REGULAR MEETING OF THE PEABODY CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 25, 2025

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

ABSENT COUNCILLORS: WELTON

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.

P479-25 COUNCILLOR GOULD – MOVE TO receive and approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 11, 2025.
(Carried 10-0; Councillor Welton absent)

HEARINGS

A public hearing was duly held on the application submitted by Peabody Monofill Associates, Inc. (n/k/a Reworld Peabody, Inc.), 141 Cranberry Highway, West Wareham, MA. Appearing to speak on behalf of the application was Mr. Dennis Moran, Tighe & Bond, and Mr. Steve Melloni, Regional Landfill Manager for Reworld Peabody, Inc. Captain Chris Dowling, Fire Department, and Ms. Sharon Cameron, Director of Health and Human Services Department, appeared to speak on behalf of the city. No one appeared to speak in favor. No one appeared to speak in opposition.

P480-25 COUNCILLOR GAMACHE – MOVE TO receive, under suspension of the rules, the following late communications:

Late 1 Will Paulitz, Public Services Director, regarding 0 Forest Street Departmental Response
Late 2 Jaclyn M. Caceci, Tighe & Bond, regarding Peabody Monofill Blast Plan
(Carried 9-0; Councillor Daigle Present; Councillor Welton absent)

P481-25 COUNCILLOR GAMACHE – BE IT ORDERED by the City Council of the City of Peabody that the application submitted by Peabody Monofill Associates, Inc. (n/k/a Reworld Peabody, Inc.), 141 Cranberry Highway, West Wareham, MA, for a Special Permit for an Earth Removal Permit to remove approximately 91,700 cubic yards of earthen material from the property at 0 Forest Street, Assessors Map 69, Parcel 05, Peabody, MA, be approved based on the following reason and subject to the following conditions:

Reason: The City Council has determined that the application as submitted and approved meets the general requirements of Section 14 of the Peabody Zoning Ordinance, which satisfies a desirable local need, that its design and appearance will not be injurious to the established or future

CONDITIONS:

1. Hours of operation shall be limited to 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday;
2. Haul Routes: Trucks traveling northbound shall use Forest Street to Route 1 North. Trucks traveling southbound shall use Dearborn Road to Route 1 South. Access to Route 128 North and South shall be via Dearborn Road to the Route 1 turnaround;
3. Truck Maintenance: All trucks must be properly cleaned to prevent soil deposition on city streets and access roads;
4. City Fee: If a truck is to be weighed exiting the site, the City shall collect a fee of $18 per truck;
5. The applicant shall receive permission from the Conservation Commission, as needed, as they proceed through the excavating process;

6. The applicant shall monitor the site annually regarding air quality in accordance with applicable protocols and submit an annual report to the same;
7. Gates shall be installed at all entrances to prevent illegal dumping;
8. Stone for City projects shall be available for pick up by City trucks and City contractors' vehicles. The City will accumulate a material credit on the basis of $18 per truck weighed at the City scale;
9. Applicant must provide the City general and automotive liability coverage while operation over City property. A one million dollar ($1,000,000) policy, each, with the City as additionally insured would be acceptable;
10. Blasting will comply with State blasting regulations, 527 CMR 13, and Peabody Blasting Guidelines, as well as applicable Federal mining and safety standards. Applicant will notify abutting property owners of blasting at least two (2) hours prior to blasting. Pre-blast surveys will be done of abutting properties to document existing conditions. Property owners will be provided copies of same within 90 days of inspection. As recommended by the Peabody Fire Department, no use of ANFO, no use of perchlorates, blasting permit required from the Fire Department, a third-party blasting consultant shall report directly to the Fire Department, and a permit from the Mass. Highway Department is required;
11. Councillors will be notified one week in advance of blasting;
12. Storage of Hazardous Materials/Waste: The applicant shall not accept or store any hazardous waste or materials on the property;
13. Applicant must have plans in place to prevent and respond to environmental contamination and nuisance conditions, including noise, dust, odor, pests, and others; and
14. The Public Services Department shall update the City Council regarding the list of conditions as submitted.

(Carried 9-0; Councillor Daigle voting present; Councillor Welton Absent)

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Public Services Committee
September 25, 2025

P482-25 COUNCILLOR TURCO – Reporting for the Public Services Committee – Tonight we had a Public Services Subcommittee meeting. The subject matter was Cedar Grove Cemetery as it pertains to an additional lot being developed for the sale of graves. Present at the meeting were myself, Councillor Gamache, Councillor Melville, Councillor Rossignoll, and Councillor McGinn sat in for Councillor Welton. Also present were Councillor Gould, Councillor Higgins showed up maybe a minute late, Councillor Peach, and I believe Councillor Manning-Martin was on Zoom - and I apologize to her if she had a question for me and I didn't get it, but I think everything was answered. With that said, the Mayor presented on behalf of the cemetery. As you know, he has a lot of knowledge about the upcoming project, which is the expansion into what's being called Section K, Sections K1 and K2. It's 229 double lots, plus space for cremations. The RFP is currently out to do some groundwork there and it's open until October 16th. The Mayor mentioned available funding for two disbursements by the City Council -- one recent of $200,000 and another prior for $115,000 -- for a total of $315,000 available for the project. $50,000 of that money is to be directly used for columbariums, which obviously would be a place for cremations. I had mentioned the Cemetery Commission meeting that Councillor Daigle and I had previously attended the week prior where a small group of residents -- somewhere around 15 residents -- showed up to express their concern about presale, which the commission has temporarily ceased. The intention of the Cemetery Commission is to cease presales permanently. I am hopeful that he does not do that or at least does presale until we reach a minimum of possibly 100 lots or whatever determination the Cemetery Commission makes. Cemetery Commissioner Celeste Sullivan was present. All commissioners were invited. Commissioners Kolhonen and Goldsworthy were unable to make it, so Celeste Sullivan spoke on behalf of the Commission and mentioned those same concerns that I just mentioned, along with the possible change to toe-to-toe burial which has never been done at the cemetery in its 180 years. So, some residents did express concerns about that type of burial since it puts gravestones in a back-to-back location and an inability to put any type of inscription on the back of a

headstone and also the concern for maintenance. Councillor McGinn asked for a more detailed location of Section K as to where it is, and the Mayor did a pretty good job explaining that. Other than that, there were no motions made during that meeting. Again, in this instance, the Council has no authority to override the Cemetery Commission. These are their decisions. It was just a discussion for the public to let them know what the intentions are. (Report received)

Finance Committee
September 25, 2025

P483-25 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – Reporting for the Finance Committee – The Finance Committee met earlier this evening. Present for the committee were Councillors: Gamache, Gould, Turco, Manning-Martin via Zoom, and myself as chair. Also present were Councillors: Peach, Daigle, Higgins, Melville and Rossignoll. There were three items on the agenda. First item was Ride Share Transportation Enhancement Trust Fund in the amount of $47,116.90. This was presented to us by Director of Finance Mr. Gingras and Director of Community Development Mr. Bellavance was there to address any questions. This is money that comes to the city from ride share services like Uber and Lyft. And, as in the past, the request was that this be targeted for Peabody's multi-use path projects through Community Development and couple that money with other Community Preservation funds to advance those projects such as the bike path. With that as an explanation, the following motion was made. (Report received)

P484-25 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – Reporting for the Finance Committee – MOVE TO approve the appropriation request up to the full amount Ride Share Transportation Enhancement Trust Fund, account number 250-0000-35835, in the amount of $47,116.90.
(Carried 9-0; Councillor Welton and Councillor Melville absent)

P485-25 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – Reporting for the Finance Committee – The next item on the agenda was Transfer of Funds – Cable Fund Expense in the amount of $191,520.03. These are routine transfer requests. They come to us from the cable companies, in this case Comcast. It was presented to us by the Director of Finance, Mr. Gingras. The following motion was made. (Report received)

P486-25 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – Reporting for the Finance Committee – MOVE TO approve the following transfer, as submitted by His Honor the Mayor, under date of September 2, 2025:

FROM:		**TO:**	
Receipts Reserved Cable Fund		Cable Fund Expense	
270-0000-33017	$191,520.03	270-0000-53007	$191,520.03

(Carried 9-0; Councillor Welton and Councillor Melville absent)

P487-25 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – Reporting for the Finance Committee – Similar to the last item, the third and last item on the agenda was Transfer of Funds – Cable Fund Expense in an amount of $12,522.06 and $2,782.68. Again, this comes to us by way of the second cable company in the city, RCN. That was presented to us by Director of Finance, Mr. Gingras. The following motion was made. (Report received)

P488-25 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – Reporting for the Finance Committee – MOVE TO approve the following transfers, as submitted by His Honor the Mayor, under date of September 2, 2025:

FROM:		**TO:**	
Receipts Reserved Cable Fund		Cable Fund Expense	
Quarter 2 2025			
270-0000-33017	$12,522.06	270-0000-53007	$12,522.06
270-0000-33017	$ 2,782.68	270-0000-53007	$ 2,782.68
	$15,304.74		$15,304.74

(Carried 9-0; Councillor Welton and Councillor Melville absent)

MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS

P489-25 COUNCILLOR PEACH – MOVE TO amend Section 19-126 entitled "Obedience to Isolated Stop Signs" of the Code of the City of Peabody by adding a "Stop" signs at the following locations:

Bowditch Street at Central Street
Bowditch Street at Water Street
Buxton Street at Water Street
Smidt Avenue at Buxton Street
(Carried 9-0; Councillor Welton and Councillor Melville absent)

P490-25 COUNCILLOR GAMACHE – MOVE TO receive and approve, under suspension of the rules, Item 8-A communication from Atty. John Keilty on behalf of Saint Bishoy, Inc., 598 Lowell Street, regarding Special Permit #22 of 2023; request that Special Permit 22-2023 be extended for a period of one (1) year to expire November of 2026.
(Carried 9-0; Councillor Welton and Councillor Melville absent)

P491-25 COUNCILLOR HIGGINS – MOVE TO receive and approve, under suspension of the rules, Item 9-A Block Party at 5-8 Glen Drive – Sunday October 12, 2025, subject to all papers being in order.
(Carried 9-0; Councillor Welton and Councillor Melville absent)

P492-25 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – MOVE TO receive, under suspension of the rules, Item 8-C communication from Jennifer Davis, Dir., Parks, Recreation & Forestry Dept., regarding Motion P416- 25 (Serena Terrace).
(Carried 9-0; Councillor Welton and Councillor Melville absent)

P493-25 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – MOVE TO receive and approve, under suspension of the rules, Item 8-D communication from Thomas St. Pierre, Building Commissioner, Transfer of Special Permit 10- 2024; Restore Dental Aesthetics, 288 Washington Street, subject to all papers being in order.
(Carried 9-0; Councillor Welton and Councillor Melville absent)

P494-25 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – MOVE TO draft and advertise the following ordinance amendments to Section 19-94 "Parking prohibited on certain streets," of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Peabody to change from: "Washington Street, south side, from the intersection with Lynn and Lynnfield Streets to a point 100 feet northeasterly thereof" to: "Washington Street, south side, from the intersection with Lynn and Lynnfield Streets to a point 50 feet northeasterly thereof" and also to amend Section 19-97.1 "Fifteen minute zones designated-Twenty-four hours" to remove: "Washington Street, south side, from Granite Street westerly for 100 feet."
(Carried 9-0; Councillor Welton and Councillor Melville absent)

P495-25 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – MOVE TO draft and advertise the following ordinance amendments to Section 19-94 "Parking prohibited on certain streets," of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Peabody change from: Park Street, easterly side, from Main Street to Summer Street" to: "Park Street, easterly side, from Main Street to Elliot Place" and also to amend Section 19-99 "One-hour parking zones designated" to remove: "Park Street, westerly side, from Main Street to Summer Street".
(Carried 9-0; Councillor Welton and Councillor Melville absent)

P496-25 COUNCILLOR MANNING-MARTIN (Co-motion with Councillor McGinn) – MOVE TO request that the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department remove a stump in front of 2 Sherwood Avenue.
(Carried 9-0; Councillor Welton and Councillor Melville absent)

P497-25 COUNCILLOR MANNING-MARTIN – MOVE TO refer a discussion of e-bikes on sidewalks on Main Street to the Municipal Safety Committee and invite Captain Richards to attend and update the council on what type of enforcement we have in the books or if we need an ordinance language change to address and enforce the issue.
(Carried 9-0; Councillor Welton and Councillor Melville absent)

P498-25 COUNCILLOR MANNING-MARTIN (Co-motion with Councillor McGinn) – MOVE TO refer a discussion of vehicles parking too close to intersecting streets to the Municipal Safety Committee and invite Captain Richards to attend and address the nonenforcement of that ordinance.
(Carried 9-0; Councillor Welton and Councillor Melville absent)

P499-25 COUNCILLOR MANNING-MARTIN – MOVE TO request that His Honor the Mayor and the Business Liaison recognize Nadine DiGiulio of Ideal Transportation Company for being in business for 50 years in the City of Peabody.
(Carried 9-0; Councillor Welton and Councillor Melville absent)

P500-25 COUNCILLOR ROSSIGNOLL – MOVE TO receive and approve, under suspension of the rules Item 8-B communication from William Paulitz, Dir., Public Services Dept., regarding Casella Waste Systems MassDOT Highway Access Permit.
(Carried 9-0; Councillor Welton and Councillor Melville absent)

P501-25 COUNCILLOR ROSSIGNOLL – MOVE TO receive and approve, under suspension of the rules, Item 9-B Banner – The Progeria Research Foundation, 200 Lake Street, Unit 102, subject to all papers being in order.
(Carried 9-0; Councillor Welton and Councillor Melville absent)

P502-25 COUNCILLOR DAIGLE (Co-motion with Councillor Manning-Martin) – MOVE TO send the following Motion P698-18 as a reminder to all department heads who receive a request from the City Council for a departmental response:

> "P698-18 COUNCILLOR MANNING-MARTIN – MOVE TO send a communication to department heads receiving requests for "departmental responses" reminding them of the importance of a response to these requests, whether they have an objection or do not have an objection, and to further request those responses be submitted to the City Council by the date indicated on the request for information. (Unanimous)"

(Carried 9-0; Councillor Welton and Councillor Melville absent)

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 8:40 p.m.

SUBMITTED TO HIS HONOR THE MAYOR, SEPTEMBER 30, 2025
RETURNED BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR, SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

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

COMMUNICATIONS:
Atty. John Keilty on behalf of Saint Bishoy, Inc., 598 Lowell Street, re: Special Permit #22 of 2023
William Paulitz, Dir., Public Services Dept., re: Casella Waste Systems MassDOT Highway Access Permit
Jennifer Davis, Dir., Parks, Recreation & Forestry Dept., re: Motion P416-25 (Serena Terrace)
Thomas St. Pierre, Building Commissioner, Transfer of Special Permit 10-2024; Restore Dental Aesthetics, 288 Washington Street

BLOCK PARTY:
5-8 Glen Drive

BANNER:
The Progeria Research Foundation, 200 Lake Street, Unit 102