevelopment and to keep our town a town.

President Hume stated you have quite an impressive resume. There has been a positive tone coming from the office of Planning & Community Development. Ms. Erin Joyce (Planning Board) wrote a letter of support for the appointment to Ms. SantucciRozzi which was read by President Hume into the record.

Councilor Sciascia stated I am not in favor of this appointment. The residents have been clear they want change on how this town thinks about development and how it plans for its future. They wanted change in departments and the Mayoral office. I hope they got some of those changes. Ms. SantucciRozzi was sitting on the other side of the table during some things the residents asked to be changed with the others.

Councilor Connors stated I was also a no vote in Ways & Means. We talk about leadership. We didn't want 40R. Since I have been a Councilor I have seen little change.

Councilor Mackin stated there is no denying Ms. SantucciRozzi's knowledge. I have had residents reach out to me. You did fantastic work with the Liberty/Grove. The residents asked for a lot of change. I think we should be bringing in new blood and not promoting those from the previous administration.

Councilor Flaherty stated it is clear the Department heads take their direction from the Mayor. It is clear Ms. SantucciRozzi is taking direction from the Mayor. Her commitment to move towards Life Sciences. Her work on Liberty/Grove was excellent. Understanding Planning is a multifaceted and complicated and

often technical task. She can explain that to residents so a lay person can understand. I think she does this very well. She deserves this position. She has the expertise for this position.

Melissa SantucciRozzi, interim Director of Planning & Community Development stated I am very much ready to continue in this leadership role. I have hit the ground running. One thing we will do is work with residents and the Master Plan Steering committee very early on and the process we are going to embark on. Communication and collaboration and working very closely with fellow departments working on relationships, working on dialogue, very simply working together to advance Braintree into the best position it can be in. We are short-staffed. I have been hustling. I care deeply about Braintree. I take a lot of pride in our work here and see a lot of room for improvement throughout this department. I am looking forward to embark on some serious economic development for this community. Zoning and Planning is something very few people truly understand. We spend a lot of time in the office guiding people through these situations. Many times we have to say you can't do it that way; you need to do A, B and C and then it will cost you some money. I am looking forward to expanding this department and am really enthusiastic about my role working with Mayor Kokoros, Chief of Staff Taub and carrying out the administrations vision for Braintree.

Councilor Ringius stated I will be supportive because of communication and collaboration and you have seen what works and what does not work. With the Master Plan Committee, we will start meeting and see where the town is going to go with this. We had multiple Ordinance & Rules Committee meetings on the proposed zoning amendment. There were parts of it I was very much against. People showed up at those meetings and thought the same. You were always there to answer the questions. You had an infinite of knowledge of subject matter. You have shown you can run this department. We want to focus on moving forward. I ask you to be mindful of resident concerns and respond to them accordingly.

Councilor Ryan stated I will support Mayor Kokoros appointment of Melissa SantucciRozzi. Mayor Kokoros ran on transparency. Melissa knows exactly what she is getting into here. We need to communicate, have transparency and get the residents involved.

Councilor O'Brien stated I come into this very torn. I believe the residents have spoken loud and clear. There is some history here that I recall and have some concerns. With the zoning that came forward I have heard nothing. When the zoning documentation was slapped on a desk major areas of the town and rezoning turns this place into a city. We want that small home-town feel. I think of Whites Hill and lawsuit to OIB and walls that look like they belong on Route 1 behind Pilgrim Road. I had residents complain about interactions. Hancock Street was also sent over to Zoning. I will not be supporting this.

Motion was read by Council Vice-President Ringius:

MOTION: Upon the request of his honor, the Mayor, the Town of Braintree, through the Braintree Town Council, and in accordance with sections 3-3 of the Charter of the Town of Braintree to approve the appointment of Melissa SantucciRozzi as the Director of Planning and Community Development.

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to Approve Council Order 21 017

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Roll Call Vote: For (5 – Boericke, Flaherty, Hume, Ringius, Ryan),
Against (4 – Connors, Mackin, O'Brien, Sciacia), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

NEW BUSINESS

- None

President Hume asked is there a motion for the following to be referred to Committee(s):
Councilor Ringius read the following item(s) for referral to committee(s):

Refer to the Committee on Ordinance & Rules

- 21 018 Mayor: Ordinance to establish revolving funds pursuant to MGL c. 44 s. 53E1/2 or take up any action relative thereto

Motion made by Councilor Ringius to refer to the Committee on Ordinance & Rules Order 21 018

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to Refer to the Committee on Ordinance & Rules Order 21 018

Second: by Councilor Ryan

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

Refer to the Committee of Ways & Means

- 21 018 Mayor: Ordinance to establish revolving funds pursuant to MGL c. 44 s. 53E1/2 or take up any action relative thereto
- 21 019 Mayor: Increase FY2021 spending maximum for pro shop revolving fund or take up any action relative thereto
- 21 020 Mayor: FY2022 Operating Budget or take up any action relative thereto
- 21 021 Mayor: FY2022 Budget – Community Preservation Committee or take up any action relative thereto
- 21 022 Mayor: FY2022 Budget - Continuation of Revolving Funds or take up any action relative thereto

Motion made by Councilor Ringius to refer to the Committee of Ways & Means Order 21 018, Order 21 019, Order 21 020, Order 21 021 and Order 21 022

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to Refer to the Committee of Ways & Means Order 21 018,
Order 21 019, Order 21 020, Order 21 021 and Order 21 022

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Roll Call 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 Meeting scheduled on: **Tuesday, May 18, 2021@7:30pm**

ADJOURNMENT

It was unanimously voted by roll call vote to adjourn the meeting at 10:05p.m.

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

Meeting Documents

- Minutes of February 23, 2021
- Minutes of March 2, 2021
- 20 071 Town Clerk: Polling Locations or take up any action relative thereto
- 21 015 National Grid Petition: Middle Street or take up any action relative thereto
- 21 016 Mayor: Establishment of New Revolving Fund for Golf Food Services in FY21 or take up any action relative thereto (Public Hearing)
- 21 017 Mayor: Appointment—Melissa SantucciRozzi, Director, Planning and Community Development, or take up any action relative thereto