

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE PEABODY CITY COUNCIL**  
**FEBRUARY 27, 2025**

PRESENT COUNCILLORS: TURCO, 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.

P82-25 COUNCILLOR GOULD – MOVE TO receive and approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting of February 13, 2025.  
(Unanimous)

**HEARINGS**

(COUNCIL PRESIDENT DAIGLE STEPPED DOWN FROM THE CHAIR AND COUNCILLOR MANNING-MARTIN ASSUMED THE CHAIR FOR HEARING 4-A ONLY)

A public hearing was duly held on the application submitted by Gametime Northshore, LLC, d/b/a Gametime Lanes & Entertainment, 210 Andover Street, Peabody, MA. Mr. Tony Sorrentino appeared to speak on behalf of the application. No one appeared to speak in favor. No one appeared to speak in opposition.

P83-25 COUNCILLOR DAIGLE – MOVE TO approve the application submitted by Gametime Northshore, LLC, d/b/a Gametime Lanes & Entertainment, 210 Andover Street, Peabody, MA, requesting a Pool & Billiard License for four tables, at said 210 Andover Street, Peabody, MA, subject to all papers being in order.  
(Carried 11-0)

A public hearing was duly held on the application submitted by Endless Hibachi and Sushi, LLC, 82 Newbury Street, Peabody, MA. Mr. Sothear Chhim appeared to speak on behalf of the application. No one appeared to speak in favor. Mr. Stanley Gryglik, 4503 Deerfield Circle, Peabody, MA, appeared to speak in opposition.

P84-25 COUNCILLOR GAMACHE – MOVE TO approve the application submitted by Endless Hibachi and Sushi, LLC, 82 Newbury Street, Peabody, MA, requesting an Entertainment License for the use of non-live entertainment, specifically television and radio; and live entertainment, specifically karaoke, at said 82 Newbury Street, Peabody, MA, with the following conditions and subject to all papers being in order:

**CONDITIONS:**

1. Hours of non-live entertainment are from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. seven days a week, and
2. Hours of live entertainment are from 8:00 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Thursday through Sunday.

(Carried 11-0)

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEE**

**Finance Committee  
February 27, 2025**

P85-25 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – Reporting for the Finance Committee – The Finance Committee met earlier this evening; present for the committee were Councillors: Gamache, Gould, Manning-Martin, Turco, and myself as chair. Also present were Councillors: Welton, Peach, Higgins, and Rossignoll. We had three items on the agenda. The first item was to amend Section 18-21, entitled “Rates of Compensation for Full-time Positions Not Subject to Collective Bargaining” (Public Works Foreman Water). That was presented to the committee by His Honor the Mayor and he explained that this was going to impact the position currently held by Mr. Mike Velez. The Mayor addressed a couple of questions and there was a motion made by Councillor Gamache that included a correction to the text that was originally submitted by the Mayor in that this position does not have any involvement with the Sewer Department. The following motion was made. (Report received)

P86-25 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – Reporting for the Finance Committee – MOVE THAT the ordinance amending Section 18-21 entitled "Rates of Compensation for Full-time Positions Not Subject to Collective Bargaining" as follows be advertised as read:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEABODY AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION ONE:** The ordinance establishing a Compensation and Classification Plan is hereby amended as follows:

The Code of the City of Peabody, as adopted on January 23, 1969, and amended, is hereby further amended by deleting from Section 18-21 the ordinance establishing a compensation and classification plan for:

	<b>Effective</b>
	<b>7/1/2025</b>
<b>Public Works Foreman Water</b>	<b>\$89,102.00</b>

and replacing with

	<b>Effective</b>
	<b>3/1/2025</b>
<b>Public Works Foreman Water</b>	<b>\$107,302.00</b>

**SECTION TWO:** All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

**SECTION THREE:** This ordinance shall take effect as provided by law.  
(Carried 11-0)

P87-25 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – Reporting for the Finance Committee – The next item on the agenda was Transfer of Funds – Police Salaries in an amount of \$185,000; Police Overtime in an amount of \$70,000; and Police Longevity in an amount of \$30,000. That was presented to the committee by the Director of Finance, Mr. Gingras. This was to address some retroactive payments for police captains for the period of July Fiscal Year 2022 through February Fiscal Year 2025 and also some retroactive payments for patrol and superior officers that qualified for additional steps and longevity based on service. The following motion was made. (Report received)

P88-25 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – Reporting for the Finance Committee – MOVE TO approve, under suspension of the rules, the following transfer, as submitted by His Honor the Mayor, under date of February 4, 2025:

<u>FROM:</u>		<u>TO:</u>	
Budgeted Reserve 100-01320-57410	\$201,288.03	Police - Salaries 100-02100-51110	\$185,000.00
Unreserved Fund Balance (Free Cash) 100-00000-35901	\$83,711.97	Police - Overtime 100-02100-51110	\$70,000.00
		Police - Longevity 100-02100-51180	\$30,000.00
	\$285,000.00		\$285,000.00
(Carried 11-0)			

P89-25 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – Reporting for the Finance Committee – The last item on the agenda was a Transfer of Funds – Rousselot Site Assessment in an amount of \$82,500. That was presented to the committee by His Honor the Mayor. He explained that the money was needed to complete the city’s due diligence process for the phase 2 environmental study of the Rousselot property. The work is to take place in the next few months. It will extend out the potential walk-away date to July 20<sup>th</sup>, and now with an anticipated close date of August 20<sup>th</sup>. The Mayor additionally verbally asked for us to add to this request, as he presented the amount that they had initially requested -- the \$82,500 -- did not cover the wells that also need to be tested. That is an additional \$56,500. The motion made by Councillor Gould included that additional verbal request from the Mayor of \$56,500 and that will come from the same source, the Bond Premium Reserved for Projects fund. The following motion was made. (Report received)

P90-25 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – Reporting for the Finance Committee – MOVE TO approve, under suspension of the rules, the following transfer, as submitted by His Honor the Mayor, under date of February 5, 2025:

<u>FROM:</u>		<u>TO:</u>	
Bond Premiums Reserved for Projects 270-0000-33015	\$139,000.00	Rousselot Site Assessment 300-0000-58479-2025	\$139,000.00
(Carried 11-0)			

**Committee of the Whole**  
**February 27, 2025**

P91-25 COUNCILLOR DAIGLE – Reporting for the Committee of the Whole – All Councillors were present for this committee meeting and there is nothing to report. (Report received)

**MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS**

{10-A, Union Street}

P92-25 COUNCILLOR PEACH – BE IT ORDERED by the City Council of the City of Peabody An ordinance Amending Section 19-81 entitled "Parking Prohibited, Handicapped Zone" of the Code of the City of Peabody be adopted as advertised.

(Carried 11-0)

P93-25 COUNCILLOR GAMACHE – MOVE TO receive, under suspension of the rules, Item 9-A Petition: Verizon regarding Petition for conduit location; Prospect Street, and set up a public hearing.  
(Unanimous)

P94-25 COUNCILLOR GAMACHE – MOVE TO receive and approve, under suspension of the rules, the following Item 9-B Utility Contractor's License, subject to all papers being in order:

E.V. Excavation, LLC, 5 Alden Street, Danvers  
HP Excavation, LLC, 9 Tuxbury Road, Plaistow, NH

(Unanimous)

P95-25 COUNCILLOR GAMACHE – MOVE TO receive and approve, under suspension of the rules, the following Item 9-C Taxi Driver License, subject to all papers being in order:

James Kozik - License 10  
Keith Richards - License 12

(Unanimous)

P96-25 COUNCILLOR MANNING-MARTIN – MOVE TO request that the City Clerk provide the City Council with a transcript of the May 25, 2023, Finance Committee meeting regarding the Center School renovation project.

(Unanimous)

P97-25 COUNCILLOR WELTON – MOVE TO receive, under suspension of the rules, Item 8-D communication from Pasquale Todisco, III, 147A Summit Street, regarding Special Permit application and set up a public hearing.

(Unanimous)

P98-25 COUNCILLOR WELTON – MOVE TO receive, under suspension of the rules, Item 8-B communication from Atty. John R. Keilty on behalf of Lynnfield Street Holdings, LLC, 143 Lynnfield Street, regarding Amend Zoning Ordinance by creating a new Zoning District GB-2, send to the Planning Board, refer to the Industrial & Community Development Committee, and set up a public hearing.

(Unanimous)

P99-25 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – MOVE TO receive, under suspension of the rules, Item 8-C communication from Atty. John R. Keilty on behalf of MJ Votto, LLC, d/b/a Brodies Pub, 10 Lowell Street, regarding Entertainment License; Brodies Pub, and refer to the public hearing.

(Unanimous)

P100-25 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – MOVE TO receive, under suspension of the rules, Item 9-D Entertainment License (Amendment) Brodies Pub, 10 Main Street, and set up a public hearing.

(Unanimous)

P101-25 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – MOVE TO receive, under suspension of the rules, Item 9-E Entertainment License (New) Shoyu Restaurant and Bar, 2 Central Street, and set up a public hearing.

(Unanimous)

P102-25 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – MOVE TO schedule a public hearing on the Outdoor Dining License application submitted by Shoyu Restaurant and Bar, 2 Central Street, which was received on December 12, 2024.

(Unanimous)

P103-25 COUNCILLOR ROSSIGNOLL – MOVE TO receive, under suspension of the rules, Item 8-A communication from Centerboard, Inc., 67 Franklin Street, regarding Special Permit application and refer to the Building Commissioner for a decision on whether a variance is required.  
(Unanimous)

P104-25 COUNCILLOR ROSSIGNOLL (Co-motion with Councillor Daigle) – MOVE TO request that the Director of Health, Sharon Cameron, asses the annex at the Center School.  
(Unanimous)

P105-25 COUNCILLOR ROSSIGNOLL (Co-motion with Councillor Daigle) – MOVE TO request that Director of Facilities, Jim Politano, provide to the City Council an update on the costs of the Center School up to date, as well as a status update on the Center School Project, the future of the pre-K moving forward, the dates of bids orders placed, and the details of the full timeline with the budget of the Center School project that was bonded.  
(Unanimous)

P106-25 COUNCILLOR MELVILLE – MOVE TO receive and approve, under suspension of the rules, Item 9-F Class 2 Motor Vehicle License (Renewal for 2025) Wilson Square Garage, 2 Andover Street, subject to all papers being in order.  
(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 8:25 p.m.

SUBMITTED TO HIS HONOR THE MARCH 4, 2025  
RETURNED BY HIS HONOR THE MARCH 4, 2025

ATTEST:   
(Allyson M. Danforth, City Clerk)

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Centerboard, Inc., 67 Franklin Street, re: Special Permit application  
Atty. John R. Keilty on behalf of Lynnfield Street Holdings, LLC, 143 Lynnfield Street, re: Amend Zoning Ordinance by creating a new Zoning District GB-2  
Atty. John R. Keilty on behalf of MJ Votto, LLC, d/b/a Brodies Pub, 10 Lowell Street, re: Entertainment License; Brodies Pub  
Pasquale Todisco, III, 147A Summit Street, re: Special Permit application

**PETITION:**

Verizon re: Petition for conduit location; Prospect Street

**UTILITY CONTRACTOR LICENSE:**

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HP Excavation, LLC, 9 Tuxbury Road, Plaistow, NH

Taxi Driver License:

James Kozik – License 10

Keith Richards – License 12

**ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE:** (Amendment)

Brodies Pub, 10 Main Street

**ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE:** (New)

Shoyu Restaurant and Bar, 2 Central Street

**CLASS 2 MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE:** (Renewal for 2025)

Wilson Square Garage, 2 Andover Street