

REGULAR MEETING OF THE PEABODY CITY COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 26, 2024

PRESENT COUNCILLORS: TURCO, ROSSIGNOLL, WELTON, MELVILLE, GAMACHE, MCGINN, DAIGLE, MANNING-MARTIN, HIGGINS, AND PEACH

ABSENT COUNCILLORS: GOULD

An in-person and remotely held meeting of the Peabody City Council opened with a moment of silent prayer after being called to order by City Council President Stephanie R. Peach.

Salute to the American Flag.

COUNCILLOR PEACH – 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.

P517-24 COUNCILLOR GAMACHE – MOVE TO receive and approve, under suspension of the rules, the minutes from the Regular Meeting of November 14, 2024.
(Unanimous)

HEARINGS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Public Services Committee
November 26, 2024

P518-24 COUNCILLOR TURCO – Reporting for the Public Services Committee – On the committee were Councillor Gamache, Councillor Manning-Martin, Councillor Melville, Councillor Welton, and myself as the chair. All councillors were present with the exception of Councillor Gould. The subject matter at hand was the Adopt-a-Cemetery program, which had once been in existence within the City of Peabody and at the request of the Historical Commission, they wanted to bring that back. As stated by chairman Jeff Budd, who spoke on behalf of the proposal, there are currently 24 cemeteries that are not currently or need care from either a resident or a private organization who would be willing to sponsor that cemetery. Several councillors spoke at the amount of work the Historical Commission does and spoke very fondly of them. Councillor Manning-Martin brought up one issue with the application for the Adopt-a-Cemetery program, which stated that no weapon, alcohol, or entertainment items should be brought into cemeteries. Whereas there may be a second amendment issue with that, there was a request to change "weapons" to "unlicensed weapons", which makes sense to me. That was also supported by Councillor Daigle. I won't get into each individual councillors' statements, but everyone was very fond of the Historical Commission and of the program. The following motion was made. (Report received)

P519-24 COUNCILLOR TURCO – Reporting for the Public Services Committee – MOVE TO support the Adopt-a-Cemetery Program with an amendment to page 2, section 6-C by inserting "unlicensed weapon". (Carried 10-0; Councillor Gould absent)

MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS

P520-24 COUNCILLOR TURCO (Tri-motion with Councillor Daigle and Councillor Welton) – MOVE TO request that the Public Services Department add 5th Street to the paving list for next year.
(Unanimous)

P521-24 COUNCILLOR ROSSIGNOLL – MOVE TO receive, under suspension of the rules, Item 8-B communication from Curt Bellavance, Dir., Community Development and Planning, regarding City-owned property identified as 0 Birch Street (Response to Motion P435-24) and refer to the Legal Affairs Committee.
(Unanimous)

P522-24 COUNCILLOR ROSSIGNOLL – MOVE TO request that a representative from Republic Services appear before the City Council regarding trash, recycling, and leaf pick up.
(Unanimous)

P523-24 COUNCILLOR ROSSIGNOLL – MOVE TO request that the Mayor issue a fine to Republic Services for every violation they make not honoring their contract.
(Unanimous)

P524-24 COUNCILLOR GAMACHE – MOVE TO receive, under suspension of the rules, Item 8-A communication from James Nicholas, Engineer, Public Services Dept., regarding Council Motion P484-24 (Streetlight on Curwen Road).
(Unanimous)

P525-24 COUNCILLOR GAMACHE – MOVE TO receive, under suspension of the rules, Item 7-A communication from his Honor the Mayor regarding Peabody's Apprenticeship Ordinance.
(Unanimous)

P526-24 COUNCILLOR GAMACHE – MOVE TO receive and approve, under suspension of the rules, Item 9-A Banner Request: The Progeria Research Foundation, 200 Lake Street, subject to all papers being in order.
(Unanimous)

P527-24 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – MOVE TO receive, under suspension of the rules, Item 7-B communication from His Honor the Mayor regarding Optional Additional Real Estate Exemptions and refer to the Tax Classification Hearing.
(Unanimous)

P528-24 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – MOVE TO receive, under suspension of the rules, Item 7- Communication from His Honor the Mayor regarding Transfer of Funds -FY 2025 Operating Budget-Tax Levy and refer to the Tax Classification Hearing.
(Unanimous)

P529-24 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – MOVE TO receive, under suspension of the rules, Item 7-D communication from His Honor the Mayor regarding Transfer of Funds-Budget Sources; \$1,538,308 and refer to the Tax Classification Hearing.
(Unanimous)

P530-24 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – MOVE TO receive, under suspension of the rules, Item 7-E communication from His Honor the Mayor regarding Transfer of Funds -FY 2025 Operating Budget - Sources; \$1,100,000 and refer to the Tax Classification Hearing.
(Unanimous)

P531-24 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – MOVE TO receive, under suspension of the rules, Item 7-F communication from His Honor the Mayor regarding Transfers of Funds - Various Community Preservation Funds and refer to the Tax Classification Hearing.
(Unanimous)

P532-24 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – MOVE TO receive, under suspension of the rules, Item 7-G communication from His Honor the Mayor regarding Transfer of Funds -Water Main Replacement; \$16,152.96 and refer to the Tax Classification Hearing.
(Unanimous)

P533-24 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – MOVE TO receive, under suspension of the rules, Item 7-H communication from His Honor the Mayor regarding Transfer of Funds -Community Preservation Act Administration \$10,000 and refer to the Tax Classification Hearing.

(Unanimous)

P534-24 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – MOVE TO receive, under suspension of the rules, Item 7-I communication from His Honor the Mayor regarding Transfer of Funds-Cable Fund Expense; \$191,966.57 and refer to the Tax Classification Hearing.

(Unanimous)

P535-24 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – MOVE TO receive, under suspension of the rules, Item 7-J communication from His Honor the Mayor regarding Transfers of Funds - Cable Fund Expense; \$13,718.02; \$3,048.45 and refer to the Tax Classification Hearing.

(Unanimous)

P536-24 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – MOVE TO receive, under suspension of the rules, Item 8-C communication from Curt Bellavance, Dir., Community Development and Planning, regarding MGL Ch. 40A, S. 3A Recommended Zoning Amendment and refer to the public hearing.

(Unanimous)

P537-24 COUNCILLOR DAIGLE – MOVE TO receive, under suspension of the rules, late communication Item 1 Bowling Alley License (New) Gametime Lanes & Entertainment, 210 Andover Street, and set up a public hearing.

(Unanimous)

P538-24 COUNCILLOR DAIGLE – MOVE TO receive, under suspension of the rules, late communication Item 2 Entertainment License (New) Gametime Lanes & Entertainment, 210 Andover Street, and set up a public hearing.

(Unanimous)

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

Previously received.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND OTHERS

Previously received.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND REMONSTRANCES

Previously received.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM THE PRECEDING MATTER

None.

MOVED: MOVE TO adjourn. Regular meeting of the Peabody City Council adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

SUBMITTED TO HIS HONOR THE NOVEMBER 27, 2024
RETURNED BY HIS HONOR THE NOVEMBER 27, 2024



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

COMMUNICATIONS:

- His Honor the Mayor re: Peabody's Apprenticeship Ordinance
- His Honor the Mayor re: Optional Additional Real Estate Exemptions
- His Honor the Mayor re: Transfer of Funds – FY 2025 Operating Budget – Tax Levy; \$1,000,000
- His Honor the Mayor re: Transfer of Funds – Budget Sources; \$1,538,308
- His Honor the Mayor re: Transfer of Funds – FY 2025 Operating Budget – Sources; \$1,100,000
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- Curt Bellavance, Dir., Community Development and Planning, re: City-owned property identified as 0 Birch Street (Response to Motion P435-24)
- Curt Bellavance, Dir., Community Development and Planning, re: MGL Ch. 40A, Section 3A Recommended Zoning Amendment

BANNER REQUEST:

The Progeria Research Foundation, 200 Lake Street