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District 6

OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

April 30, 2019 MINUTES

A meeting of the Town Council was held in the Cahill Auditorium, Braintree Town Hall, on Tuesday, April 30, 2019 beginning at 7:30p.m.

Council President Ryan was in the chair.
Clerk of the Council, Susan Cimino conducted the roll call.

Present: Charles B. Ryan, President
Charles C. Kokoros, Vice President
Thomas M. Bowes
Timothy P. Carey
Shannon L. Hume
Stephen C. O'Brien
Sean E. Powers
Thomas W. Whalen

Not Present: David M. Ringius, Jr.

Also Present: Joseph C. Sullivan, Mayor
Joseph Reynold, Chief of Staff
Ed Spellman, Finance Director
Nicole Taub, Town Solicitor
Dr. Frank Hackett, Superintendent of Schools
James Arsenault, DPW Director
Karen Shanley, Director Human Resources
Marybeth McGrath, Director of Municipal Licenses & Inspections
Shamila Biswas, Director Elder Affairs
Nelson Chin, Recreation Director
Christopher Griffin, Assistant Director Recreation
Stephen Leary, Assistant to the Mayor

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

• April 2, 2019

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros to Approve Minutes of April 2, 2019

Second: by Councilor Powers

Vote: For (7 – Bowes, Carey, Kokoros, O'Brien, Powers, Ryan, Whalen),
Against (0), Absent (1 - Ringuius), Abstain (1 - Hume)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 021 19 Council President: Recognition – Ellis School of Gymnastics / 2019 New England Regional Gymnastics Championships
- 022 19 Council President: Prom Season Safety

COMMUNICATIONS

- 020 19 Mayor: FY2020 Budget Submission

Joseph C. Sullivan, Mayor presented his final Budget Submission to the Town Council for review. Mayor Sullivan stated over the next month you will ask many questions on this program that we have outlined for you. Budget FY20 questions will be answered by the many department heads and Ed Spellman, Director of Finance. A budget is numbers. Behind those numbers are the decisions that we will make collectively to continue to move our town forward identifying the challenges of today while forecasting the needs of our government operations for tomorrow.

Standard and Poors review of our financial operations they sited 4 strength areas:

1. Strong revenue and expenditure assumptions in the budgetary process (with conservative assumptions).
2. Strong oversight when monitoring progress compared to the budget during the year as evidence by quarterly reporting the budget to actuals to the board (the Town Council).
3. Long term financial plans over five years with credible assumptions that identify variances and potential issues in outward years.
4. A five year Capital Improvement plan that is updated annually with funding sources for projects.

With every budget, identifying priorities has to be and has been at the top of the list as we put these numbers together. Every budget is a challenge to meet the needs of a community. There is a central question of wants vs. needs. The FY2020 Budget is proposed at \$139,331,575 which is a 4% growth over last year's budget. This does not include the Enterprise funds. That total together would exceed \$160 million. A priority is Schools with a 5% growth. East middle school new wing will be completed this Fall. Police/Fire personnel levels have been fully-funded. 85 Police Officers and 89 Firefighters. Elder Affairs/Veteran Affairs have both increased their budget. Library has decreased their budget due to DPW taking over their maintenance. Recreation has renovated all the parks with a strong commitment to our youth. This year a full refurbishment of the Harris Park including ADA compliant. The 100 Roads Program is continuing. Water Valve Shut-off program to be done by DPW workers. Trash & Recycling there is an increased cost of \$94,000 to the Town without raising residential trash costs. Clean recycling is key. We have committed to significant IT upgrades.

Zoning Ordinance is an important conversation ongoing. I have asked the Planning Department to review all the studies that have been done specific to Master Planning. I have asked to gather these materials and use to update the Master Plan for our Town.

Town Clerk's office budget increase is for additional elections and additional Licensing responsibilities. We will make sure compressor station is not built. Union contracts are in talks to be fair and affordable. We are on schedule to reach all our pension responsibilities by 2033. This is 7 years ahead of schedule. A lot of work went into preparing this budget and there will be a lot of work and review by you. It is the people who have the task of implementing these numbers and make it come to reality. Together we will move forward with the community we serve.

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- None

Refer to the Committee of Ways & Means

- 19 014 Mayor: FY19 Supplemental Appropriations #3 or take up any action relative thereto

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros to refer Order 19 014 to the Committee of Ways & Means

Second: by Councilor Powers

Vote: For (8 – Bowes, Carey, Hume, Kokoros, O’Brien, Powers, Ryan, Whalen),
Against (0), Absent (1 - Ringuius), Abstain (0)

- 19 015 Mayor: FY2020 Operating Budget or take up any action relative thereto

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros to refer Order 19 015 to the Committee of Ways & Means

Second: by Councilor Powers

Vote: For (8 – Bowes, Carey, Hume, Kokoros, O’Brien, Powers, Ryan, Whalen),
Against (0), Absent (1 - Ringuius), Abstain (0)

- 19 016 Mayor: FY2020 Budget – Community Preservation Committee or take up any action relative thereto

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros to refer Order 19 016 to the Committee of Ways & Means

Second: by Councilor Powers

Vote: For (8 – Bowes, Carey, Hume, Kokoros, O’Brien, Powers, Ryan, Whalen),
Against (0), Absent (1 - Ringuius), Abstain (0)

- 19 017 Mayor: FY2020 Revolving Accounts or take up any action relative thereto

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros to refer Order 19 017 to the Committee of Ways & Means

Second: by Councilor Powers

Vote: For (8 – Bowes, Carey, Hume, Kokoros, O’Brien, Powers, Ryan, Whalen),
Against (0), Absent (1 - Ringuius), Abstain (0)

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Next Council Meeting will be held on: **Tuesday, May 14, 2019 @ 7:30pm** this is a Special Town Council meeting to **OPEN** the Public Hearing on Order 19 014. This Public Hearing will be **TABLED** to June 4, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

It was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:20p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Cimino
Clerk of the Council

Documents provided for Meeting

- 19 014 Mayor: FY19 Supplemental Appropriations #3 or take up any action relative thereto
- 19 015 Mayor: FY2020 Operating Budget or take up any action relative thereto
- 19 016 Mayor: FY2020 Budget – Community Preservation Committee or take up any action relative thereto
- 19 017 Mayor: FY2020 Revolving Accounts or take up any action relative thereto