

**JOINT SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PEABODY CITY COUNCIL
AND PEABODY SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MAY 3, 2012**

PRESENT: COUNCILLORS: ATHAS, GOULD, GARABEDIAN, MANNING-MARTIN, GRAVEL, OSBORNE, GAMACHE, DRISCOLL, AND LIACOS

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS: CARPENTER, ROSSIGNOLL, CHAREST, MCGENEY, HOCHMAN AND GRIFFIN-DUNNE

ABSENT: COUNCILLORS: SINEWITZ AND MELLO

Special Joint Meeting of the Peabody City Council and Peabody School Committee was called to order by City Council President, James K. Liacos. **The purpose of the meeting was to hear a presentation from His Honor the Mayor, Edward A. Bettencourt, Jr. and the Peabody School Department on the proposed Higgins Middle School project.** A power point presentation was presented to both the City Council and School Committee. Present to speak on the matter was Mayor Edward A. Bettencourt, Jr., Mr. Todd Bucey, Higgins Middle School Principal, Mr. Richard Marks from Daedalus Projects, Mr. Kenneth DiNisco from DiNisco Design Partnership, and Ms. Patricia Davis Schaffer, Director of Finance. After a lengthy presentation the following motions were approved:

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MOTION:

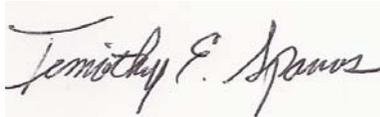
P262-12 – MR. MCGENEY: SECOND BY MR. CHAREST: MOVE TO follow the recommendation of former Mayor Michael J. Bonfanti, current Mayor Edward A. Bettencourt, Jr., and the School Building Committee to build a new middle school. (Carried 6-0)

CITY COUNCIL MOTION:

P263-12 COUNCILLOR GAMACHE – MOVE TO endorse the School Building Committee's recommendation to choose new construction as the preferred option for a new middle school. (Carried 9-0, 2 absent)

MOVED: MOVE TO adjourn. Regular meeting of the Peabody City Council adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

SUBMITTED TO HIS HONOR THE MAYOR, MAY 8, 2012
RETURNED BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR, MAY 8, 2012



ATTEST

(Timothy E. Spanos, City Clerk)