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District 6

OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

January 18, 2011

MINUTES

A meeting of the Town Council was held in the Horace T. Cahill Auditorium, Braintree Town Hall, on Tuesday, January 18, 2011 beginning at 7:30p.m.

Council President Ryan was in the chair.

Clerk of the Council, James Casey, conducted the roll call.

Present: Charles B. Ryan, President
Charles Kokoros, Vice President
Leland Dingee
Sean Powers
John C. Mullaney
Thomas Bowes
Paul Dan Clifford

Not Present: Henry N. Joyce
Ronald DeNapoli

Others: Peter Kurzberg, Superintendent of Schools
Peter Kress, Business Manager
Shannon Hume, School Committee

The meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance and there was a moment of silence for all those serving in our armed services, past and present.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **064 10 Council President:** Sustainable Braintree – 3rd Annual Green Gala
- **065 10 Council President:** Braintree Community Youth Center
- **002 11 Recycling Office:** Winter Electronics Drop-Off Day
- **003 11 Council President:** Run for Charlotte
- **Councilor Kokoros:** Future meeting on use/abuse of Drugs
- **Councilor Dingee:** Thayer Public Library Upcoming Events

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- January 4, 2011

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros to Approve

Second: by Councilor Bowes

Vote: For (7), Against (0), Absent (2-Joyce, DeNapoli)

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COUNCIL RESPONSE

None

OLD BUSINESS

- **10 079 School Department:** Braintree Public Schools Statement of Interest

Councilor Mullaney, Chairman Ways & Means Committee reported the Committee recommended favorable action.

Peter Kurzberg, Superintendent of Braintree Schools commented that Braintree Public Schools has had a partnership with the Massachusetts School Building Authority (SBA) on other capital projects. The statement of interests requires approval by both the School Committee and the Council. The School Committee had given their approval at their last meeting. East Middle School was been identified as the "Priority School" with the SBA. The scope of the project includes repairs to HVAC/boiler, electrical, lights and ceiling. Over the last ten years student enrollment has increased by 650 students and is projected to increase by an additional 400 students over the next five years. Approval by the Council does not commit the Town or the SBA to the project; it only provides a need of capital projects in the future.

Councilor Kokoros read the first motion describing the Statement of Interest provided by the School Department and inserted each of the nine Braintree Schools into the motion (Identified as 10-079 A through I).

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros to approve

Second: by Councilor Bowes

Vote: For (7), Against (0), Absent (2-Joyce, DeNapoli)

Councilor Kokoros read the second motion designating East Middle School as the priority school (Identified as 10-079J).

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros to approve

Second: by Councilor Bowes

Vote: For (7), Against (0), Absent (2-Joyce, DeNapoli)

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR AND TOWN BOARDS

- **Council President:** Proposed Council Office Update

Council President Ryan updated members of the proposed move of the Council Office to the first floor of Town Hall. The Clerk of the Council commented that a date on the move has not been set and the move was conditioned on heat and air conditioning being installed in the new office.

- **Council President:** February 15th Agenda – Councilor Clifford Request

Councilor Clifford provided an overview of his email he had sent to members on January 15, 2011 requesting the Mayor's Office provide to the Council a financial overview of the current budget, next fiscal year budget gaps, unfunded pension liability and health insurance plans. Additionally, Councilor Clifford requested that the Council invite Braintree's State Representative and State Senators to a future Council meeting to discuss possible cuts in local aid.

Councilor Kokoros requested that the Town Auditor work with the Finance Director in identifying possible deficits in the current budget and present recommendations of isolating existing funds to cover any deficits.

Councilor Mullaney requested that the Finance Director provide an "Aging of Bonds" summary to gain insight into annual bonding expenditures.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

It was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:10p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
James M. Casey
Clerk of the Council

Documents provided for Meeting

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