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At Large

Charles B. Ryan
At Large

Julia Camille Flaherty
District 1

Steven A. Sciascia
District 2

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District 3

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Vice-President
At Large

Stephen C. O'Brien
District 4

Meredith L. Boericke
District 5

Lawrence C. Mackin, Jr.
District 6

OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Tuesday, June 1, 2021

(ANNUAL TOWN MEETING)

MINUTES

A meeting of the Town Council was held in Cahill Auditorium, on Tuesday, June 1, 2021 beginning at 7:00p.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 via Zoom
 - 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
 - Mark Dubois, Police Chief
 - James F. O'Brien, Fire Chief
 - Karen Shanley, HR Director
 - Jeff Kunz, Director Trash & Recycling
 - Teri Stano, Library Director
 - Jada Maxwell, Asst Library Director
 - Sharmila Biswas, Director Elder Affairs
 - Ann Toland, Library Trustee
 - Robert Brinkmann, Deputy Assessor
 - Mike McGourty, Facilities Director
 - Dr. Frank Hackett, Superintendent of Schools
 - Jim Lee, Asst Superintendent of Schools
 - Ed Cronin, Business Director

School Committee members
James M. Casey, Town Clerk
Christopher Griffin, Asst Director Parks & Recreation
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
Lou Dutton, Superintendent Water/Sewer
Steven Leary, Assistant to the Mayor
Kate Naughton, Mayors office
Shawn McGoldrick, Town Auditor

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Council President – this Annual Town Meeting is dedicated to Nelson Chin. He was the Director of Parks & Recreation and would always be here attending this meeting. We miss him dearly.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- March 16, 2021
 - Motion:** by Councilor Ringius to approve the Minutes of March 16, 2021
 - Second:** by Councilor Ryan
 - 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 the governors orders will be lifted on June 15, 2021. A majority of the industry sector specific limitations have been lifted. The COVID cases have dramatically been reduced over this last 1 ½ to 2 months which we are grateful for. The Towns total number of cases since it started in February 2020 is 4,614 positive cases and 136 deaths.

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 at this point there are no new updates. As of June 15, 2021, if the items are not delivered we will have to move on from this particular contractor. We will keep you updated.

OLD BUSINESS

- 21 020 Mayor: FY2022 Operating Budget or take up any action relative thereto (Public Hearing)

President Hume asked for a Motion to Open the Public Hearing for Order 21 020.

Councilor Ringius made a Motion to Open the Public Hearing for Order 21 020

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to Open the Public Hearing for Order 21 020

Second: by Councilor Ryan

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 met 9 nights and investigated every line item in every department. Always with the schools and kids in mind. There is just not a lot of wiggle room in this budget. Our expenses are rising faster than the income. During our investigations we realized 87% is contractual. These are critical expenses. More than half of what is left goes to the schools. The remaining amount goes to help the town run. We realized there was just no additional money. Our reserves have dwindled to less than \$4 million. We do not have enough in the rainy-day fund. Only the Mayor can reallocate funding and he did just that. Moving money from an investment account to the school budget.

Chairwoman Boericke continued our expenses are greater than our income. We legally cannot spend money we do not have. In the short term we had to realize cuts had to be made. We all listened to

residents concerns and worked toward the same goal – to preserve as many jobs as possible and protect our school budget. After scrutiny, inquiry and investigation the Committee of Ways & Means felt the final budget presented the best decision we can make with the information we know today and the resources we have. We are sending this to the full Council with unanimous favorable recommendation.

Mayor Kokoros stated thank you to the Committee of Ways & Means for a unanimous vote in favor of the FY22 Budget. I come before the entire Town Council tonight to ask for a favorable vote for the FY22 Budget. I want to thank all of my staff who work so hard to make me look good. I appreciate all the hard work that you put into this budget. I want to thank all the staff that came here on Saturdays to get the vaccines into the arms of our residents.

Mayor Kokoros stated today I come to you with optimism of continued success of the great town of Braintree. Ove the past 15 months we have made it through the darkest of times. Out of that darkness breeds renewed success. The pandemic had a severe financial effect on our business community as well as our residents and our town’s revenue. It effected so many residents with the tragic loss of 136 lives in our community. Back in 2020 we began to make an adjustment in our budget due to the closing of buildings and businesses. Coming together by staying apart was our line. We partially laid off 60 employees and closed town buildings to the public but maintained the services. We have significant reduced local revenue. We have been hit by many difficulties. We stand up to them and come up with ways to cut costs and saving. We continued to work with the State to get more funding for our Town. We have developments that will get us closer to our 10% for housing. We want to work with Life Science to bring it into our community. We are looking at many different locations and this is the future of our town. As you have reviewed this budget you see we have maintained the highest level of services for our residents. Working as a team we created this budget with the Mayor’s staff and the Town Council through these times that no one would have been able to predict. I ask you to support my FY22 budget and I appreciate this partnership.

Council President Hume asked if any member of the Council wants to speak on Order 21 020?

Councilor Mackin stated this has not been the first year we have been using free cash to cover budget items. This has been going on for a few years now.

Councilor Connors stated we need to come up with a long-term plan. The next few years are going to be lean with cuts until we can recover.

Councilors asked about Tax Abatements and the Overlay Account. Director Spellman and Deputy Assessor Brinkmann stated a certain amount is budgeted and any unused amounts could go back to the general fund once all the cases are cleared. We have not had a year where we had a deficit.

Council President Hume asked if any member of the General Public want to speak on Order 21 020?

Joan Marie Cruz, resident via Zoom read by Council President asked if we received additional funding from the State will it be applied to this year’s budget and will it be able to go towards the school budget to save any positions this year.

Mayor Kokoros stated if we receive additional funding we will assess with the School Committee and Superintendent the needs and wherever the needs are the funds will be placed. We certainly will review the school department if we receive additional funding.

Councilor Flaherty stated I never want to make cuts especially to school staff. I combed through every single line looking as to how those jobs could be saved. The need for our teachers is stronger than ever. I scoured the budget as did all of the members of the Ways & Means. It is clear most of our money (87% of it) is bound up in contractually obligated spending that can't be reallocated. The remaining 13% is for everything else and have of that is already going to the schools. There is not a lot to work with. It is also clear the cost of everything goes up every year but our revenues don't go up every year. To make up for this we have been dipping into our free cash to make ends meet. Residents have called on our local government that this is our rainy day. No one disputes that. It has been more than raining. It has been monsooning for more than a year. We used over \$2 million to keep from making cuts last year. The revenues were too low for those funds to be replenished. When we look at the budget now the money is just not there. This administration has been a careful steward of the resources that we have. The revenue losses over this past year were real. This budget represents a good faith effort to try to minimize the impact of those losses on the schools and everywhere in this town and that is why I will support it.

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

Council President Hume reiterated it is the Council's role to review the budget as submitted by the Mayor. We only have the authority to make recommendations to decrease the budget. We cannot increase the budget.

Prior to closing the public hearing the following was read into the record by Councilor Ringius:

TOWN OF BRAINTREE						
FY 2022 Budget						
	Department/Programs	FY 2022 Original *	FY 2022 Revised	Change		
111	Town Council Programs	273,714	273,714	-		
121	Mayor's Office-Programs	479,204	479,204	-		
133	Finance Programs	13,949,818	13,572,318	(377,500)		
151	Law	172,543	172,543	-		
152	Human Resources-Programs	22,942,166	22,942,166	-		
161	Town Clerk	447,497	442,747	(4,750)		
175	Planning and Community Development	556,809	556,809	-		
210	Police	11,391,419	11,396,169	4,750		
220	Fire	9,659,993	9,659,993	-		
241	Municipal Licenses and Inspections	968,944	968,944	-		
300	Education	71,570,000	71,947,500	377,500		
350	Blue Hill Regional	2,582,753	2,582,753	-		
400	Public Works Department	8,736,977	8,736,977	-		
541	Elder Affairs	325,688	325,688	-		
610	Library	<u>1,559,691</u>	<u>1,559,691</u>	<u>-</u>		
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND	145,617,216	145,617,216	-		
		-				
400	Golf Fund	2,000,445	1,708,653	(291,792)		
436	Sewer Fund	11,604,485	11,604,485	-		
438	Water Fund	10,011,413	10,011,413	-		
450	Storm Water Fund	1,074,266	1,074,266	-		
690	Cable Access PEG Fund	<u>505,099</u>	<u>505,099</u>	<u>-</u>		
	TOTAL ALL FUNDS	170,812,924	170,521,132	(291,792)		
		-	-	-		
	* as submitted by Mayor 4/27/2021					

Council President Hume asked is there a motion to Close the Public Hearing for Order 21 020?

Councilor Ringius made a Motion to CLOSE the Public Hearing on Order 21 020

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to CLOSE the Public Hearing on Order 21 020

Second: by Councilor Ryan

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

Motions were read by Council Vice-President Ringius:

MOTIONS:

1. That the Town of Braintree raise and appropriate the sum of \$145,617,216 to provide for all of the expenses for the maintenance and operation of the Town's several departments and programs for the fiscal year 2022 and that the several sums herein set forth are hereby approved for the several purposes and are subject to the source of funding for said expenditures as outlined on the attached Exhibit A, specifically, that the sum of \$93,499 be transferred from Golf Course receipts, the sum of \$250,000 be transferred from the Overlay Surplus account, the sum of \$9,700 be transferred from the Waterways Improvement fund, the sum of \$22,000 be transferred from the Sale of Cemetery Lots, the sum of \$857,525 be transferred from Water and Sewer receipts, the sum of \$36,251 be transferred from Stormwater receipts, the sum of \$1,864,500 to be transferred from the American Rescue Plan Act account, and the balance to be raised in the tax levy (including 2,659,954 from the debt exclusion).

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to Approve Council Order 21 020 (1)

Second: by Councilor Ryan

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

2. That the Town of Braintree appropriate the sum of \$1,708,653 to provide for all of the expenses for the maintenance and operation of the Town's Golf Course and related programs for the fiscal year 2022 and that the several sums herein set forth are hereby approved for the several purposes as outlined on the attached Exhibit A, specifically, and that the sum of \$1,708,653 be raised in the Golf Course receipts.

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to Approve Council Order 21 020 (2)

Second: by Councilor Ryan

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

3. That the Town of Braintree appropriate the sum of \$21,615,898 to provide for all of the expenses for the maintenance and operation of the Town's Water and Sewer Division and related programs for the fiscal year 2022 and that the several sums herein set forth are hereby approved for the several purposes as outlined on the attached Exhibit A, specifically, that the sum of \$103,694 be transferred from the Water Sewer Rehabilitation Fund and the balance of \$21,512,204 be raised in the Water and Sewer receipts.

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to Approve Council Order 21 020 (3)

Second: by Councilor Ryan

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

4. That the Town of Braintree appropriate the sum of \$1,074,266 to provide for all of the expenses for the maintenance and operation of the Town's Stormwater Division and related programs for the fiscal year 2022 and that the several sums herein set forth are hereby approved for the several purposes as outlined on the attached Exhibit A, specifically, and that the sum of \$1,074,266 be raised in the Stormwater receipts.

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to Approve Council Order 21 020 (4)

Second: by Councilor Ryan

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

5. That the Town of Braintree appropriate the sum of \$505,099 to provide for all of the expenses for the maintenance and operation of the Town's Cable Television Public, Education and Government Access and related programs for the fiscal year 2022 and that the several sums herein set forth are hereby approved for the several purposes as outlined on the attached Exhibit A, specifically, and that the sum of \$505,099 be raised in the Cable Franchise Fees receipts.

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to Approve Council Order 21 020 (5)

Second: by Councilor Ryan

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

6. Pursuant to General Law Chapter 44, Section 31D, the town is authorized to incur a liability in excess of the amount appropriated for snow and ice for fiscal year 2022.

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to Approve Council Order 21 020 (6)

Second: by Councilor Ryan

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

- 21 021 Mayor: FY2022 Budget – Community Preservation Committee or take up any action relative thereto (Public Hearing)

President Hume asked for a Motion to Open the Public Hearing for Order 21 021.

Councilor Ringius made a Motion to Open the Public Hearing for Order 21 021

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to Open the Public Hearing for Order 21 021

Second: by Councilor Ryan

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 sends this to the full Council with unanimous favorable recommendation.

Council President Hume asked if any member of the Council or General Public want to speak on Order 21 021?

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 21 021?

Councilor Ringius made a Motion to CLOSE the Public Hearing on Order 21 021

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to CLOSE the Public Hearing on Order 21 021

Second: by Councilor Ryan

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:

C1. In accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws chapter 44b, section 5 and the recommendation of the community preservation committee, that the sum of \$150,000 be appropriated from the community preservation fund to the community housing reserve for acquisition, creation, preservation, or support of community housing or the rehabilitation or restoration of community housing that is acquired or created as provided in Massachusetts General Laws chapter 44b, section 5.

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to Approve Council Order 21 021 (C1)

Second: by Councilor Ryan

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

C2. In accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws chapter 44b, section 5 and the recommendation of the community preservation committee, that the sum of \$150,000 be appropriated from the community preservation fund to the open space reserve for the acquisition, creation, or preservation of open space or the rehabilitation or restoration of open space that is acquired or created as provided in Massachusetts General Laws chapter 44b, section 5.

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to Approve Council Order 21 021 (C2)

Second: by Councilor Ryan

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

C3. In accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws chapter 44b, section 5 and the recommendation of the community preservation committee, that the sum of \$150,000 be appropriated from the community preservation fund to the historic resources reserve for the acquisition, preservation, rehabilitation, or restoration of historic resources as provided in Massachusetts General Laws chapter 44b, section 5.

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to Approve Council Order 21 021 (C3)

Second: by Councilor Ryan

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

C4. In accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws chapter 44b, section 5 and the recommendation of the community preservation committee, that the sum of \$427,595 be appropriated from the community preservation fund to the community preservation budgeted reserve as provided in Massachusetts General Laws chapter 44b, section 5.

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to Approve Council Order 21 021 (C4)

Second: by Councilor Ryan

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

C5. In accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws chapter 44b, section 5 and the recommendation of the community preservation committee, that the sum of \$46,189 be appropriated from the community preservation fund to the fiscal year 2022 administrative operating fund as provided in Massachusetts General Laws chapter 44b, section 5 said funds to be expended under the direction of community preservation committee and by the director of planning and community development.

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to Approve Council Order 21 021 (C5)

Second: by Councilor Ryan

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

- 21 022 Mayor: FY2022 Budget - Continuation of Revolving Funds or take up any action relative thereto (Public Hearing)

President Hume asked for a Motion to Open the Public Hearing for Order 21 022.

Councilor Ringius made a Motion to Open the Public Hearing for Order 21 022

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to Open the Public Hearing for Order 21 022

Second: by Councilor Ryan

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 sends this to the full Council with unanimous favorable recommendation.

Council President Hume asked if any member of the Council or General Public want to speak on Order 21 022?

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 21 022?

Councilor Ringius made a Motion to CLOSE the Public Hearing on Order 21 022

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to CLOSE the Public Hearing on Order 21 022

Second: by Councilor Ryan

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:

MOTION FOR RE-AUTHORIZATION OF REVOLVING FUNDS

- R1.** That, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 of the General Laws, the Town of Braintree hereby sets the maximum amount that may be spent during fiscal year 2022 beginning on July 1, 2021 for the revolving funds established by ordinance for certain departments, boards, committees, agencies or officers, as follows:

Revolving Fund	Department, Board, Committee, Agency or Officer	FY2022 Spending Limit
Elder Affairs Services and Activities	Department of Elder Affairs	\$30,000
Immunization	Board of Health	\$50,000
Library Materials	Library Trustees	\$45,000
Library Room Rental	Library Trustees	\$5,000
Recycling Materials	Mayor, in conjunction with Recycling Coordinator	\$2,000
Household Hazardous Waste	Mayor, in conjunction with Recycling Coordinator	\$50,000
Full Day Kindergarten	School Committee	\$925,000
Pro Shop	Mayor, in conjunction with Director of Golf Operations	\$200,000
Food and Beverage	Mayor, in conjunction with Director of Golf Operations	\$450,000

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to Approve Council Order 21 022

Second: by Councilor Ryan

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

- 21 023 Superintendent of Schools: MSBA Statement of Interest Core Project Braintree High School or take up any action relative thereto

Councilor Ringius made a Motion to Table Order 21 023

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to Table Order 21 023

Second: by Councilor Ryan

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

- 21 024 Superintendent of Schools: MSBA Statement of Interest Accelerated Repair Project or take up any action relative thereto

President Hume asked if anyone would like to speak on this Order 21 024.

Hearing none – is there a Motion?

Motion was read by Councilor Ringius.

MOTION: BRAINTREE PUBLIC SCHOOLS STATEMENT OF INTEREST

UPON THE REQUEST OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF BRAINTREE PUBLIC SCHOOLS, FRANK HACKETT, THE TOWN OF BRAINTREE, THROUGH THE BRAINTREE TOWN COUNCIL, RESOLVES:

Having convened in an open meeting on June 1, 2021, prior to the closing date, the Town Council of Braintree, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent of the Braintree Public School Department to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority Statements of Interests dated June 1, 2021 for: Flaherty Elementary School (99 Lakeside Drive, Braintree MA), Hollis Elementary School (482 Washington Street, Braintree MA), Morrison Elementary School (260 Liberty Street, Braintree MA) and Monatiquot Kindergarten (25 Brow Avenue, Braintree MA) which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future for the repair and/or replacement of roofs as described in Priority #5 of the Statement of Interest, and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the Braintree Public School District to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to Approve Order 21 024

Second: by Councilor Ryan

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

- 21 026 Mayor: Supplemental Appropriation #3 or take up any action related thereto (Public Hearing)

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 is sending this to the full Council with unanimous favorable recommendation. Given the limited amount of money in our free cash reserves I commend all the dept heads to find the last nickel and penny to use to fund this appropriation. The transfers are in the public record where you can see the pages of transfers.

Mayor Kokoros stated we will continue to work on reducing and properly funding our overtime amounts so we do not have to ask for supplementals. This is great work from my staff and ask for your approval.

Council President Hume asked if any member of the Council or General Public want to speak on Order 21 026?

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 21 026?

Councilor Ringius made a Motion to CLOSE the Public Hearing on Order 21 026

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to CLOSE the Public Hearing on Order 21 026

Second: by Councilor Ryan

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

Motions were read by Council Vice-President Ringius:

MOTIONS:

Police Department

1. That the sum of \$151,522.64 be transferred from State Assessments / State Assessment program 820/ Charter School Sending Account; \$41,227.20 be transferred from Municipal Licenses and Inspections / Health Program 07 / Public Health Nurse Account; \$1,000 be transferred from Finance / Treasury Program 10 / Office Supply Account; \$2,000 be transferred from Finance / Treasury 10 / Meeting Account; \$27,090.98 be transferred from Finance / General Insurance Program 09 / Insurance Deductible Account; \$300 be transferred from Planning and Community Development / Economic Development Program 07 / Legal Add Account; \$400 be transferred from Planning and Community Development / Economic Development Program 07 / Dues Account; \$750 be transferred from Planning and Community Development / Fair Housing Program 08 / Awards Account; \$275 be transferred from Planning and Community Development / Fair Housing Program 08 / Consultant Account; \$75 be transferred from Planning and Community Development / Fair Housing Program 08 / Postage Account; \$100 be transferred from Planning and Community Development / Fair Housing Program 08 / Printing Account; \$200 be transferred from Planning and Community Development / Fair Housing Program 08 / Committee Expense Account; \$130 be transferred from Planning and Community Development / Historic Commission Program 09 / Postage Account; \$200 be transferred

from Planning and Community Development / Historic Commission Program 09 / Dues Account; \$200 be transferred from Library / Current Topics Program 05 / Overtime Account; \$13,900 be transferred from Library / Current Topics Program 05 / Shift Differential Account; \$3,500 be transferred from Library / Current Topics Program 05 / Extra Hours Account; \$200 be transferred from Library / Lifelong Learning Program 06 / Extra Hours Account; \$1,000 be transferred from Library / Lifelong Learning Program 06 / Shift Differential Account; \$1,234 be transferred from Library / Community Commons Program 07 / Copier Rental Account; \$600 be transferred from Library / Community Commons Program 07 / Dues / Membership Account; \$1,500 be transferred from Department of Elder Affairs / Equipment Maintenance Program 02 / Motor Vehicle Repairs Account; \$500 be transferred from Department of Elder Affairs / Equipment Maintenance Program 02 / Gasoline Account; \$700 be transferred from DPW/ Administration Program 01 / Office Supplies Account; \$500 be transferred from DPW/ Administration Program 01 / Meeting Account; \$600 be transferred from DPW/ Administration Program 01 / Dues Account; \$25,000 be transferred from DPW/ Environmental Affairs Program 12 / Refuse Account; \$52,438.49 be transferred from DPW/ Park and Recreation Program 15 / Department Head Account; \$2,500 be transferred from DPW/ Park and Recreation Program 15 / Office Supplies Account; \$7,733.69 be transferred from DPW/ Summer Programs Program 20 / Summer Programs Account, for a total of \$337,377 be transferred to the Police Department Overtime Accounts and further, that the Director of Municipal Finance be authorized to allocate said sums to and among the various line items affected thereby.

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to Approve Council Order 21 026 (1)

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (8 – Boericke, Connors, Flaherty, Hume, Mackin, Ringius, Ryan, Sciascia),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0), Present (1 – O’Brien)

Police Department

2. That the sum of \$15,000 be transferred from Police / Administration Program 01 / Data Processing Account; \$1,000 be transferred from Police / Administration Program 01 / Postage Account; \$900 be transferred from Police / Administration Program 01 / Out of State Travel Account; \$3,000 be transferred from Police / Administration Program 01 / Investigation Funds Account; \$3,000 be transferred from Police / Building Maintenance Program 02 / Lighting Account; \$5,000 be transferred from Police / Equipment Maintenance Program 03 / Gasoline Account; \$3,200 be transferred from Police / Animal Control Program 10 / Part Time Employee Account; \$1,000 be transferred from Police / Animal Control Program 10 / Animal Disposal Account; \$200 be transferred from Police / Animal Control Program 10 / Veterinary Services Account, for a total of \$32,300 be transferred to the Police Department Detective Overtime Account and further, that the Director of Municipal Finance be authorized to allocate said sums to and among the various line items affected.

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to Approve Council Order 21 026 (2)

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (8 – Boericke, Connors, Flaherty, Hume, Mackin, Ringius, Ryan, Sciascia),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0), Present (1 – O’Brien)

Police Department

3. That the sum of \$61,000 be transferred from the Police Department / Patrol Bureau Program 04 / Sworn Personal Account to the Police Department / Police Detective Program 06 / Detective Stipend Account.

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to Approve Council Order 21 026 (3)

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (8 – Boericke, Connors, Flaherty, Hume, Mackin, Ringius, Ryan, Sciascia),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0), Present (1 – O’Brien)

Police Department

4. That the sum of \$6,000 be transferred from the Police Department / Patrol Bureau Program 04 / Sworn Personal Account to the Police Department / Police Special Services Program 08 / Crossing Guards Account.

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to Approve Council Order 21 026 (4)

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (8 – Boericke, Connors, Flaherty, Hume, Mackin, Ringius, Ryan, Sciascia),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0), Present (1 – O’Brien)

Fire Department

5. That the sum of \$10,000 be transferred from the Fire / Equipment Maintenance Program 03 / Outside motor Vehicle Repairs Account; \$2,000 be transferred from the Fire / Equipment Maintenance program 03 / Diesel Fuel Account; \$27,266.31 be transferred from the DPW / Summer Programs Program 20 / Summer Programs Account; \$32,441 be transferred from Municipal Licenses and Inspections / Administration Program 01 / Department Head Account; \$35,702 be transferred from Municipal Licenses and Inspections / Administration Program 01 / Admin / Clerical Account; \$1,600 be transferred from Municipal Licenses and Inspections / Administration Program 01 / Meetings and Seminars Account; \$700 be transferred from Municipal Licenses and Inspections / Administration Program 01 / Dues and Memberships Account; \$3,500 be transferred from Municipal Licenses and Inspections / Inspections Code Enforcement Program 05 / Mileage Account; \$1,200 be transferred from Municipal Licenses and Inspections / Substance Use Prevention Program 06 / Printing Account; \$750 be transferred from Municipal Licenses and Inspections / Substance Use Prevention Program 06 / Office Supplies Account; \$500 be transferred from Municipal Licenses and Inspections / Substance Use Prevention Program 06 / Office Supplies Account; \$12,580 be transferred from Municipal Licenses and Inspections / Health Program 07 / Inspector Account; \$1,000 be transferred from Municipal Licenses and Inspections / Health Program 07 / Mileage Account; \$1,500 be transferred from Town Council / Administration Program 01 / Dues and Membership Account; \$15,253 be transferred from Town Council / Reserve Fund Program 02 / Reserve Fund Account, and \$105,752.97 be transferred from Fiscal Year 2020 Certified Free Cash for a total of \$251,745.28 to be transferred to the Fire Department overtime accounts and further, that the Director of Municipal Finance be authorized to allocate said sums to and among the various line items affected thereby.

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to Approve Council Order 21 026 (5)

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (8 – Boericke, Connors, Flaherty, Hume, Mackin, Ringius, Ryan, Sciascia),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0), Present (1 – O’Brien)

Fire Department

6. That the sum of \$11,958.98 be transferred from the Finance / IT Program 08 / Munis Account; \$13,000 Finance / IT program / Connect CT Account; \$2,000 be transferred from Finance / IT Program 08 / Office Account; \$18,419.02 Finance / General Insurance Program 09 / Insurance Deductible Account for a total of \$45,378 to be transferred to Fire / Fire Suppression Program 04/ Working Out of Grade Account.

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to Approve Council Order 21 026 (6)

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (8 – Boericke, Connors, Flaherty, Hume, Mackin, Ringius, Ryan, Sciascia),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0), Present (1 – O’Brien)

Human Resources

7. That the sum of \$5,797.02 be transferred from Finance / IT Program 08 / Munis Account; \$15,000 be transferred from Human Resources / Employee Benefit Program 04 / Workers Comp Public Safety Account; \$20,000 be transferred from Human Resources / Veterans Benefit Program 06 / Veterans Benefits Account for a total of \$40,797.02 to be transferred to the Human Resources / Administration Program 01 / Vacation Buy Back Account.

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to Approve Council Order 21 026 (7)

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (8 – Boericke, Connors, Flaherty, Hume, Mackin, Ringius, Ryan, Sciascia),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0), Present (1 – O’Brien)

Finance

8. That the sum of \$10,000.00 be transferred from Finance / Accounting Program 04 / Copier Rental Account to be transferred to the Finance / Treasurer Program 10 / Recordings and Takings Account.

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to Approve Council Order 21 026 (8)

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (8 – Boericke, Connors, Flaherty, Hume, Mackin, Ringius, Ryan, Sciascia),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0), Present (1 – O’Brien)

Finance

9. That the sum of \$2,500.00 be transferred from Finance / Administration Program 01 / Staff Development Account; \$213 be transferred from Finance / Administration 01 / Printing Account; \$500.00 be transferred from Finance / Administration Program 01 / Meeting Account; \$200 be transferred from Finance / Administration program 01 / Mileage Account; \$1,065 be transferred from Finance Administration Program 01 / Dues and Membership Meeting Account; \$5,000 Finance/ Accounting Program 04/ Copier Rental Account; \$522 be transferred from Finance / Accounting Program 04 / Copier Supplies Account: for a total of \$10,000 to be transferred to the Finance / Treasurer Program 10 / Tax Titles Account.

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to Approve Council Order 21 026 (9)

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (8 – Boericke, Connors, Flaherty, Hume, Mackin, Ringius, Ryan, Sciascia),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0), Present (1 – O’Brien)

Finance

10. That the sum of \$978 be transferred from Finance / Accounting Program 04 / Copier Supplies Account; \$1,000 be transferred from Finance / Accounting 04 / Meeting Account; \$120 be transferred from Finance / Accounting Program 04 / Dues Account; \$7,244 be transferred from Finance / IT 08 / Munis Line Account, for a total of \$9,342 to be transferred to the Finance / BSBA Interest on Debt Program 53 / Bond Anticipation Note Interest Account.

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to Approve Council Order 21 026 (10)

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (8 – Boericke, Connors, Flaherty, Hume, Mackin, Ringius, Ryan, Sciascia),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0), Present (1 – O’Brien)

Golf

11. That the sum of \$4,100 be transferred from Golf / Food Service Program 07 / Food Supplies Account to be transferred to the Golf / Principal on Debt Program 50 / Principal on Debt Account.

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to Approve Council Order 21 026 (11)

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (8 – Boericke, Connors, Flaherty, Hume, Mackin, Ringius, Ryan, Sciascia),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0), Present (1 – O’Brien)

Golf

12. That the sum of \$85 be transferred from Golf / Food Service Program 07 / Food Supplies Account to be transferred to the Golf / Intertest on Debt Program 51 / Interest on Debt Account.

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to Approve Council Order 21 026 (12)

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (8 – Boericke, Connors, Flaherty, Hume, Mackin, Ringius, Ryan, Sciascia),
Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0), Present (1 – O’Brien)

- 21 028 Mayor: Ordinance to Establish Anti Blight Program or take up any action related thereto (Continue Public Hearing to June 15)

President Hume asked for a Motion to Open the Public Hearing for Order 21 026.

Councilor Ringius made a Motion to Open the Public Hearing for Order 21 026

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to Open the Public Hearing for Order 21 026

Second: by Councilor Ryan

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

President Hume asked for a Motion to Continue the Public Hearing for Order 21 026 to June 15, 2021.

Councilor Ringius made a Motion to Continue the Public Hearing for Order 21 026 to June 15, 2021

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to Continue the Public Hearing for Order 21 026 to June 15, 2021

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

- 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 of Ways & Means

- 21 034 Mayor: Transfer of Funds from Land Sale Account to General Fund or take up any action relative thereto.

Motion made by Councilor Ringius to refer to the Committee of Ways & Means Order 21 034

Motion: by Councilor Ringius to Refer to the Committee of Ways & Means Order 21 034

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 Meeting scheduled on: **Tuesday, June 15, 2021@7:30pm**

ADJOURNMENT

It was unanimously voted by roll call vote to adjourn the meeting at 8:45p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Cimino, Clerk of the Council

Meeting Documents

- Minutes of March 16, 2021
- 21 020 Mayor: FY2022 Operating Budget or take up any action relative thereto (Public Hearing)
- 21 021 Mayor: FY2022 Budget – Community Preservation Committee or take up any action relative thereto (Public Hearing)
- 21 022 Mayor: FY2022 Budget - Continuation of Revolving Funds or take up any action relative thereto (Public Hearing)
- 21 023 Superintendent of Schools: MSBA Statement of Interest Core Project Braintree High School or take up any action relative thereto
- 21 024 Superintendent of Schools: MSBA Statement of Interest Accelerated Repair Project or take up any action relative thereto
- 21 026 Mayor: Supplemental Appropriation #3 or take up any action related thereto (Public Hearing)
- 21 028 Mayor: Ordinance to Establish Anti Blight Program or take up any action related thereto (Continue Public Hearing to June 15)