SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PEABODY CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 17, 2021

PRESENT COUNCILLORS: GOULD, SASLAW, WELTON, CHAREST, MCGINN, MOUTSOULAS, TURCO, ROSSIGNOLL, MELVILLE, AND O'NEILL

ABSENT COUNCILLORS: MANNING-MARTIN

COUNCILLOR O'NEILL – 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.

Special Meeting of the Peabody City Council was called to order by City Council President, Mark J. O'Neill for the purpose of receiving the report from the Finance Committee sitting as the Committee of the Whole to adopt the Fiscal Year 2022 City of Peabody Operating Budget.

P339-21 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – Reporting for the Finance Committee – The Finance Committee, sitting as the Committee of the Whole, met on June 15th, recessed, and met again earlier this evening on June 17th. All councillors were present on June 15th. All councillors, except Councillor Manning-Martin, were present on June 17th. The City budget, including the school portion of the budget, was presented by His Honor the Mayor. Director of Finance, Mike Gingras; school administration, including Dr. Vadala; department heads; and several members of the School Committee: Beverley Ann Griffin Dunne, John Olimpio and Andrew Arnotis were available to help address questions of the City Council of which there were many. In addition to councillors' questions, there was a recurring theme from councillors of gratitude to the city's leadership on both the city and school side for successfully navigating the city through an unprecedented set of circumstances related to the pandemic. Among the more unusual aspects of the Fiscal 2022 budget is the use of American Rescue Plan Act or ARPA funds. Use of these funds is restricted in a number of ways and there is expected to be more clarity on how funds may be utilized as time goes on. That being the case, the mayor has proposed some additional time with the City Council in the fall to provide updates and, as chair of Finance, I intend to schedule that time. Through the process, there was several motions made to cut certain line items from the mayor's proposed budget and all such motions failed. Each major section of the budget was voted individually; these were general government; public safety, excluding fire department; public services; human services; culture and recreation; debt service; employee benefits; education; and the Essex North Shore Technical & Agricultural School assessment. All such motions passed. The fire department budget was voted separately from public safety because Councillor Saslaw and Councillor Manning-Martin recused themselves from that matter. Councillor Charest recused himself from the education portion of the budget. The aggregation of those individual motions is the full Fiscal Year 2022 budget for the City of Peabody, which I now put forward to the council for a final vote with the following motion. (Report received)

P340-21 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – Reporting for the Finance Committee – BE IT ORDERED by the City Council of the City of Peabody to approve and adopt the Fiscal Year 2022 City of Peabody Operating Budget, as submitted by His Honor the Mayor, in the amount of $163,243,246.00 as follows:

Total Personal Services:	$124,121,299.00
Total Operating Expenses:	$ 39,121,947.00
	$163,243,246.00

(Carried 10-0; Councillor Manning-Martin absent)

P341-21 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – Reporting for the Finance Committee – Budgets for the Water & Sewer Enterprise and the Recreation Enterprise were also presented and reviewed by the committee. Councillors' questions regarding the enterprises were addressed by the administration and enterprise staff. Motions were made by Councillor Gould to approve each individually and those motions passed unanimously. I now bring those two motions forward. (Report received)

P342-21 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – Reporting for the Finance Committee – BE IT ORDERED by the City Council of the City of Peabody that in accordance with the provisions of Section 53F ½ of Chapter 44 of M.G.L. to approve and adopt the Fiscal Year 2022 Water & Sewer Enterprise Budget, as submitted by His Honor the Mayor, in the amount of $18,493,234.00 as follows:

Total Personal Services:	$ 3,645,976.00
Total Operating Expenses:	$14,847,258.00
	$18,493,234.00

(Carried 10-0; Councillor Manning-Martin absent)

P343-21 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – Reporting for the Finance Committee – BE IT ORDERED by the City Council of the City of Peabody that in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 53F ½ of Chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws to approve and adopt the Fiscal Year 2022 Recreation Budget, which includes the McVann O'Keefe Memorial Skating Rink and Meadow Golf Course Budgets, as submitted by His Honor the Mayor, in the amount of $2,252,096 as follows:

Total Personal Services:	$1,056,046.00
Total Operating Expenses:	$1,196,050.00
	$2,252,096.00

(Carried 10-0; Councillor Manning-Martin absent)

P344-21 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – Reporting for the Finance Committee – MOVE TO receive, under suspension of the rules, the following late communications:

1. Michael Gingras, Director of Finance re: History of Golf Course and Skating Rink;
2. Carolyn Wynn, Director, Council on Aging, re: Transportation, social service, meal, Trask Adult Day Care Response during the COVID-19 emergency;
3. Councillor Jon Turco re: FY22 Draft ESSER II Budget June 2021; and
4. Dr. Josh Vadala, Superintendent, re: PowerPoint: FY22 Budget Hearing – June 17, 2021

(Unanimous)

P345-21 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – Reporting for the Finance Committee – I would like to thank the mayor and staff for the preparation that went into the budget and how it was presented. I would specifically like to thank the Director of Finance, Mr. Gingras, for his command of the data which enables him to provide thorough answers to all councillor questions. There were three other items on the agenda. First, statements of interest to the MSBA for both the Peabody Veterans Memorial High School and the Center School. These are the same statements of interest that the city has put forward in prior years. It's common that multiple submissions are required. Both motions to advance the statements of interest were successful and these motions were as follows. (Report received)

P346-21 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – Reporting for the Finance Committee – BE IT RESOLVED having convened in an open meeting on June 17, 2021, prior to the SOI submission closing date, the Peabody City Council, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest (SOI) Form dated June 25, 2021, for the **Peabody Veterans Memorial High School** located at 485 Lowell Street, Peabody, Massachusetts, which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future.

The MSBA Priority selected is Priority #7, "Replacement and Renovation of or addition to obsolete buildings in order to provide for a full range of programs consistent with state and approved local requirements."

The specific objective of this Statement of Interest is to partner with the MSBA in a feasibility study for the replacement of the **Peabody Veterans Memorial High School**. The educational deficits of the **Peabody Veterans Memorial High School** are articulated in the **Peabody Veterans Memorial High School** SOI and include the need for much needed upgrades to classrooms, science areas, industrial arts classrooms, meeting rooms, electrical, plumbing, and HVAC systems, energy efficiencies, building envelope, disability accessibility, and security considerations.

And, the Peabody City Council hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the City to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.
(Carried 10-0; Councillor Manning-Martin absent)

P347-21 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – Reporting for the Finance Committee – BE IT RESOLVED having convened in an open meeting on June 17, 2021, prior to the SOI submission closing date, the Peabody City Council, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest (SOI) Form dated June 25, 2021, for the **Center School** located at 18 Irving Street, Peabody, Massachusetts, which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future.

The MSBA Priority selected is Priority #7, “Replacement and Renovation of or addition to obsolete buildings in order to provide for a full range of programs consistent with state and approved local requirements.”

The specific objective of this Statement of Interest is to partner with the MSBA in a feasibility study for the replacement of the **Center School**. The educational deficits of the **Center School** are articulated in the **Center School** SOI and include the need for gym space, cafeteria space, food service servery and kitchen space, much needed upgrades to classrooms, meeting rooms, electrical, plumbing, and HVAC systems.

And, the Peabody City Council hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the City to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.
(Carried 10-0; Councillor Manning-Martin absent)

P348-21 COUNILLOR MCGINN – Reporting for the Finance Committee – The next item on the agenda was a transfer request. The Director of Finance, Mr. Gingras, explained that the transfer was needed primarily to address police and fire department needs and if funds were to be moved from departments that had funds available because of COVID impacts and/or positions that were not filled. Councillors’ questions were addressed. Particular attention was drawn to the supporting documentation submitted with the transfer request detailing year to date general fund budget transfers, which is the mechanism being used to satisfy the councillors’ request for this information. The motion by Councillor Gould was successful and I now bring that motion to the full council as follows. (Report received)

P349-21 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – Reporting for the Finance Committee – MOVE TO approve the following transfer, as submitted by His Honor the Mayor, under date of June 2, 2021:

FROM:		**TO:**	
Various Departments – Salaries (See Attached List)	$628,935.00		
Unreserved Fund Balance	$400,000.00	Various Departments - Salaries (See Attached List)	$1,028,935.00
Brooksby Farm Revolving 260-0000-35602	$90,000.00	Brooksby Farm Budget 100-6620-51120	$90,000.00
Tillies Farm Revolving 260-0000-35615	$51,000.00	Tillies Farm Budget 100-6640-51120	$51,000.00
Water Sewer Current Revenue 460-0000-42121	$110,000.00	Water OT 460-4420-51130	$110,0000.00

(Carried 10-0; Councillor Manning-Martin absent)

P350-21 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – Reporting for the Finance Committee - The last item on the agenda was a request to transfer funds to the Cable Fund Expense, which is a routine matter. There was a motion by Councillor Gould, which passed the council 10-0 with one absent. (Report received)

P351-21 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – Reporting for the Finance Committee - MOVE TO approve the following appropriation, as submitted by His Honor the Mayor, under date of June 3, 2021:

FROM:		**TO:**	
Receipts Reserved Cable Fund		Cable Fund Expense	
270-0000-33017	$15,217.10	270-0000-53007	$15,217.10
270-0000-33017	$3,381.58	270-0000-53007	$3,381.58

(Carried 10-0; Councillor Manning-Martin absent)

MOVED: MOVE TO adjourn. Special meeting of the Peabody City Council adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

SUBMITTED TO HIS HONOR THE MAYOR, JUNE 21, 2021
RETURNED BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR, JUNE 21, 2021

ATTEST Allyson M. Danforth
(Allyson M. Danforth, City Clerk)