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At Large

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Vice President  
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District 4

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District 5

PAUL "DAN" CLIFFORD  
District 6

## OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

**May 1, 2012**

### MINUTES

A meeting of the Town Council was held in the Horace T. Cahill Auditorium, Braintree Town Hall, on Tuesday, May 1, 2012 beginning at 7:30p.m.

Council President Kokoros was in the chair.

The Clerk of the Council conducted the roll call.

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

Others: Joseph Sullivan, Mayor  
Mark Cusack, State Representative  
Peter Morin, Chief of Staff  
Edward Spellman, Finance Director  
Christopher Griffin, Mayor Aide  
Barbara Mello, Grant Writer  
Christine Stickney, Director Planning and Community Development  
Marybeth McGrath, Director Building Division  
Shannon Hume, Chairman School Committee  
Thomas Devin, School Committee  
Peter Kurzberg, Superintendent of Schools  
Joseph Powers, Town Clerk  
Eric Kinsherf, Town Auditor  
Mary Mitchell, Representative All Souls Church

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

- 019 12 – Council President: Braintree High School Sport Recognition

Council Members presented recognition certificates to various members of Braintree High School sport programs.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 011 12 – Council President: Friends of John McHugh
- 022 12 – Council President: Children’s Hospital Boston Fundraiser
- Councilor Cradles to Crayons

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion:** by Councilor Bowes to approve April 24, 2012 minutes

**Second:** by Councilor Ryan

**Vote:** For (8), Against (0), Abstain (1-DeNapoli)

## **CITIZEN CONCERNS/COUNCIL RESPONSE**

None

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Committee on Ways & Means**

- **12 010 Mayor: Community Preservation Fund – Supplemental Appropriation for All Souls Church (Continuation of Public Hearing)**

**Motion:** by Councilor Bowes to re-open public hearing

**Second:** by Councilor DeNapoli

**Vote:** Unanimous

Councilor Clifford, Chairman of the Committee on Ways & Means reported that the Committee has recommended favorable action on Order 12 010 on a vote of 3-2. Councilor Clifford noted that the documents the Committee requested from the Community Preservation Committee at the April 24<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Committee were provided.

Council President asked if any members of the Council or members of the public would like to speak on the matter at hand. Mary Mitchell, Representative of All Souls Church, thanked members of the Community Preservation Committee for all their work.

**Motion:** by Councilor Clifford to close public hearing.

**Second:** by Councilor Bowes

**Vote:** For (8), Against (1-Mullaney)

Councilor Bowes read the motion as printed in the March 22, 2012 letter from Mayor Sullivan.

**Motion:** by Councilor Bowes to approve Order 12 010

**Second:** by Councilor Ryan

**Vote:** For (7), Against (2-Clifford, DeNapoli)

### **Committee on Ordinance & Rules**

- **12 002 – Council President: Review of Sub-committees**
- **12 001 – Council President: Review Town Council Rules, per Council Rule fifty-five**

Councilor DeNapoli, Chairman of the Committee on Ordinance & Rules, noted as allowed under Council Rule #23 he presents the following motion to suspend Rule #55 to grant the Committee on Ordinance & Rules additional time, to June 5, 2012, to complete their review of Council Orders #12 001 and #12 002.

**Motion:** by Councilor DeNapoli

**Second:** by Councilor Powers

**Vote:** Unanimous

### **COMMUNICATION AND REPORTS FOR THE MAYOR AND TOWN BOARDS**

As required under Section 6-3 of the Braintree Charter the Mayor shall submit to the Town Council a proposed operating budget for the ensuing fiscal year with an accompanying budget message and supporting documents not later than 60 days before the start of the town's fiscal year.

Mayor Sullivan informed members of the Council that the FY2013 Budget Proposal is at \$101 million, an increase of \$5 million over the previous year. About half of the \$5 million dollar increase (\$2,570,000) has been allocated to the schools. In addition to schools, Mayor Sullivan noted his commitment on public safety, recreation and seniors.

New Growth revenue is estimated to increase by \$50,000 to \$900,000 driven by \$4.8 million of new growth attributable to opening of the Hyatt Hotel, TD Bank and Dave & Buster's.

Mayor Sullivan noted that health care premiums will increase by 4%. He also noted that an adjustment to water/sewer rates will take place resulting in an average increase of under \$100. The last rate adjustment was in 2007. Mayor Sullivan updated members on the proposed new water plant. As of today, no decision has been made on a regional facility.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Refer to the Committee on Ways & Means**

- 12 014 Mayor: FY2013 Phase II 100 Roads Program – Year 2
- 12 015 Mayor: Community Preservation Fund – Supplemental Appropriation for Union School Roof
- 12 016 Mayor: FY2013 Operating Budget
- 12 017 Mayor: FY2013 Revolving Accounts

**Motion:** by Councilor Bowes to refer the above orders to committee

**Second:** by Councilor Ryan

**Vote:** Unanimous

Council President Kokoros informed members that Route 37 will be rededicated and he will update members as information becomes available.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

It was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:15p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
James M. Casey  
Clerk of the Council

## **Documents provided for Meeting**

- April 24, 2012 Minutes
- 12 010 Mayor: Community Preservation Fund – Supplemental Appropriation for All Souls Church
- 12 002 – Council President: Review of Sub-committees
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