

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PEABODY CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 11, 2012

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

ABSENT: NONE.

Meeting of the Peabody City Council opened with a moment of silent prayer after being called to order by City Council President, James K. Liacos.

Salute to the American Flag.

COUNCILLOR LIACOS - OPEN MEETING LAW STATEMENT: THIS MEETING IS BEING TELEVISED LIVE ON CABLE CHANNEL 9 AND BEING TAPED BY PEABODY ACCESS TV, AND ALSO BEING RECORDED BY OUR CITY COUNCIL STENOGRAPHER.

HEARINGS

A public hearing was duly held on the Tax Classification for Fiscal Year 2013. Appearing to speak was Mayor Edward A. Bettencourt, Jr.; Ms. Patricia Davis Schaffer, Finance Director; Mr. Michael Gingras, City Auditor; and Mr. Frederick Martini, Board of Assessors. No one appeared to speak in favor. Mr. Russell Donovan, 12 Quail Road, Peabody, MA, appeared to speak in opposition.

P700-12 COUNCILLOR GAMACHE – BE IT ORDERED by the City Council of the City of Peabody to adopt Chapter 126 of the Acts of 1988 – Optional Additional Real Estate Exemptions as set forth in Clauses 17, 17C, 17C ½, 17D, 22, 22A, 22B, 22C, 22D, 22E, 37A, 41, 41B, and 41C of Section 5 of the Massachusetts General Laws. (Carried 11-0)

P701-12 COUNCILLOR GAMACHE - MOVE TO approve the following transfer, as submitted by His Honor the Mayor, under date of December 4, 2012:

FROM:	TO:
Unreserved Fund Balance	\$1,000,000.00 FY 2013 Operating Budget – Tax Levy
\$1,000,000.00	
(Carried 11-0)	

P702-12 COUNCILLOR GAMACHE - MOVE TO approve the following transfer, as submitted by His Honor the Mayor, under date of December 4, 2012:

FROM:	TO:
Operating Reserve Fund - \$43,000.00	Higgins Middle School – Feasibility Study - \$43,000.00
(Carried 11-0)	

P703-12 COUNCILLOR GAMACHE - MOVE TO approve the following transfer, as submitted by His Honor the Mayor, under date of December 4, 2012:

FROM:	TO:
CPC - Open Space Fund Balance - \$98,000.00	CPC - Raddin Road Park Improvements - \$98,000.00
(Carried 11-0)	

P704-12 COUNCILLOR GAMACHE - MOVE TO approve the following transfer, as submitted by His Honor the Mayor, under date of November 21, 2012:

FROM:	TO:
Community Preservation Unreserved Funds	Historical Preservation Reserve Fund - \$89,311.00
\$267,933.00	Community Housing Reserve Fund - \$89,311.00
	Open Space Reserve Fund - \$89,311.00
(Carried 11-0)	

P705-12 COUNCILLOR GAMACHE - MOVE TO approve the following transfer, as submitted by His Honor the Mayor, under date of November 21, 2012:

<p>FROM: Community Preservation Unreserved Funds \$133,965.00</p>	<p>TO: Historical Preservation Reserve Fund - \$89,311.00 Community Housing Reserve Fund - \$22,327.00 Open Space Reserve Fund - \$22,327.00</p>
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(Carried 11-0)

P706-12 COUNCILLOR GAMACHE – BE IT ORDERED by the City Council of the City of Peabody to adopt a Residential Factor of .815651 for Fiscal Year 2013. (Carried 9-2; Councillors Manning-Martin and Mello opposed)

P707-12 COUNCILLOR GAMACHE – BE IT ORDERED by the City Council of the City of Peabody not to grant a discount for Open Space. Carried 10-1; Councillor Mello opposed)

P708-12 COUNCILLOR GAMACHE – BE IT ORDERED by the City Council of the City of Peabody not to adopt a small commercial exemption. (Carried 10-1; Councillor Mello opposed)

P709-12 COUNCILLOR GAMACHE – BE IT ORDERED by the City Council of the City of Peabody not to adopt a residential exemption. (Carried 10-1; Councillor Mello opposed)

A public hearing was duly held on the application from Sir Charles Limousine, 532 Lowell Street, Peabody, MA. Appearing to speak on behalf of said application was Mr. Charles DiOrio. No one appeared to speak in favor. No one appeared to speak in opposition.

P710-12 COUNCILLOR GAMACHE – MOVE TO approve the application from Sir Charles Limousine, 532 Lowell Street, Peabody, MA, for a Limousine License requesting eight (8) Limousine Licenses. (Carried 10-0; Councillor Mello absent)

A public hearing was duly held on the application from Tri State Auto Sales, 248 Newbury Street, Peabody, MA. Appearing to speak on behalf of said application was Attorney John Keilty. No one appeared to speak in favor. No one appeared to speak in opposition.

P711-12 COUNCILLOR GAMACHE – MOVE TO approve the application from Tri State Auto Sales, 248 Newbury Street, Peabody, MA, to amend a Class 2 Motor Vehicle License requesting to increase the number of vehicles allowed for sale from five (5) to fifteen (15). (Carried 10-0; Councillor Mello absent)

A public hearing was duly held on the application from Alex Auto Sales, 480 Lowell Street, Peabody, MA. Appearing to speak on behalf of said application was Mr. Antranic Indanjan. No one appeared to speak in favor. No one appeared to speak in opposition.

P712-12 COUNCILLOR GAMACHE – MOVE TO approve the application from Alex Auto Sales, 480 Lowell Street, Peabody, MA, to transfer a Class 2 Motor Vehicle License to Alex Indanjan. (Carried 10-0; Councillor Mello absent)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM THE PRECEDING MATTER

None.

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

SUBMITTED TO HIS HONOR THE MAYOR, DECEMBER 12, 2012
RETURNED BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR, DECEMBER 12, 2012

ATTEST _____
(Timothy E. Spanos, City Clerk)