

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PEABODY CITY COUNCIL  
JUNE 5, 2008**

PRESENT: COUNCILLORS: DRISCOLL, BETTENCOURT, SINEWITZ, GAMACHE, MELLO, MANNING, LIACOS, GRAVEL, OSBORNE, GARABEDIAN, AND ATHAS

ABSENT: NO COUNCILLORS ABSENT

Special Meeting of the Peabody City Council was called to order by City Council President, Arthur W. Athas.

The purpose of said meeting was to adopt the Fiscal Year 2009 City of Peabody Operating Budget and act on any other matters properly before the Council.

P469-08 COUNCILLOR GAMACHE – MOVE TO receive the communications from the Director of Finance regarding status of appropriations and budget for both the City side and School side as of May 29, 2008. (Unanimous)

P470-08 COUNCILLOR BETTENCOURT – Reporting for the Finance Committee – MOVE TO approve the following transfer of funds in accordance with Chapter 44B, Section 6 of the Massachusetts General Laws; Community Preservation fund reserves:

<u>FROM</u>		<u>TO</u>	
<b>FY 2007 City Collections</b>	<b>\$ 581,592</b>		
<b>FY 2008 State Match</b>	<b>\$ 582,110</b>		
<b>Interest Income</b>	<b>\$ 168,537</b>		
<b>Total FY 2007</b>	<b>\$1,332,239</b>		
<b>270-0000-33011</b>	<b>\$399,669</b>	<b>270-0000-33022</b>	<b>\$133,223</b>
<b>Community Preservation Funds</b>		<b>Historical Preservation Reserve Fund</b>	
<b>Unreserved</b>			
		<b>270-0000-33023</b>	<b>\$133,223</b>
		<b>Community Housing Reserve Fund</b>	
		<b>270-0000-33021</b>	
		<b>Open Space Reserve Fund</b>	<b>\$133,223</b>

(Unanimous)

P471-08 COUNCILLOR BETTENCOURT – Reporting for the Finance Committee – MOVE TO approve the following transfer of funds as submitted by His Honor the Mayor:

<u>FROM</u>		<u>TO</u>	
<b>100-1320-57410</b>		<b>100-6010-52114</b>	
<b>Reserve Fund \$5,000.00</b>		<b>Library Utilities \$5,000.00.</b>	

(Unanimous)

P472-08 COUNCILLOR BETTENCOURT – Reporting for the Finance Committee – MOVE TO approve the following transfer of funds in accordance with Chapter 44B, Section 6 of the Massachusetts General Laws; Community Preservation fund reserves:

<u>FROM</u>		<u>TO</u>	
<b>270-0000-33011</b>	<b>\$139,885</b>	<b>270-0000-33021</b>	<b>\$93,257</b>
<b>Unreserved</b>		<b>Open Space Reserve Fund</b>	
		<b>270-0000-33022</b>	<b>\$ 23,314</b>
		<b>Historic Preservation Reserve Fund</b>	
		<b>270-0000-33023</b>	<b>\$ 23,314</b>
		<b>Community Housing Reserve Fund</b>	

(Unanimous)

P473-08 COUNCILLOR GAMACHE – MOVE TO receive the communication from His Honor the Mayor dated June 2, 2008 submitting a transfer of funds for Fire-vehicles. (Unanimous)

P474-08 COUNCILLOR GAMACHE – MOVE TO approve the following transfer of funds as submitted by His Honor the Mayor under date of June 2, 2008:

<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>
<b>Reserve Fund - \$70,000.00</b>	<b>Fire – Vehicles \$70,000.00</b> (Unanimous)

P475-08 COUNCILLOR GAMACHE - MOVE TO receive the communication from His Honor the Mayor dated June 2, 2008 submitting a transfer of funds for Veteran’s expenses. (Unanimous)

P476-08 COUNCILLOR GAMACHE – MOVE TO approve the following transfer of funds as submitted by His Honor the Mayor under date of June 2, 2008:

<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>
<b>Reserve Fund - \$13,000.00</b>	<b>Veterans – Other Charges &amp; Expenses \$13,000.00</b> (Unanimous)

P477-08 COUNCILLOR BETTENCOURT – Reporting for the Finance Committee – BE IT ORDERED by the City Council of the City of Peabody to approve and adopt the Fiscal Year 2009 City of Peabody Budget as submitted by His Honor the Mayor in the amount of \$132,521,527 as follows:

<b>Total Personal Services:</b>	<b>\$92,634,486</b>
<b>Total Operating Expenses:</b>	<b><u>\$39,887,041</u></b>
	<b>\$132,521,527</b>

(Carried 10-1; Councillor Mello opposed)

P478-08 COUNCILLOR BETTENCOURT – Reporting for the Finance Committee – BE IT ORDERED by the City Council of the City of Peabody in accordance with the provisions of Section 53F ½ of Chapter 44 of M.G.L., to approve and adopt the Fiscal Year 2009 McVann O’Keefe Memorial Skating Rink Budget as submitted by His Honor the Mayor in the amount of \$625,000.00 as follows:

<b>Total Personal Services:</b>	<b>\$308,200.00</b>
<b>Total Operating Expenses:</b>	<b><u>\$316,800.00</u></b>
	<b>\$625,000.00</b>

(Carried 11-0)

P479-08 COUNCILLOR BETTENCOURT – Reporting for the Finance Committee – BE IT ORDERED by the City Council of the City of Peabody in accordance with the provisions of Section 53F ½ of Chapter 44 of M.G.L., to approve and adopt the Fiscal Year 2009 Peabody Golf Course Budget as submitted by His Honor the Mayor in the amount of \$1,472,000 as follows:

<b>Total Personal Services:</b>	<b>\$ 550,150.00</b>
<b>Total Operating Expenses:</b>	<b><u>\$ 921,850.00</u></b>
	<b>\$1,472,000.00</b>

(Carried 11-0)

P480-08 COUNCILLOR LIACOS – MOVE TO request that through the Mayor that the Fire Chief, Director of Public Services, Building Inspector, and Director of Community Development appear before the City Council at the next regular meeting of June 12<sup>th</sup> to provide the City Council with an update on the fire at The Highlands @ Dearborn. (Unanimous)

**ON THE MOTION:** Thank you, Mr. President. I know there aren't any motion, orders and resolution, but it is my intention to ask to have placed on the agenda that we have -- because of the fire at Dearborn road that we have some department heads come before us prior to the next -- at the beginning of the next regular meeting to kind of give us an update, to kind of talk about it, to kind of fill us in.

The four department heads I'm asking the mayor to send to us would be: The fire chief, Mr. Carnevale, the building inspector and the head of Community Development Jean Delios. You know we're responsible -- partly -- in the city for Municipal Safety and I'd like to -- to hear from these people about what went on, what was right, what was wrong, what went good, what went bad. I'd really like to -- to hear from our department heads because you know this is the very same kind of development that's -- that's proposed for downtown and it's -- it's already been approved for the Riverwalk. And I'm sure, as all of you were, and people in the city were shocked at what happened and -- and you know I have a number of questions that I would like to ask, but I certainly would like to hear from these -- these experts and these department heads, as to how this could happen and why it did happen.

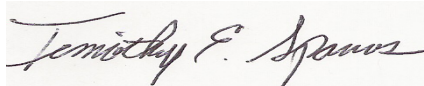
And you know I have -- you know what went right, what went wrong, what can we do to prevent this. So I would like to make a motion that at this beginning of our next regular meeting, which is -- what, a week from Thursday -- is it the 12 -- is that the date -- that we have -- at 7:30 have these people come in.

And you know I'd like to especially hear from the fire chief and what happened and what went on. And you know so I ask the council -- I share that with you. I'd like to make that motion this evening that we invite these people in. It's -- I know they're the mayor's department heads. I would ask the mayor send them, so -- so moved.

MOVED: MOVE TO ADJOURN.

Special Meeting of the Peabody City Council adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

SUBMITTED TO HIS HONOR THE MAYOR, JUNE 9, 2008  
RETURNED BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR, JUNE 9, 2008



ATTEST

(Timothy E. Spanos, City Clerk)