SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PEABODY CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 25, 2021

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

ABSENT COUNCILLORS:

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 Committee of the Whole Meeting of October 25, 2021.

P576-21 COUNCILLOR O'NEILL – Reporting for the Committee of the Whole – The Committee of the Whole met tonight to review the final ward and precinct lines for our city that will be effective December 31, 2021. In attendance at the meeting were all councillors, however, Councillor Saslaw and Councillor Turco participated remotely so that's why we had roll-call votes at the last meeting. We heard a presentation from Michael Owens, Re-Precincting Community Engagement Director, from the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth. He gave us an overview of the process of going through the data from the 2020 Federal Census where every 10 years it is required that every city and town in Massachusetts update or redraw their ward and precinct maps based on the most recent population data from that census. There were some serious challenges due to COVID in receiving the data from the federal government. The statutory deadline was June but was extended this year to allow for cities and towns to redraw their maps. The 2020 census data showed a new population for Peabody of 54,481. To clarify, the new map of precincts and wards, if approved by the state, would not be in effect until December 31, 2021. Voters who are changing into new wards or precincts at a later election after December 31, 2021, will be notified of the change in the near future. After local approval, the City Clerk will submit maps, population information, and a description of the boundaries of each ward and precinct to the Secretary of State of Massachusetts, who will then send this information to the Local Elections District Review Commission. During the meeting we did accept a late communication, which was a Peabody legal boundary description of the revised wards as well as a boundary description of the revised precincts. (Report received)

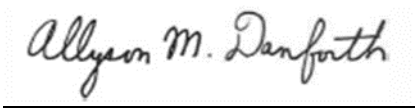
P577-21 COUNCILLOR GOULD – MOVE TO receive the Revised Peabody Ward & Precinct Legal Boundary Descriptions.
(Carried 10-0; Councillor Charest voting present)

P578-21 COUNCILLOR O'NEILL – Reporting for the Committee of the Whole – During the Committee of the Whole the motion was made to approve the current and final map; the vote was 10 to zero with one present. I will now bring it forth for the consideration of the full council tonight. (Report received)

P579-21 COUNCILLOR O'NEILL – Reporting for the Committee of the Whole – BE IT ORDERED by the City Council of the City of Peabody that at a meeting held on October 25, 2021, the Peabody City Council voted to accept, as presented by the City Clerk, Version 1 of the 2021 Re-Precincting Plan for the City of Peabody to be effective as of December 31, 2021.
(Carried 10-0; Councillor Charest voting present)

MOVED: MOVE TO adjourn. Special meeting of the Peabody City Council adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

SUBMITTED TO HIS HONOR THE MAYOR, OCTOBER 26, 2021
RETURNED BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR, OCTOBER 26, 2021

ATTEST 
(Allyson M. Danforth, City Clerk)