

REGULAR MEETING OF THE PEABODY CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 13, 2025

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

ABSENT COUNCILLORS: None

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 Julie K. Daigle.

Salute to the American Flag.

COUNCILLOR DAIGLE – 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.

P53-25 COUNCILLOR GOULD – MOVE TO receive and approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting of January 23, 2025.
(Unanimous)

HEARINGS

A public hearing was duly held on the application submitted by Nick Markos c/o Detour Cars, LLC, d/b/a Auto Factory, 288 Newbury Street, Peabody, MA. Mr. Nick Markos, 14 Patten Drive, Hamilton, MA, appeared to speak on behalf of the application. No one appeared to speak in favor. No one appeared to speak in opposition.

P54-25 COUNCILLOR GAMACHE – MOVE TO receive and approve, under suspension of the rules, Item 8-A communication from Thomas St. Pierre, Building Commissioner, Transfer of Special Permit 10-2015; Nick Markos c/o Detour Cars, LLC, d/b/a Auto Factory, 288 Newbury Street, subject to all papers being in order.
(Carried 11-0)

P55-25 COUNCILLOR GAMACHE – MOVE TO approve the application submitted Nick Markos c/o Detour Cars, LLC, d/b/a Auto Factory, 288 Newbury Street, Peabody, MA, for the transfer of a Class 2 Motor Vehicle License at said 288 Newbury Street, Peabody, MA, subject to all papers being in order, and with the following conditions:

CONDITIONS:

1. Hours of Operation are Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; and Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; and
2. There shall be a maximum of twelve (12) unregistered motor vehicles for sale or not for sale, sold or not sold. (Carried 11-0)

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Finance Committee
February 13, 2025

P56-25 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – Reporting for the Finance Committee – The Finance Committee met earlier this evening. Present for the committee were Councillors: Gamache, Gould, Manning-Martin, sitting in for Councillor Turco was Councillor Welton, and myself as chair. Also present were Councillors: Daigle, Higgins, Melville, and Rossignoll. There was one item on the agenda: Transfer of funds – CPC - Bikeway Independence Greenway Extension Project in an amount of \$334,330. This was presented to us by the Director of Finance, Mr. Gingras, as he briefly explained that this is CPC funding that is being used for the further design efforts on the Independence Greenway. The following motion was made.
(Report received)

P57-25 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – Reporting for the Finance Committee – MOVE TO approve the following transfers, as submitted by His Honor the Mayor, under date of January 16, 2025:

FROM:

270-0000-33021 \$334,330.00
CPC - Open Space Fund Balance

TO:

270-1811-58562-2025-00-0350 \$334,330.00
CPC - Bikeway Independence Greenway
Extension Project

(Carried 11-0)

Committee of the Whole**February 13, 2025**

P58-25 COUNCILLOR DAIGLE – Reporting for the Committee of the Whole – The next committee meeting that we had was the Committee of the Whole to discuss one agenda item, which was the salary of the Mayor. Present included Councillors: Peach, Gould, Gamache, Higgins, Manning-Martin, Welton, McGinn, Rossignoll, and Melville. Councillor Turco was absent. Councillor Gould discussed the current salary of the Mayor and proposed a \$3,000 raise. The following motion was made. (Report received)

P59-25 COUNCILLOR DAIGLE – MOVE TO increase the Mayor's salary from \$139,000 to \$142,000 and that Section 2-13 of the City Code be amended to reflect the same and the ordinance be advertised as read.

(Carried 11-0)

MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS

P60-25 COUNCILLOR MANNING-MARTIN – MOVE TO receive, under suspension of the rules, Item 7-B communication from His Honor the Mayor regarding Various appointments.

(Carried 11-0)

P61-25 COUNCILLOR GAMACHE – MOVE TO amend, draft, and advertise Section 19-93 Restricted Parking-Generally by inserting No parking in front of 2 Nancy Avenue from April 15th to July 1st.

(Carried 11-0)

P62-25 COUNCILLOR GAMACHE – MOVE TO receive, under suspension of the rules, Item 7-C communication from His Honor the Mayor regarding Amend Section 18-21 entitled "Rates of Compensation for Full-time Positions Not Subject to Collective Bargaining" (Public Works Foreman Water) and refer to the Finance Committee.

(Carried 11-0)

P63-25 COUNCILLOR GAMACHE – MOVE TO receive, under suspension of the rules, Item 8-B communication from NH Signs, 151 Newbury Street, regarding Special Permit Application and set up a public hearing.

(Carried 11-0)

P64-25 COUNCILLOR MANNING-MARTIN – MOVE TO receive, under suspension of the rules, Item 8-E communication from Chief Thomas Griffin, Police Dept., regarding Migrant family shelters; Response to Motion P16-25 and refer to the Municipal Safety Committee.

(Carried 11-0)

P65-24 COUNCILLOR MANNING-MARTIN – MOVE TO request that the Fire Chief provide the City Council with the number and type of emergency calls to the following hotels from January 1, 2023, to present:

Holiday Inn, 1 Newbury Street
 Extended Stay America, 200 Jubilee Drive
 SpringHill Suites, 43 Newbury Street

(Carried 11-0)

P66-25 COUNCILLOR MANNING-MARTIN – MOVE TO request that the Director of Health provide the City Council with the type of activity or calls involving the HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO INCLUDE THE Code Enforcement Officer to the following hotels from January 1, 2023, to present:

Holiday Inn, 1 Newbury Street
 Extended Stay America, 200 Jubilee Drive
 SpringHill Suites, 43 Newbury Street

(Carried 11-0)

P67-25 COUNCILLOR MANNING-MARTIN – MOVE TO request that the Human Services Division provide the City Council with any interaction, calls, activity, or involvement they have had with the following hotels from January 1, 2023, to present:

Holiday Inn, 1 Newbury Street
 Extended Stay America, 200 Jubilee Drive
 SpringHill Suites, 43 Newbury Street

(Carried 11-0)

P68-25 COUNCILLOR MANNING-MARTIN – MOVE TO request that the Building Commissioner and Code Enforcement officer provide the City Council with any activity or requests they have had involving the following hotels from January 1, 2023, to present:

Holiday Inn, 1 Newbury Street
 Extended Stay America, 200 Jubilee Drive
 SpringHill Suites, 43 Newbury Street

(Carried 11-0)

P69-25 COUNCILLOR WELTON – MOVE TO receive and approve, under suspension of the rules, Item 8-C communication from Thomas St. Pierre, Building Commissioner, Transfer of Special Permit 13- 2016 and Special Permit 1-2022; Stephanie Angiulo-Costa d/b/a The K9Edge, LLC, 147 Summit Street, Unit 6, subject to all papers being in order.

(Carried 11-0)

P70-25 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – MOVE TO receive, under suspension of the rules, Item 7-D communication from His Honor the Mayor regarding Transfers of Funds-Police-Salaries \$185,000; Police-Overtime \$70,000; Police-Longevity \$30,000 and refer to the Finance Committee.

(Carried 11-0)

P71-25 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – MOVE TO receive, under suspension of the rules, Item 7-E communication from His Honor the Mayor regarding Transfer of Funds – Rousselot Site Assessment \$82,500 and refer to the Finance Committee.

(Carried 11-0)

P72-25 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – MOVE TO receive, under suspension of the rules, Item 8-F communication from Curt Bellavance, Dir., Community Development and Planning, regarding Proposed Zoning Amendment for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) and refer to the Industrial & Community Development Committee.
(Carried 11-0)

{Item 10-A}

P73-25 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – BE IT ORDERED by the City Council of the City of Peabody that Twenty-Five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000.00) is appropriated to pay costs of purchasing various properties consisting of 164.56 acres in total, more or less, and more particularly described as follows: 0 Cedar Pond @ Route 128 - map 089, lot 007, map 089, lot 008; 0 Jubilee Drive - map 089, lot 009; 0 Lynnfield Street (R) map 099, lot 012, map 099, lot 011C; 0 Allen's Lane - map 083, lot 007, map 094, lot 190, map 094, lot 003; 0 Washington Street - map 094, lot 001, including the payment of any costs incidental or related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the mayor, is authorized to borrow said amount under Chapter 44, Section 7(1) of the General Laws or any other enabling authority; that the Treasurer, Mayor, and any other City official is authorized to take actions necessary or convenient to carry out the purposes of this order, and that this order be adopted as advertised and read.

It is Further Ordered: That the Treasurer is authorized to file an application with the appropriate officials of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (the "Commonwealth") to qualify under Chapter 44A of the General Laws any and all bonds of the City authorized to be borrowed pursuant to this loan order, and to provide such information and execute such documents as such officials of the Commonwealth may require in connection therewith.

(Carried 11-0)

P74-25 COUNCILLOR ROSSIGNOLL – MOVE TO receive, under suspension of the rules, Item 9-A Entertainment License (New) Endless Hibachi and Sushi, LLC, 82 Newbury Street, and set up a public hearing.
(Carried 11-0)

P75-25 COUNCILLOR ROSSIGNOLL – MOVE TO receive, under suspension of the rules, late communication Item 1 from Councillor Thomas J. Rossignoll regarding Response to the following motion (P832-23) and refer to the Public Services Committee for scheduling:

“P832-23 COUNCILLOR ROSSIGNOLL – MOVE TO request that a representative from Republic Services appear before the City Council and that the Health Department provide a history of fines that have been issued or pending. (Carried 11-0)”

(Carried 11-0)

P76-25 COUNCILLOR ROSSIGNOLL – MOVE TO receive, under suspension of the rules, Item 7-A communication from His Honor the Mayor regarding Adoption of MGL Chapter 90, Section 14C, "An Act concerning the safety of school children embarking and disembarking school buses" and refer to the Legal Affairs Committee.
(Carried 11-0)

P77-25 COUNCILLOR ROSSIGNOLL – MOVE TO receive, under suspension of the rules, Item 9-C Pool & Billiard License: (New) Gametime Lanes & Entertainment, 210 Andover Street, and set up a public hearing.
(Carried 11-0)

P78-25 COUNCILLOR MELVILLE – MOVE TO receive and approve, under suspension of the rules, Item 8-D communication from Allyson M. Danforth, City Clerk, regarding 2025 Municipal Election Calendar. (Carried 11-0)

P79-25 COUNCILLOR MELVILLE – MOVE TO receive and approve, under suspension of the rules, Item 9-D Class 2 Motor Vehicle License (Renewal for 2025), subject to all papers being in order:

American Auto Export, 484 Lowell Street, Suite IB-4
Louie's BMW, Ltd., 260 Newbury Street
(Carried 11-0)

P80-25 COUNCILLOR MELVILLE – MOVE TO receive and approve, under suspension of the rules, Item 9-B Utility Contractors License: Callahan, Inc., 80 First Street, Bridgewater, subject to all papers being in order. (Carried 11-0)

P81-25 COUNCILLOR MELVILLE – MOVE TO receive and approve, under suspension of the rules, the following Item 9-E and 9-F license renewals for 2025, subject to all papers being in order:

Entertainment License:

Century House, 23 5 Andover Street
Ithaki II Restaurant & Bistro, 1A Newbury Street

General License:

Taxi License (Non-City) Salem Taxi Company, 30 Federal Street, Salem
(Carried 11-0)

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

Previously received.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND OTHERS

Previously received.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND REMONSTRANCES

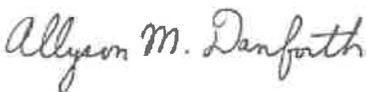
Previously received.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM THE PRECEDING MATTER

None.

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

SUBMITTED TO HIS HONOR THE FEBRUARY 19, 2025
RETURNED BY HIS HONOR THE FEBRUARY 19, 2025

ATTEST: 
(Allyson M. Danforth, City Clerk)

COMMUNICATIONS:

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